VULCANUS IN JAPAN

SELECTION PROCESS

Each year the EU-Japan Centre receives about 400~600 applications for approx. 15~30 Vulcanus in Japan places available.

Applications are shortlisted with assessments made by a selection board composed of Centre staff and external experts (engineers).

The 2-step selection process is as follows:

1. **Pre-selection**

Applicants are short-listed on the basis of the following criteria:

* Compliance with all the eligibility criteria (as listed in the ‘Vulcanus in Japan’ webpage)
* Quality of the application, including: Academic records /recommendation of the tutor / knowledge of written and spoken English /motivation /attitude towards Japan and EU-Japan relations /ability to adapt to a different culture /accuracy in preparing the application
* Compatibility with at least one internship offered by a host company in Japan
* Comparison with other similar applications (only the most outstanding and most compatible applications are shortlisted)

About 60~80 applications are pre-selected with a view to be presented to the Japanese host companies offering internship placements.

1. **Selection**

The final say lies with the Japanese host companies:

Only one out of 4~5 pre-selected applications will be finally matched, for a total of 15~30 participants.

There are more offers of placement than budget places. The match-making procedure works on a ‘first come first served’ basis. Only the first companies who accept an applicant will ensure their participation in the programme. Once reached the number of budget places, the match-making procedure is over.