IN A NUTSHELL

Vulcanus in Europe offers EU industrial companies the opportunity to host a Japanese trainee for 7 months (or 6, in some countries*) selected on the basis of the company’s requirements and chosen from among Japan’s best university students, in one of the following disciplines: engineering (mechanical, electrical, electronic, etc.) / biology, chemistry, biotechnology, pharmaceutical, physics / materials / computer science, ICT / GNSS applications / architectural, etc. Prior to the traineeship, the trainee attends a 4-month intensive language course of the language spoken in the company.

(*) The length depends on the national law. Please contact us for more information.

BENEFITS

By taking part in Vulcanus, the company gains an insight into Japanese business culture, benefits from a valuable addition to its R&D team and is assisted in the development of its business with Japan, through establishing links for a future cooperation.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

All companies in industrial or service sectors and architecture practices within the EU are eligible to apply for the Vulcanus in Europe programme.

COSTS

The EU-Japan Centre funds the student’s language course and pays the student a grant to cover the travel. The host company’s costs for the training period are:

> Either direct remuneration (applicable minimum wage),
> Or indirect contribution via the Centre if no direct payment is required by your national law and if the fiscal law of the country where the Centre is based (Belgium) permits it (**) 
> Taxes & costs linked with wages, visas, work permits, if applicable. (***)

(**) Western Member States: Should the applicable minimum wage be lower than €1000 net/month, then the direct remuneration shall be of €1000 net/month of traineeship (minimum Vulcanus requirement).
Eastern and Baltic Member States: Should the applicable minimum wage be lower than €800 net/month, then the direct remuneration shall be of €800 net/month of traineeship (minimum Vulcanus requirement).

(***) Depending on applicable national law, this amount shall be paid either directly to the student, or via the EU-Japan Centre. In both cases the beneficiary shall receive this amount net of all taxes. Please contact us for more information.

VISAS / PERMITS

Rules on residence permit, (exemption from) work permit, approval of the traineeships by the local authority, visas, are different from country to country (sometimes from region to region).

The EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation will centralize the inquiries on the procedures to follow and liaise with the student and the company so that they may take the necessary steps. The Centre will request the support of the Company, whenever applicable.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 23 September 2023

INTERNSHIP DATES: 19 August 2024 --> 18 March 2025 (starting date 19 September for 6-month traineeship)

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