

Japan Foundation grant program

The Japan Foundation is now inviting applications from institutions for the annual grant programs which are run concurrently with the Japanese financial year (1 April 1995 to 31 March 1996). These programs are offered with the objective to help increase understanding of Japan to people in related fields.

The grant programs for 1995/1996 include fourteen different programs, one of which should appeal to *inCite* readers. The Library Support Program is designed to promote the understanding of, and research on, Japan through donations of books and other materials such as video cassette tapes and compact discs related to Japan and Japanese culture. The library of any institution abroad of college level involved in research or education relat-

ing to Japan is eligible to apply for this program: applications should be submitted in the name of the head of the institution, through whom particular academic departments within the institution are expected to coordinate and submit their requests. Requests from individuals cannot be accepted. Please note that this particular program will be administered through the Japan Cultural Centre, Sydney.

For application forms, and further details about the Japan Foundation grant programs, please contact the Japan Cultural Centre, Sydney (The Japan Foundation) on (02) 954 0111, or the Sydney Language Centre on (02) 957 5322. Applications close 5pm, 1 December 1994 — early applications are encouraged.

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- indicate competence in the analysis, evaluation or synthesis of data, information or previously published material;
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Entries close on 15 December and should be sent to:

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