

2026 “Grants-in-aid for Informational and Educational Projects on Language Diversity”

Application Information

Linguistic Society of Japan

1. Overview

(1) The Linguistic Society of Japan, as a part of its educational activities and its contributions to society at large, will provide grants-in-aid for the expenses of implementing the following kinds of joint projects by members of the Society.

a. Informational projects conveying to society at large the results of current, past, or future studies on the diversity of human languages (including such informational projects as publication on an academic society’s web site, sponsoring symposia, and the like)

b. Educational projects stimulating and spreading research activities on the diversity of language (such as holding development seminars for young researchers)

c. Projects concerning the diversity of language by members of the Society recognized to be of especial importance as contributions to or cooperation with society at large

(2) The selection of projects to be awarded grants will be based on consideration of such items as the project content, its importance to society at large, and the appropriateness of the proposed expenses.

2. Grants-in-aid

(1) The maximum grant for a single project is 500,000 yen.

(2) The period of a grant will be the year from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027. (Disbursement of grants is scheduled for April 2026.)

(3) Continuation of an existing project shall require reapplication each year.

(4) Applications of grant monies shall be as provided below. Grant monies may not be used in duplication of other grants or monies. (However, see note below.)

a. Outsourcing of work (such as creating the contents of a web site)

b. Payments for assistance in operations or for translation and the like

c. Costs for holding symposia or seminars (travel expenses for speakers, honoraria, space rental, printing of materials, and the like)

d. Travel expenses and space rental for meetings

e. Other expenses the President of the Society deems appropriate

(Note) Concerning any of the applications in (4), combined application is possible as long as the applications of the grant monies from this project and the application of expense monies from elsewhere (such as Kakenhi grants or university research funds) are clearly separated in documentation.

3. Conditions for application

(1) Project members must be members of the Linguistic Society of Japan.

(2) The project leader must have paid 2025 Society dues.

4. Application process

- (1) Application should be made by the project leader.
- (2) Application should be made using the specified application form.
- (3) The project leader should fill in the necessary information on the application form and submit the application via electronic mail before the application deadline. (Applications will only be accepted via electronic mail.)

Application Deadline: **24:00 (Midnight) Saturday, 28 February 2026**
Address for Submission: **Linguistic Society of Japan Office lsj@nacos.com**
 ※The subject line should be: Application for Diversity Project

- (4) Strict attention should be paid to the directions and cautions on the application form.
- (5) Once submitted, an application may not be amended or corrected. (Caution is advised as the application will be disqualified if there are deficiencies in the written content.)
- (6) Applications will not be returned.
- (7) Applications will be strictly monitored by the LSA office and will not be used for any purpose other than selection for project awards.

5. Determination of selection and amount of the award

- (1) Selection of project applications submitted and of the amount of grants to be awarded will be done by the President of the Society after deliberation by the Standing Committee. Selection results will promptly be reported in writing to the project leader.
- (2) The amount awarded may not be the full amount applied for.
- (3) When selection is made, conditions may be imposed requiring changes in a portion of the plans or consolidation with another project.
- (4) Following selection, major changes in project plans may not be made.

6. Project implementation

- (1) The leader and members of a selected project should have paid their 2023 Society dues prior to disbursement of grant monies. (Not applicable if Society dues are automatically deducted from a member's bank account.)
- (2) Grant monies will be deposited into a bank account established by the project leader. The project leader should create an accounts book and manage the grant monies.
- (3) All expenditures should be supported by receipts made out to the "Linguistic Society of Japan". Receipts should be kept until the end of the project.
- (4) When paying travel expenses and honoraria, the guidelines determined by the Society should be followed.
- (5) Should a change in plans become necessary or if there should arise a question concerning the application of grant monies, the Secretary-general should be consulted.
- (6) It is not necessary to expend all monies awarded. Please keep expenditures to the

minimum necessary and be as frugal as possible. (Unexpended grant monies will be refunded to the Society. Whether or not there remain unexpended funds will not influence consideration of future applications.)

(7) When making public a product derived from a project receiving a grant-in-aid or when holding a symposium or seminar, always clearly indicate having received the grant.

(8) The representative must report on the progress of the project on the society's website as necessary. In addition, if the president gives instructions, the representative must report on the status of activities and finances.

(9) If any action is taken that is contrary to the purpose of this system or the morals of a researcher, the grant will be revoked, regardless of whether it is during the implementation period of the project or after it has ended. In such cases, the project representative must return the full amount of the grant.

7. Procedures after the project ends

(1) Project leaders must submit an activity report and an accounting report to the President by March 31, 2027. The Standing Committee will evaluate both reports and report its findings to the Board of Trustees.

(2) Please ensure that members can access the results of the project via the society's website even after the project has ended.

8. Contact Toru Minamimoto, Secretary General, The Linguistic Society of Japan.

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