WHAT IS VULCANUS IN JAPAN?

The programme consists of industrial placements for EU* / COSME** students. The whole programme takes place in Japan. It starts in September and ends in August of the following year in order to accommodate the academic year, in EU / COSME* countries.

The students follow:
- a seminar on Japan;
- a four-month intensive Japanese language course;
- an eight-month traineeship in a Japanese company.

PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the programme are to get acquainted with the range of advanced technologies employed by a leading Japanese host company, to learn Japanese and to understand and appreciate Japanese culture with a view to an enriching one-year experience abroad, to provide an opportunity for students to interact with Japanese business and people.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Applicants must:

- be EU * / COSME** nationals;
- be engineering or science students ***
- be registered at an EU / COSME University, until at least the June following the Vulcanus application deadline;
- be enrolled in between the 4th official year of studies and the penultimate year of PhD, when applying ;
- be able to take a year out.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants are selected on the basis of their academic record and the opinion of their tutors, their knowledge of written and spoken English, their motivation, their attitude to EU-Japan relations and their ability to adapt to a different culture.

WHO PAYS WHAT?

This programme is financed by the EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation and the Japanese host company. The EU / COSME * students are awarded a grant of 1,900,000 Yen to cover the cost of travel to and from Japan and living expenses in Japan. There is no charge for the language course and seminar, and accommodation is provided free of charge during the language course and the company traineeship.

KEY DATES

Application deadline: 20 January
(Applicants must be enrolled at University until at least the June following this deadline)

Vulcanus in Japan starts on 1 September and lasts one year


(**) Non EU applicants: Please check if your country has joined COSME and the agreement is “in force”. Then you can apply.

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(****) computer science, science engineering, GNSS, mechanical engineering, chemical, electronics, biotechnology, electrical engineering, physics, telecommunication, nuclear engineering, materials, production systems, etc....