

# 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 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 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 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

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 ?

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 installments.

## 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 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](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*

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