

Vulcanus in Japan

WHAT IS VULCANUS IN JAPAN ?

The programme consists of industrial placements for citizen of an EU Member-State or an SMP-associated country. The whole programme takes place in Japan and it lasts one year. It **starts in September and ends in August**, in order to accommodate the academic year of the participants.

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 citizen of an EU Member-State or an SMP-associated country AND registered at a university based in the EU or in an SMP-associated country (in engineering or in other scientific fields**), 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 students, citizens of an EU Member-State or an SMP-associated country*, are awarded a grant that is expected to be around 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 entire stay in Japan.

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 September and lasts one year**

(*) **Non EU applicants:** 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. For EFTA countries, please only refer to the sub-paragraph: "COSME strand (SMP COSME)". For EU Acceding countries, candidate countries and potential candidates, please only refer to the countries for which the agreement is in force.

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