

2018 JET Furusato Vision Project
Application Guidelines

JET alumni who participate in this project will return to their former places of employment on the JET Programme, visiting places and people they had strong connections with and reconnecting with the community. More importantly, participants will develop and implement their own ‘Vision Plan’ that utilises the skills and connections they acquired after JET to make new contributions to their former community in areas such as Tourism Promotion, Economic Exchange, Educational Exchange, Culture & Arts Exchange, Grassroots Exchange, Current JET Participant Career Support, or some other project to deepen the community’s ties to the world.

In carrying out this project, we hope to further expand the potential of the JET Programme by exploring opportunities to use JET alumni in globalisation and local revitalisation activities, and to publicise the successes of the Programme widely both in Japan and abroad.

1 Dates

Participants can choose either the A or B term, depending on the content of their vision plan.

Term A includes a weekend, while Term B is primarily weekdays.

Term A: Thursday, 25 October, 2018 – Tuesday, 30 October, 2018 (5 nights, 6 days)

Term B: Monday, 5 November, 2018 – Saturday, 10 November, 2018 (5 nights, 6 days)

Day	Details	Lodgings
Day 1	Arrive in Japan (domestic travel within Japan)	Hotel in your <i>furusato</i> area
Day 2-4	Participants engage in the activities outlined in their ‘Vision Plan’.* Examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings at Prefectural or Municipal Government offices and schools • Presentation / Discussion of your Vision Plan with government officials or other related parties • Opinion exchanges with current JET participants (providing career advice, etc.) 	Day 2-3: Hotel in your <i>furusato</i> area Day 4: In principle, participants are asked to travel to Tokyo the evening of this day, but traveling on the morning of Day 5 is also possible.
Day 5	Afternoon: Project Report and Debriefing Session at CLAIR Headquarters	Hotel in Tokyo
Day 6	Return to home country	

*Schedule subject to change.

2 Content of Project

• JET Furusato Vision Project

The participant and CLAIR will work with related parties to arrange the agenda at the participant’s former place of employment on the JET Programme, their ‘*furusato*’, based on the activities outlined in their ‘Vision Plan’. Below are examples of such activities:

■ Reaffirming connections with the community made while on JET.

➤ Visits to former workplaces such as prefectural/municipal government office, schools, etc.

■ Implementation of ‘Vision Plan’

- Hosting an event that contributes to the development of the community
- Presenting ideas concerning revitalisation of the local region to related parties
- Networking and exchange with current JET participants
 - Discussing post-JET career advice, etc.

For more examples, please refer to the reports of the 2017 Furusato Vision Project.

- JET Furusato Vision Project Report and Debriefing Session
 - After the participant completes their agenda in their '*furusato*' area, all participants will assemble at CLAIR's headquarters in Tokyo on the 5th day for a Project Report and Debriefing Session.
 - Participants will present about the results of their project.
- Post-Project Follow Up
 - All participants must submit a report of their activities on the JET Furusato Vision Project within 2 months of finishing the project.
 - CLAIR and its overseas offices will publicise the results of the JET Furusato Vision Project to further promote the JET Programme.
 - CLAIR headquarters and CLAIR overseas offices will provide support per the request of the participant (e.g. act as a liaison between the participant and relevant organisations) in order to sustain the project or ensure long-term results.

3 Number of Participants

- 7 JET Programme alumni

4 Eligibility

- Successful applicants will fulfil all of the requirements detailed in ①-⑦ below. Applicants must:
 - ① Be a JET Programme alumnus or alumna;
 - ② Complete Form 1 'JET Furusato Vision Plan' as designated in Item 6 'Furusato Vision Plan Completion Guidelines';
 - ③ Be a JET Programme alumnus or alumna whose former contracting organisation is located in Eastern Japan*;
 - ④ Have strong enthusiasm for cooperation and exchange with their former contracting organisation and its local regions;
 - ⑤ Be able to participate for the entire duration of either the A or B term;
 - ⑥ Be able to submit a report by the designated deadline;
 - ⑦ Have not already participated in the 2015 'Satogaeri Project' or 2017 Furusato Vision Project.

- Applicants who have spent more than 3 years off the programme are preferred.

- *This project is also open to alumni currently living in Japan.

*For the purpose of this project, we have designated the regions of Eastern Japan as including Hokkaido, Tohoku, Kanto, and Chubu. Furthermore, the prefectures included in each region are as follows:

Hokkaido Region: *Hokkaido*

Tohoku Region: *Aomori, Iwate, Miyagi, Akita, Yamagata, Fukushima*

Kanto Region: *Ibaraki, Tochigi, Gunma, Saitama, Chiba, Tokyo, Kanagawa*

Chubu Region: *Niigata, Toyama, Ishikawa, Fukui, Yamanashi, Nagano, Gifu, Shizuoka, Aichi*

- *Alumni whose former contracting organisations are located in Western Japan (Kansai, Chugoku,

Shikoku, Kyushu, and Okinawa) are not eligible to apply to the project in 2018.

