

Introduction to The Sumitomo Foundation

● Purpose of the Establishment

The Origin of the Sumitomo Group of Enterprises goes back to the latter of the 17th century, when its copper refine business started in Kyoto, then the capital of Japan. In 1691, Tomoyoshi Sumitomo, the 4th founder, obtained a concession of the Besshi Copper Mine from the Tokugawa shogunate, which is the actual foundation of today's Sumitomo Group of Enterprises.

The Sumitomo Foundation was established as a non-profit grant-making foundation by the 20 Sumitomo group companies with the following mission in September 1991, in commemoration of the 300th anniversary of the Besshi Copper Mine.

- To contribute to the betterment of human society through conducting following 6 Grant Programs
1. Grant for Japan-Related Research Projects (in English or Japanese)
 2. Grant for Environmental Research Projects (in Japanese only)
 3. Grant for Basic Science Research Projects (in Japanese only)
 4. Grant for Projects for the Protection, Preservation & Restoration of Cultural Properties in Japan (in Japanese only)
 5. Grant for Projects for the Protection, Preservation & Restoration of Cultural Properties outside Japan (in English or Japanese)
 6. Other Grants(in Japanese only)

● Past Award History

Unit: Mil. J. Yen/ (No. of Projects)

Grant Category	Fy08	Fy09	Fy10	Fy11	Fy12	Fy13	Fy14	Fy15	Fy16	Fy17	
Japan-Related Research Project	42 (67)	56 (82)	56 (82)	57 (80)	61 (94)	60 (83)	60 (83)	54 (77)	49 (66)	49 (64)	
Environmental Research	100 (57)	110 (58)	110 (56)	110 (55)	110 (56)	110 (57)	110 (53)	100 (48)	100 (50)	100 (44)	
Basic Science Research	140 (93)	150 (95)	160 (91)	160 (93)	160 (92)	170 (100)	160 (98)	160 (98)	150 (105)	150 (102)	
Preservatio, Restoration of Cultural Properties	In Jpn	60 (27)	75 (37)	72 (39)	83 (43)	76 (41)	79 (47)	70 (42)	70 (37)	81 (39)	70 (33)
	Out Jpn	38 (16)	32 (15)	40 (17)	43 (22)	41 (22)	40 (19)	43 (18)	39 (17)	44 (17)	44 (14)
Other Grants	3 (2)	4 (4)	3 (2)	7 (3)	3 (2)	5 (3)	5 (3)	5 (3)	5 (3)	7 (5)	
Total	383 (262)	427 (291)	440 (287)	460 (295)	451 (307)	464 (309)	447 (297)	427 (280)	430 (280)	410 (262)	

- Selection

The selection of applications will be made by the Foundation's Selection Committee made up of certain persons of high academic standing.

The Foundation's Board of Directors will approve the grant based on the Committee's recommendations.

- Financial Background

Net Asset: J. ¥ 22.5 billion as of Mar, 2018

- Donating Companies

- Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd.
- Sumitomo Heavy Industries, Ltd.
- Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation
- Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation
- Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd.
- Sumitomo Corporation
- Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Ltd.
- Sumitomo Life Insurance Co.
- Sumiseki Materials Co., Ltd.
- The Sumitomo Warehouse Co., Ltd.
- Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd.
- Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance Co., Ltd.
- Nippon Sheet Glass Co., Ltd.
- NEC Corporation
- Sumitomo Realty & Development Co., Ltd.
- Sumitomo Osaka Cement Co., Ltd.
- UACJ Corporation
- Sumitomo Mitsui Construction Co., Ltd.
- Sumitomo Bakelite Co., Ltd.
- Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd.

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Grant Program for Japan-Related Research Projects

- Purpose of the Program

The program aims at enhancing mutual understanding between Asian countries and Japan through promoting research projects in the field of the social sciences or humanities that is related to Japan.

- Eligible Projects for Application

Any research project to be carried out by individual or collaboration, mainly in the field of the social sciences or humanities that is related to Japan.

*This program is not a scholarship, fellowship or grant for the publication of research result alone.

- Qualifications of Applicant

- Researcher of Asian Nationality (non-Japanese)
- Researcher who is living outside Japan

*Researcher who has a plan to stay in Japan for more than 6 months in the research period as a student or a visiting professor, etc. is requested to decline the application.

(Awarded researcher must conduct the proposed research by himself or herself.)

- Application Language

English or Japanese

- Expenses covered by the grant

Direct expenses for the proposed research such as: - Remuneration for cooperator/assistant, transport and accommodation domestic/overseas, communication and courier, rental/procurement of goods, printing/publication of research results, etc.

- Fiscal 2018 Program

- Application Period September 1 - October 31, 2018
(Proposal arrival basis)
- Grant Period one year (extendable up to two years)
- Grant Amount/project to be decided upon screening by the Selection Committee appointed by the Foundation
 - * Max. amount/project : approx. J¥ 2.0 million
 - ** J¥ 0.3 to 1.4 million for fiscal 2017
- Total Budget Approx. Japanese Yen 50million

● Past Application/Award Record

Country/ Area		(No. of Project)									
		FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17
China	Applied	113	130	122	96	95	67	87	90	110	73
	Awarded	28	32	33	25	24	17	15	14	15	14
Indonesia	Applied	17	20	31	36	43	58	69	115	82	79
	Awarded	3	4	5	8	9	12	14	13	10	9
Korea	Applied	29	37	34	35	39	54	44	55	50	47
	Awarded	9	10	11	11	10	13	9	7	8	8
Malaysia	Applied	13	25	48	38	49	61	103	187	177	155
	Awarded	4	7	6	6	11	10	11	13	13	12
Taiwan	Applied	27	20	29	51	64	36	37	39	36	27
	Awarded	6	9	9	13	14	9	8	6	5	5
Thailand	Applied	23	29	16	8	24	23	20	13	16	19
	Awarded	4	7	5	4	8	6	6	3	3	3
Philippines	Applied	19	16	9	9	14	18	22	35	26	23
	Awarded	6	5	4	4	6	6	6	5	4	4
Singapore	Applied	1	3	7	3	1	3	4	2	2	3
	Awarded	0	1	3	2	1	0	3	1	1	1
Vietnam	Applied	21	19	22	21	30	42	52	51	49	19
	Awarded	5	6	5	6	10	8	8	8	5	3
Others	Applied	4	6	2	8	8	6	10	27	17	33
	Awarded	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	7	2	5
Total	Applied	267	305	320	305	367	368	448	614	565	478
	Awarded	67	82	82	80	94	83	83	77	66	64
	Awarded Amount	42.3 mil ¥	55.6 mil ¥	55.8 mil ¥	56.8 mil ¥	60.8 mil ¥	60.3 mil ¥	59.9 mil ¥	54.3 mil ¥	48.9 mil ¥	48.7 mil ¥

(Note) "Others": Bangladesh, India, Iran, Iraq, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Laos, Mongolia, Cambodia, Uzbekistan, Yemen