

## **SUBJECT: FAJS-RIO TINTO GRANT ROUND FOR PROJECTS IN 2021**

*Foundation for Australia-Japan Studies (FAJS) Rio Tinto Australia-Japan Collaboration Program Research Grant Round 2021 opens August 31, 2020 and closes September 30, 2020.*

The 2021 call for research grant Expressions of Interest will open on 31 August and close on September 30, 2020. See <https://www.fajs.org> for details about accessing the application online and for full Guidelines

### **The objectives of the Foundation for Australia-Japan Studies**

The Foundation's mission is to encourage research collaborations between academic institutions and external partners, including industry and government, in Australia and Japan, and to support people who are transforming the bilateral relationship through these partnerships. One way FAJS does that is through our research project grant program. The current grant program is the Rio Tinto Australia-Japan Collaboration Program.

### **Priority areas**

Grants are available for many different types of research. The Foundation will prioritise high quality programs particularly, but not exclusively, in the areas of:

- **Materials and energy technologies and systems**
- **Computing, digital and AI applications and developments**
- **Food, marine and agriculture science and technologies**
- **Medical science and technology**
- **Social and physical infrastructure**

Please consult the full Guidelines for further details.

### **Nature of Grants**

Grants will typically be between AUD\$50,000 to AUD\$150,000 in value. These grants are a valuable opportunity to start up new projects or to extend existing ones with Japanese and Australian counterparts. They can be in part used to support the exchange of researchers to build lasting links between research teams from diverse organisations. Projects should have well defined research objectives and show clear links between university researchers and industry or government.

### **Further information**

The Guidelines explaining the criteria for projects can be found at the Foundation's website <https://www.fajs.org>

The expression of interest is a simple online process with very little paperwork. After initial assessment, the Foundation will invite selected projects to go to the next stage of submitting full applications. **The EOI process for the projects opens on August 31 and closes on September 30.** The link to the online application process will be posted on the Foundation website [www.fajs.org](http://www.fajs.org) on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Short listed projects will be invited to submit full applications in early November.