(Alumni who have been appointed by multiple contracting organisations located in both Eastern and Western Japan may apply only once, either in 2017 or 2018.)

5 How to Apply

- Please complete the online form at the URL below and submit the form within the designated application period. URL: <https://jp.surveymonkey.com/r/fvp2018>
- Participants must upload Form 1 'JET Furusato Vision Plan' and Form 2 'Resume' with the online form. Forms 1 and 2 should be submitted in Word format.
- Only Forms 1 and 2 will be used for evaluation. (Information in the online form will be used for administrative purposes only)
- Separate resumes and CVs will not be accepted.

6 JET Furusato Vision Plan Completion Guidelines

- Indicate your preferred term of participation
Please check either A Term or B Term.
- Vision Theme
Please check one the following themes: 'Tourist Promotion, Economic Exchange, Educational Exchange, Culture & Arts Exchange, Grass-Roots Exchange with Local Region, Current JET Participant Career Support', or check and complete 'Other: _____'.
- Title
Please give your vision plan a clear and concise title.
- Language
Applications must be made in either English or Japanese.
- Font (Forms 1 and 2)
Japanese: MS 明朝体(Mincho), English: Times New Roman
- Font Size
11 pt.
- Word/Character Limit
Vision Plan: Japanese: 800 characters; English: 400 words
Schedule (In concise, bullet-point form): Japanese: 500 characters; English: 250 words

7 Application Period

- Tuesday, 6 March, 2018 – Friday, 20 April, 2018 9:00 A.M. (Japan Standard Time)

8 Evaluation Criteria

Vision Plans will be evaluated based on the following:

- ① Content of Plan
- ② Level of Involvement with Community
- ③ Feasibility of Plan
- ④ Effectiveness of Project / Possible Results

9 Expenses

{Expenses incurred in participating in the project}

- International travel expenses to Japan and domestic travel expenses within Japan, including travel to the participant's former contracting organisation, accommodations, basic food costs, and international travelers' insurance will be borne by CLAIR. (A rental portable Wi-Fi device will also be

provided by CLAIR.)

- However, travel expenses from the participant's home address to the nearest airport, as well as personal expenses (telephone charges, room service at hotels, and any expenses incurred during free time) are to be borne by the participant.
- In addition, in the case where the participant stays in Japan before or after the term of the project, the participant will bear the cost of all travel and insurance expenses incurred outside of the designated project term.
- Finally, CLAIR cannot take responsibility for any accident or damages incurred outside of the term of the JET Furusato Vision Project.

{Project Expenses}

- In certain cases, CLAIR may bear expenses necessary to implement the participant's project (e.g. materials used for planned events, venue and equipment rental fees, other expenditures related to meetings, etc.). However, the provision of these expenditures will occur according to CLAIR's internal guidelines. Applicants should indicate any anticipated expenses on Form 1.

10 Announcement of Results

- 1st Round Screening: Applicants who pass are informed of the results by Wednesday, 30 May, 2018.
- Former Contracting Organisations of the successful applicants are consulted regarding the possibility of hosting the participant.
- Final Round: Results will be sent to all applicants who passed the 1st Round by 18 June, 2018.

11 Other Points of Consideration

- A bilingual (English/Japanese) staff member from CLAIR will accompany each participant during their visit to their *furusato* area.
- For JET Programme and this project's publicity purposes, we ask for the participants' cooperation in posting regularly to social media and/or personal blogs during the duration of the project.
- We ask for participants' cooperation in the event of local or foreign media coverage.
- In the case the participant desires family or other companions to accompany them on their trip, information about these accompanying persons must be submitted to CLAIR after the participant's participation in the project has been finalised. All expenses related to these accompanying persons will in principle be borne entirely by the participant. However, in the case where the presence of an accompanying person is necessary to assist the participant due to the participant's physical condition, CLAIR may be able to bear some of the costs of the accompanying person. Please consult with CLAIR if you have any questions regarding this matter.
- **CLAIR cannot respond to any enquiries regarding the results of the screening process.** We appreciate your understanding.

Contact

Please direct all enquiries regarding these application guidelines to furusato@clair.or.jp. Enquiries and responses will also be posted in a FAQ form on the JET Programme website <http://jetprogramme.org/furusatovisionproject/>.