

Vulcanus in Japan

WHAT IS VULCANUS IN JAPAN ?

The programme consists of industrial placements for citizen of an EU Member-State or a country associated with the Single Market Programme, SME-Pillar*. The whole programme takes place in Japan and it lasts one year. It **starts in August and ends in March**.

The students follow:

- ✓ a seminar on Japan;
- ✓ a two-month intensive Japanese language course;
- ✓ a six-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 8-month experience abroad, to provide an opportunity for students to interact with Japanese business and people.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Applicants must:

- ✓ be citizen of an EU Member-State or a country associated with the Single Market Programme, SMP Pillar* AND registered at a university based in the EU or in a country associated with the Single Market Programme, SME Pillar (in engineering or in other scientific fields**), until at least the month of 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 8 months out.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- ✓ Quality of the application: Adaptability/resilience to experience abroad, academic career (regularity in studies), quality of motivation letter and recommendation letter, marks obtained at university, interest in an industrial experience in Japan (and attitude towards Japan and EU-Japan relations), overall accuracy of the application.
- ✓ Compatibility with at least one internship offered by a host company in Japan.
- ✓ Priority will be given to applicants who have no experience in a Japanese company and whose knowledge of Japanese is not at native speaker level.

WHO PAYS WHAT ?

The EU-Japan Centre covers costs directly related to the internship: costs for providing lectures on Japan and Japanese language course.

The host company provides accommodation throughout the entire stay in Japan.

Students will also benefit from a pro-rata grant that is expected to be around € 8200 (in principle to be paid in Yen), to partially support the cost of travel to and from Japan, personal insurance and living expenses in Japan. The grant will be split into several instalments.

KEY DATES

- **Application deadline: 20 January**

(Applicants must be enrolled at University until at least the month of June following this deadline)

- **Vulcanus in Japan starts on 1 August and lasts 8 months**

(*) **NON EU?** In this case, to be eligible, you must be citizen of a country associated with the single Market Programme, SME Pillar. Please check the status of your country at https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/smp/guidance/list-3rd-country-participation_smp_en.pdf. To check the status of your country, please refer only to countries listed under the "COSME strand" or to countries participating in the "Competitiveness of SMEs" strand and for which the agreement is signed and entered into force by the application deadline.

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