

Foundation, or the Japanese diplomatic mission in the participants' home countries. Individuals who are interested in these programs should contact the Japan Foundation office in their country.

- The Intensive Training Program for Secondary School Teachers of the Japanese Language from the Republic of Korea
- The Intensive Training Program for University Teachers and Secondary School Teachers of the Japanese Language from the People's Republic of China
- The Intensive Training Program for Secondary School Teachers of the Japanese Language from Malaysia
- The Intensive Training Program for Japanese Teachers Association of Thailand

### 3 Japanese-Language Program for Specialists

Application Form: **KC-G**

#### **Program for Specialists in Cultural and Academic Fields**

Division in Charge: Educational Training Section  
The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai

Specialists (Researchers, Postgraduate Students, Librarians, Museum Curators, etc.) who need a good command of Japanese language to conduct field-related work and research are invited to apply for the program specifically designed for their needs.

**Venue** The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai (Tajiri-cho, Sennan-gun, Osaka, Japan)

**Grant Coverage** (1) Expenses necessary for participation in the official curriculum (transportation, textbooks and other materials, etc.)  
 (2) Meals during the program period (partly in the form of cash allowances)  
 (3) Accommodation (a single room) in the Institute  
 (4) Overseas Travel Insurance with an upper limit on coverage (The insurance will cover the necessary expenses for sickness and injury up to a limit on the policy during the period from your departure from the airport nearest your residence until your return to the airport nearest your residence. The insurance will not cover the expenses for a chronic or preexisting disease or injury contracted before your arrival to Japan or dental care.)  
 (5) For participants who are nationals of the countries of the following regions; Round-trip airline ticket (discount economy class) to and from the airport nearest from home residence, airport tax and foreign travel tax, and a set amount of In-kind Allowances Necessary for the Participation in the Program (Pre-paid multi-purpose card to cover expenses necessary for the participation in the program such as public transportation fee and communication fee, etc.) will be provided:  
 Asia and Oceania (excluding Korea, Taiwan, Brunei, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong residents in China who hold a BNO or Hong Kong SAR passport, and Macau residents in China who hold a Macau SAR passport), Central and South America (excluding the Bahamas), Eastern Europe (excluding Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia and Slovenia), Middle East and North Africa (excluding Bahrain, Israel, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and U.A.E.), Africa

**Applicants** This program is an intensive residential training course of Japanese language for the following applicants.  
 (1) Scholars and researchers outside Japan in the fields of social sciences or humanities who need to learn Japanese language for their research activities  
 (2) Postgraduate students outside Japan who major in the fields of the social sciences or humanities, wish to be engaged in jobs related to Japanese-studies in future, and need to learn the Japanese language for their academic research activities  
 (3) Librarians of higher education/research institutions or public libraries outside Japan who wish to improve their practical Japanese language proficiency to perform their jobs better  
 (4) Curators of museums outside Japan currently working for international exchange programs involving Japan who need a good command of Japanese language for specific work-related purposes

**Duration** There will be two courses as described below:  
(1) Two-month course: From June 2012 to August 2012  
(2) Six-month course: From September 2012 to March 2013

**Eligibility (1) Two-month course**

Individuals who fulfill all of the following requirements can apply for participation in this program.

a. Applicants must fulfill at least one of the following requirements and have an employment relationship with the organization they are currently affiliated with, at the time of participation in the program. It is expected that participants will continue working in the aforementioned affiliated organization even after returning to their home country (excluding Postgraduate Students).

a) Applicants must be carrying out research activities as teachers (such as professors, instructors, or teaching assistants), researchers in institutions of advanced education, such as universities, research centers, or other research organizations outside Japan.

b) Applicants must be engaged in a job of specialized research work in public sector organizations, such as government agencies, think tanks, etc., outside Japan.

c) Applicants must be officially registered as full-time students in a Master's or Doctoral course of a graduate school outside Japan at the time of participation in the program. (This excludes non-degree students.)

