

Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language Onsite Courses Application Instructions PART 2 [Comprehensive Japanese Teaching Methods Program]

For Fiscal 2024-25 [NC-MT 2024]



1. Objectives

This program is designed to provide teachers of the Japanese language, who have more than two years of experience in teaching the Japanese language, with an opportunity to improve their teaching methodologies and to cultivate their ability to understand other cultures. The training course will be conducted for approximately six weeks. There will be no lessons for improving Japanese-language skills.

2. Program Outline

(1) Duration

(Summer Course) July 17, 2024 to August 30, 2024 (tentative)

(Autumn Course) October 1, 2024 to November 14, 2024 (tentative)

(2) Description of the Program

a. Japanese-Language Teaching Methodologies

This program is aimed to introduce, organize and expand knowledge on Japanese-language teaching methodologies by reading Japanese-language materials or discussing in the Japanese language with the aim of improving expertise as a teacher. In addition, participants will review each participant's educational site and consider how to solve problems by utilizing the content of this training program. In the class, participants will read materials written in the Japanese language and have discussions in the Japanese language.

b. Japanese Culture/Japanese Society

Participants will take lectures and workshops to consider the contents and methods of culture introduction as part of Japanese-language education or cross-cultural understanding education.

(3) Number of Participants

Approximately 32 teachers for each course

3. Eligibility

Overseas educational organizations that offer Japanese-language education. Applications from individuals will not be accepted.

Participants must satisfy the following conditions, in addition to those conditions described in "Application Instructions PART 1 [Common]".

- (1) Qualified Areas: Worldwide
 - * In China excluding Hong Kong and Macau, secondary educational institutions (junior high school and high school) are not applicable;
- (2) Japanese-language teaching experience:
 - (Summer Course) Individuals with more than two years and less than five years of experience in teaching the Japanese language as of December 1, 2023 (private lessons and teaching practice not included);
 - (Autumn Course) Individuals with more than five years of experience in teaching the Japanese language as of December 1, 2023 (private lessons and teaching practice not included);
- (3) Japanese-language proficiency: Individuals who have a proficiency in Japanese as either of the following at the time of application;
 - a. Level N3 or higher in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 2 or higher of the old JLPT, or their equivalent
 - b. Level B1 or higher in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS), or the equivalent
- (4) Individuals who have not participated in a Japanese language teacher on-site training program conducted by the Japan Foundation or any other academic institutions in Japan for more than one month during the period from April 2018 to December 1, 2023 (*).
 - * Recipients of the "Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute Executive Director's Award" of the "Long-Term Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese-Language" will be exempted from this restriction. Applicants who fall under this category should attach to the application form a copy of the notification they received upon being given the Director's Award.

4. Selection Policy

- (1) Selection will be made in line with the following criteria: need for Japanese-language teaching programs in candidate's country/area, application from the Sakura Network, candidate's Japanese-language proficiency, teaching experience, teaching position (full-time or part-time) and influence in and out of the institution, etc.
 - * Please visit the following website for information on the Sakura Network.
<https://www.jpf.go.jp/e/project/japanese/education/network/>
- (2) Higher priority will be given to individuals aged 55 or under as of December 1, 2023.

5. Number of Approved Applications

The number of approved/applications in the previous year (FY2023) was 65/138.