

2-(1)-2 Advanced Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese-Language

The Advanced Program is designed for individuals or teams of up to three people who:

- require more advanced expertise and skills as teachers of the Japanese language, and
- have specific challenges they wish to address, or
- have issues they want to resolve in the teaching of the Japanese language (e.g., the development of Japanese teaching materials, teaching methods, or curriculums, etc.).

Teams can apply for the program to accomplish certain projects. However, only three people from any team can participate in the program.

Applications for this program can be accepted either from native or non-native speakers of Japanese.

Eligibility

Overseas educational organizations that provide Japanese language education (applications from individuals will not be accepted. Team applications should be submitted by the team leader's institution).

The following candidates are eligible

- (1) Individuals who have an employment relationship with the applying organization where it is agreed they will continue working in the aforementioned organization after their return to their home country. Full-time teachers will be given preference. In case of a team application the members do not have to belong to the same institution of the same country;
- (2) Applicants who have a proficiency in Japanese of Level N1 in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (*Nihongo Noryoku Shiken*) (Level 1 of the old JLPT) or its equivalent. (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);
- (3) Applicants who have at least five years of experience in teaching the Japanese language as of December 1, 2011 (private lessons not included);
- (4) Applicants who have not taken a Japanese language teacher training program conducted by the Japan Foundation (including the Short-Term Training Program for Foreign Teachers of the Japanese-Language) or any other academic institutions in Japan for more than two months during the period from October 2010 to December 2011;
- (5) Individuals under the age of 55 as of December 1, 2011; and
- (6) Individuals who are Japanese nationals or a hold nationality of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan (※Taiwanese are eligible to apply for this program); and
- (7) Individuals in good physical and mental health.

Duration

October 24, 2012 - December 20, 2012 (tentative)

Grant Coverage

- (1) Round-trip airline ticket (as a general rule, discount economy class), to and from the nearest international airport from home residence, airport tax, foreign travel tax, 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.) are provided to participants who are nationals of the countries of the following regions;

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, Middle East and North Africa (excluding Bahrain, Israel, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and U.A.E.), Africa.

* These expenses are provided to participants who are nationals of Japan and living in the regions above.
 * Participants who are nationals of countries other than the regions above, have to bear these expenses.
- (2) Accommodations (a single room for each participant) within the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa (JFJLI, Urawa) (Kita Urawa, Urawa-Ku, Saitama City, Saitama Prefecture).
- (3) Meals. JFJLI, Urawa will provide participants with breakfast, lunch, and dinner in kind or in cash.
- (4) Necessary expenditures for participation in the program (such as teaching materials).

- (5) 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).

Description of the Program (example)

Research activities will consist of lectures, one-on-one (or team) guidance and discussion among trainees. Program structure will depend on challenges and issues submitted at the time of application. Challenges and issues can relate to a variety of themes; including pedagogic method research, syllabus development and textbook compilation planning. Participants are requested to submit reports on the result of the training within a year after the training is completed. It is hoped that results are ultimately made public and published, in the form of an academic paper, syllabus, or text book.

In cases where the program requires long-term investigation and work, and where it is recognized that a return visit to Japan will have a significant effect on the results of training, it is possible for individuals to reapply to join the training course the following fiscal year.

Number of Participants

Approximately 10 individuals or teams (11 (6 teams) out of 34 applicants (26 teams) for FY 2011)

Selection Policy (1) Applicants will be judged according to three criteria to meet the application requirements:

- a. Need: consideration of importance of Japanese-language teaching programs in applicant's country and also of necessity in terms of the whole project scheme related to overseas Japanese-language education of the Japan Foundation.
 - b. Effectiveness: judged by the applicant's teaching position, influence in and out of school, etc.
 - c. Efficiency of the training program: judged by the applicant's Japanese language proficiency, teaching experience, study experience in Japan, and sufficient academic ability.
- (2) Preference will be given to projects already underway related to developing teaching materials and syllabuses.
- (3) Team applications may be given priority depending on topics of projects.

Application Deadline December 1, 2011

Notification of Results April 2012

Remarks Candidates for this program may also simultaneously apply to other programs such as Training Programs for Teachers of the Japanese-Language or Graduate Program on Japanese Language and Culture (Master's Course). Candidates can only receive one grant even if they are successfully accepted to several programs.

Application Form: **NC-JT**

2-(2) Training Programs for Teachers of the Japanese-Language

Section in Charge: Teachers Training Section
The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa

These programs are designed to provide teachers of the Japanese language working abroad with an opportunity to improve their Japanese language skills and teaching methodology and to deepen their knowledge of Japan at the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa (JFJLI, Urawa) (Saitama City, Saitama Prefecture, Japan).

The following two types of programs are open to application from overseas teachers of the Japanese language in accordance with applicant's level of proficiency and objectives:

- (1) Long-Term Training Program for Foreign Teachers of the Japanese-Language
- (2) Short-Term Training Program for Foreign Teachers of the Japanese-Language