Concerning undergraduate students of the universities and colleges that issue a Master's degree upon their graduation, applicants can be regarded as satisfying the condition of this article, if their age is 22 or older as of December 1, 2011.

d) Applicants must be currently employed as full-time librarians by universities, colleges, other institutions of advanced education, academic research institutions, cultural exchange organizations, or public libraries.

e) Applicants must be full-time curators of museums outside Japan currently working for international exchange programs that concern Japan.

b. Applicants applying for this program must obtain the permission of the representative of the applicant's affiliated organization mentioned above.

c. Applicants must be in the fields of Japan-related social sciences or humanities.

d. Applicants must have a need for Japanese language proficiency for smoothly carrying out their specialized work and research activities. For postgraduate students, applicants must have plans to write their Master's or Doctoral dissertation on a subject related to Japan and need to learn Japanese language in order to carry out the research necessary to accomplish that purpose.

e. Applicants must have Japanese language proficiency equal to or above Level N4 of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (Level 3 of the old JLPT) (Please view the official website of JLPT <http://www.jlpt.jp/e/about/levelsummary.html> to find the summary of linguistic competence required for each level).

f. Applicants will never have participated in Training Programs for Teachers of Japanese Language organized by the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa in the last five years as of December 1, 2011.

g. Applicants have never participated in the Japanese Language Program for Librarians organized by the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai.

h. Applicants have never participated in the Japanese Language Program for Researchers and Postgraduate Students organized by the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai.

i. Applicants who have never participated in the Japanese-Language Program for Specialists (in Cultural and Academic Fields) organized by the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai.

j. Applicants must be under the age of 40 as of December 1, 2011

k. Applicants must be in good physical and mental health.

l. Applicants have not completed compulsory education in Japan.

m. Applicants must not be scheduled to come to Japan for study or training under other programs.

n. Applicants must hold nationality of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan.

※Taiwanese are eligible to apply for this program.

**(2) Six-month course**

Individuals who fulfill all the following requirements can apply for participation in this program.

a. Applicants must fulfill at least one of the following requirements and have an employment relationship with their current affiliated organization at the time of participation in the program. It is expected that applicants will continue working in the aforementioned affiliated organization even after returning to their home country (excluding Postgraduate Students).

- a) Applicants must be carrying out research activities as teachers (such as professors, instructors, or teaching assistants), researchers in institutions of advanced education such as universities and research centers, or other research organizations outside Japan.
  - b) Applicants must be engaged in a job of specialized research work in public sector organizations such as government agencies, think tanks, etc., outside Japan.
  - c) Applicants must be officially registered as full-time students in a Master's or Doctoral course of a graduate school outside Japan at the time of participation in the program (This excludes non-degree students).
  - d) Applicants must be currently employed as full-time librarians by universities, colleges, other institutions of advanced education, academic research institutions, cultural exchange organizations, or public libraries.
  - e) Applicants must be full-time curators of museums outside Japan currently working for international exchange programs that concern Japan.
  - b. Applicants applying for this program must obtain the permission of the representative of the applicant's affiliated organization mentioned above.
  - c. Applicants must be in the fields of Japan-related social sciences or humanities (excluding Japanese language study and Japanese-language education).
  - d. Applicants must have a need for Japanese language proficiency for smoothly carrying out their specialized work and research activities. For postgraduate students, applicants must have plans to write their Master's or Doctoral dissertation on a subject related to Japan and need to learn Japanese language in order to carry out the research necessary to accomplish that purpose.
  - e. Applicants must have a specific and concrete theme related to Japan in their study or work, and a plan to make a presentation on the achievements.
  - f. Applicants must have Japanese language proficiency equal to or above Level N4 of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (Level 3 of the old JLPT) (Please view the official website of JLPT <http://www.jlpt.jp/e/about/levelsummary.html> to find the summary of linguistic competence required for each level).
  - g. Applicants will never have participated in Training Programs for Teachers of Japanese Language organized by the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa in the last five years as of December 1, 2011.
  - h. Applicants have never participated in the Japanese Language Program for Librarians organized by the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai.
  - i. Applicants have never participated in Japanese Language Program for Researchers and Postgraduate Students organized by the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai. (However, in case that the applicants have participated in the two-month or four-month program and that it should be more than five years since their completion of the program as of December 1, 2011, the application can be considered to fulfill the above eligibility.)
  - j. Applicants who have never participated in the Japanese-Language Program for Specialists (in Cultural and Academic Fields) organized by the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai.
  - k. Applicants must be under the age of 40 as of December 1, 2011.
  - l. Applicants must be in good physical and mental health.
  - m. Applicants have not completed compulsory education in Japan.
  - n. Applicants must not be scheduled to come to Japan for study or training under other programs.
  - o. Applicants must hold nationality of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan.
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## Description of the Program

