

# Vulcanus in Japan

## WHAT IS VULCANUS IN JAPAN ?

The programme consists of industrial placements for EU / SMP-COSME\* students. 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 EU / SMP-COSME\* nationals AND be registered at an EU / SMP-COSME University (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 EU / SMP-COSME\* students are awarded a grant of max 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 if your country has joined SMP-COSME 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)

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