

**“Japan’s Friendship Ties Program”  
Kakehashi Project  
Japan, February 12-20, 2016**

**Center for Japanese Research, University of British Columbia  
Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives, University of Victoria  
Consulate-General of Japan  
Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada**

**Application Deadline: OCTOBER 15, 2015**

**Objectives**

The purpose of this program is to promote deeper mutual trust and understanding between the people of Japan and Canada as a basis for future friendship and cooperation, and to enhance the global understanding of Japan’s society, history, diverse cultures, politics, and foreign policy.

Twenty-four exemplary students from the University of British Columbia (Vancouver and Okanagan) and the University of Victoria will be selected based on their academic and leadership achievements, as well as on their sense of purpose in participating in this visit to Japan.

**Program Details**

Proposed dates: February 12- 20, 2016 (9 days)

Possible site visits and activities (subject to change):

- Universities and research centres
- Companies and other field sites to learn about best practices in Japan
- Meetings with government officials, politicians, and business leaders
- NGOs
- Cultural events

Included upon admission to program:

- Round-trip air ticket (economy class)
- Accommodation
- Meals
- Program-related transportation within Japan

Not included:

- Personal expenses
- Transport to YVR airport
- Baggage fees

## **Selection Criteria**

This program is open to graduate (PhD, MA, MBA) and upper-level undergraduate (third- and fourth-year) students enrolled at UBC and UVic. The delegation will include both undergraduate and graduate students.

Eligibility for this program is limited to students with Canadian citizenship. Students holding dual citizenship with Japan are ineligible. The delegation will be selected through a joint committee administered by the University of British Columbia and the University of Victoria.

Applications will be evaluated based on:

- Commitment and motivation for participating in the program
- Academic achievement
- Focused interest in Japan
- Possible impact on applicant's future goals
- Recommendation from referee

## **Application Requirements and Procedures**

Applicants are required to provide the following:

1. Statement of purpose (maximum of 500 words) describing:
  - Why you wish to participate in this program
  - What you hope to accomplish during this trip, why you wish to achieve this, and how this will impact your future
  - Your previous experience in Japan (length and purpose)
  - Any coursework related to Japan, including cross-cultural and comparative studies
  - How this program might be related to future goals (academic or professional)
  - Name, email, and telephone number of a faculty member willing to act as your reference
2. Academic transcript (unofficial transcripts are acceptable if obtained directly from applicant's university website)
3. A current resumé/CV

These documents should be submitted as one PDF file to the Japan Chair Assistant at the Centre for Asia Pacific Initiatives at [capi.japan.asst@uvic.ca](mailto:capi.japan.asst@uvic.ca). The deadline for this application is **October 15, 2015 at 3:00 pm** (late applications will not be considered). Please follow these specifications in submitting the application file:

1. The subject line must clearly indicate: "Japan Kakehashi Application" followed by your campus and year level (3, 4, or MA, MBA, PhD).  
e.g., "Japan Kakehashi Application UVic 4"

2. **Please collate all three required pieces of your application (statement, transcript, resumé) into one PDF file** and name the file as: Last name,First name\_kakehashi2016.doc  
e.g., “Lin,Meredith\_kakehashi2016.doc”
3. Documents should be arranged order of:
  - a. Statement of purpose
  - b. Transcript
  - c. Resumé/CV

### **Participation and Follow-up**

Each participant must sign a waiver allowing us to photographs you during the tour and to use your name and image in publications by the Center for Japanese Research, Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives, Consulate-General of Japan, and Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada.

Each student will be required to contribute to a record of the visit which will be made publicly available online.

### **Inquiries:**

Questions about the program may be addressed to:

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