About the Program

Vulcanus in Japan is an exclusive eight-month internship program that offers EU master's and PhD students in engineering and scientific fields the opportunity to work and learn in Japan. This immersive experience allows students to develop technical skills, explore Japanese culture, and build a global perspective on their field of study.

Program Highlights

Traineeship Duration: AUG 2027 - MAR 2028

- **Structure**:
    1. **Orientation Seminar**: A comprehensive introduction to Japanese culture and business.
    2. **Intensive Japanese Language Training**: Two months of language instruction to enhance communication skills.
    3. **Six-Month Traineeship**: Hands-on experience working at a company in Japan.

Financial Support

- **Stipend**: Up to **€9.200** to cover living and incidental expenses.
    - **€8.200** for the traineeship and mandatory activities.
    - **Additional €1.000** for participating in the optional "Eyes on Japan" cultural project.
- **Accommodation**: Provided by the host company for the entire stay.
- **Insurance Coverage**: Included in the grant; if arranged by the EU-Japan Centre, insurance costs will be deducted from the total grant amount.

Benefits of the Program

- **Professional Growth**: Gain experience with Japanese technology and business practices.
- **Cultural Exchange**: Develop a deeper understanding of Japanese culture, language, and society.
- **Global Career Advantage**: Enhance employability by gaining valuable international experience.

Application Information

- **Application Period:** Opens 30 October 2026; **Deadline: 20 January 2027**
- **Eligibility**: Open only to **EU nationals** or citizens of an SMP-associated country in the engineering or other scientific fields
    - Included Fields: Mechanical/Chemical/Electrical/Civil/Structural Engineering, Computer Science, GNSS, Electronics, Physics, Biotechnology, Telecommunication, Materials Science, Production Systems, or related.

How to Apply

1. **Visit**: Vulcanus in Japan website for application requirements and details.
2. **Prepare**: Make sure your application materials, including a CV and motivation letter, highlight your academic and professional interests related to Japan.

Submission of Your Application

Step 1: Submit your application through filling out the word form: Vulcanus Application Document
Step 2: Prepare and upload the compulsory documents: Vulcanus How to Apply Document
Step 3: Fill out the webform: Vulcanus Google Form

A list of FAQS is available here: Vulcanus FAQ