### (1) Two-month course

The program focuses on general Japanese language proficiency and aims to assist participants improve speaking, hearing, reading, and writing skills. Optional lessons are also offered to meet individual Japanese language needs for specialized work purposes and academic research activities.

Moreover, the program includes some activities for enhancing participants' understanding of Japanese society, such as social events with the local community, field trips, etc.

This program is primarily a language course for participants requiring Japanese language proficiency for specialized work and research activities. Education in any particular field of study is not an intended part of the curriculum.

### (2) Six-month course

The program focuses on Japanese language proficiency necessary for specialized work or research activities,

and aims to assist participants acquire Japanese language skills necessary to collect and present information in their major fields and network with people in their fields.

The program also enables participants to carry out various kinds of activities such as visits to other institutions, interviewing professionals, etc. Through these activities participants are expected to develop practical Japanese language skills.

Hence it is essential for participants to have a specific and concrete theme of their work/study/research and to be independent and willing enough to design and plan their major field-related activities to be carried out outside the Institute.

Moreover, the program includes some activities for enhancing participants' understanding of Japanese society, such as social events with the local community, field trips, etc.

Visits to other institutions will also be planned according to the interests of individual participants.

This program is primarily a language course for participants requiring Japanese language proficiency for specialized work and research activities. Education in any particular field of study is not an intended part of the curriculum.

### Number of Participants for FY 2011

67 out of 98 applications

- (1) Two-month course: approximately 42 participants
- (2) Six-month course: approximately 25 participants

### Screening Process

- (1) In the screening process, comprehensive consideration will be made of such factor as: applicants' current Japanese language proficiency, Japanese language training needs, achievements and content of their work and research, future possibility of their success, and applicants' aptitude to acquire Japanese language for research and specific work purposes.
- (2) In order to develop and encourage Japanese studies and exchanges between Japan and applicants' nations, priority will be given to the following applicants in the screening process.
- (3) In the two-month course, priority will be given to the following applicants.
  - a. Specialists who have made outstanding achievements in their specific fields (especially in social sciences) and are willing to newly expand their study to Japan-related themes, and
  - b. Individuals (not only researchers and postgraduate students but also full-time librarians and full-time curators) who have no experience of studying or living in Japan
- (4) In the six-month course, priority will be given to the following applicants.
  - a. Specialists who are currently engaged in their profession,
  - b. Postgraduate students who have a specific and concrete theme in their study and plan to take a job related to Japanese studies, and
  - c. Students officially registered in a Doctor's course of a graduate school.
- (5) Applications related to major cultural exchange events announced by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan will be given higher priority.
- (6) In the view of "ripple" effect, priority will also be given to applicants with affiliations to major institutions of advanced education, research organizations or public sector organizations, etc.

### Points to be Noted

Participants taking part in programs are not permitted to come to Japan accompanied by family members.

Application Deadline December 1, 2011

Notification of Results April 2012