

Application deadline December 1, 2009

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## 2 Training for Japanese-Language Teachers Abroad

App. Form: **NC-GP,NC-GPD,NC-AJT**

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

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

These programs aim to advance the level of education and nurture research capabilities in persons playing a leading role in the teaching of Japanese-language on a national or regional level, and individuals who are expected to play a leading role in Japanese-language education in the future.

Programs fall into one of three categories, depending on the target and training content.

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### 2-(1)-1(1) Graduate Program on Japanese Language and Culture (Master's Course)

This program is designed to provide teachers of the Japanese language abroad and/or individuals who have experience in teaching the Japanese-language abroad, who are expected to be leaders of the academic world of Japanese-language education in their own countries, with an opportunity to obtain a Master's degree in Japanese-language education. This post graduate program is offered by the following two institutions:

- (1) The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa (JFJLI)
- (2) The National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS)

#### Eligibility

Applications from individuals are acceptable. A recommendation from a representative of the institution(s) with which candidates are affiliated is also required.

The following candidates are eligible:

- (1) Teachers of the Japanese language belonging to institutions conducting Japanese-language education, or governmental organizations (e.g. Ministry of Education), who are able to obtain approval from a representative of the institution with which they are affiliated to participate in a Japan Foundation program;
- (2) Individuals who hold a Bachelor's degree or its equivalent from an accredited university;
- (3) Individuals with Level 1 Japanese language proficiency assessed by the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (Nihongo Noryoku Shiken) or its equivalent (i.e. be able to read Japanese research documents, hold discussions in Japanese and write research reports);
- (4) Individuals with at least two years experience in teaching the Japanese language as of December 1, 2009 (private lessons and assistant teachers not included);
- (5) As a general rule, individuals under the age of 44 as of April 1, 2010;
- (6) Individuals who have not completed their compulsory education (elementary and junior high school, 9 years) in Japan;
- (7) 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, 2009 to September 2010);
- (8) Individuals who are nationals of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan;
- (9) Individuals in good physical and mental health; and
- (10) Individuals who are expected to contribute to the Japanese language education in their home country after the program.

## Japanese-Language Education Overseas

**Course Venues** The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa (for certain coursework: The National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies)

### Grant Coverage

- (1) Round-trip airline ticket (discount economy-class).
- (2) Airport tax and foreign travel tax.
- (3) Accommodation (a single room for each participant) in The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa (Kita Urawa, Urawa ku, Saitama City, Saitama Prefecture), not allowed to be accompanied by family.
- (4) Meals during the program (partly in the form of cash allowances), and a set allowance to cover miscellaneous living expenses.
- (5) Expenses necessary for participation in the curriculum (tuition at The National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS)).
- (6) National Health Insurance fee

**Duration** September 2010-September 2011 (1 year)

### Curriculum Contents (for example)

- (1) Japanese Language
- (2) Japanese-Language Education
- (3) Japanese Society/Culture/Area Study
- (4) Seminar for Special Theme

**Degree**

- (1) Individuals who have successfully completed the required units will be conferred a Master's degree in Japanese Language and Culture by JFJLI and GRIPS, and be given a Certificate by JFJLI.
- (2) Individuals who have not completed the required units will be given a Certificate by JFJLI.

### Number of Participants

Approximately 10 teachers (2009: 8 out of 38 applications)

### Selection Policy

- (1) Priority given to applicants from the nations below; Asia and Oceania (excluding Korea, Singapore, Brunei, Australia, New Zealand, and Hong Kong residents in China who hold a BNO or Hong Kong SAR passport), Central and South America (excluding Bahamas), Eastern Europe (excluding Slovenia), Middle East and North Africa (excluding U.A.E., Israel, Qatar, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain), Africa.
- (2) Applicants who meet the application requirements will be judged according to four criteria:
  - ① 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
  - ② Effectiveness: judged by the applicant's teaching position (full-time/part-time), influence in and out of school etc.
  - ③ Efficiency of the training program: applicant's Japanese language proficiency, teaching experience, studying experience in Japan, sufficient academic ability as a researcher to get a Master's degree and so on.
  - ④ Possibility of further development of the candidate: applicant's motivation to be a leader of the academic world of Japanese education in applicant's country and also by Referee's description of the applicant.

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**Notification of Results** April, 2010

**Remarks**

- (1) Candidates will be screened by examination of their applications and supporting documents. Candidates satisfying the eligibility requirements for the program may be requested to present for an interview and sit a written examination. The JFJLI/GRIPS admissions committee will make the final decision. The schedule and venue of interviews is yet to be finalized.
- (2) Candidates for this program may also simultaneously apply to other programs such as Training Programs for Teachers of the Japanese Language or Advanced Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese

Language. Candidates will only receive one grant even if they are successfully accepted to several programs.

App. Form: **NC-GPD**

## 2-(1)-1(2) Graduate Program on Japanese Language and Culture (Doctor's Course)

The program is designed to provide teachers of the Japanese language abroad and/or individuals who have experience in teaching the Japanese language in overseas Japanese language institutions with an opportunity to complete a three-year doctoral course in Japanese language education with the aim of developing them as future leaders of the academic world of Japanese-language education in their own countries.

Apart from the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute (JFJLI), the Program is being implemented in collaboration with the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) and is structured with an advanced and practical curriculum. For details, please refer to the Japan Foundation website

([http://www.jpf.go.jp/urawa/trnng\\_t/trnng\\_t.html](http://www.jpf.go.jp/urawa/trnng_t/trnng_t.html))

or the GRIPS website

(<http://www.grips.ac.jp/index-e.html>)

Application forms may also be downloaded from the websites of the Japan Foundation and GRIPS.

### Eligibility

Individuals who can apply for this program must be able to fulfill the requirements given in (1) and (2).

(1) Individuals who fulfill all of the following requirements:

- a. Individuals who, at the time of application have at least two years experience as Japanese language instructors, specialists in Japanese language education and research, or administrators involved in the formulation of Japanese language education policy and who aspire to take an active role as future leaders in their own countries;
- b. Individuals who can present letters of recommendation from two people who are capable of evaluating the applicants' abilities and potential for future Japanese language education-related responsibilities;
- c. Individuals with Level 1 Japanese language proficiency assessed by the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (Nihongo Noryoku Shiken) or its equivalent;
- d. Individuals under the age of 45 at the time of application;
- e. Individuals who have not previously held nor currently hold Japanese citizenship;
- f. Individuals who are nationals of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan;

(2) Individuals who fulfill at least one of the following requirements:

- a. Individuals who possess a master's degree (including equivalent degrees obtained abroad) or by the time of admission into the Program are prospective candidates for a master's degree in any of the following fields: Japanese language education, Japanese language and Japanese studies;
- b. Individuals who have graduated from a university and at the time of application, have engaged in research at a university, research institute, etc., for at least two years and are recognized, based on their research work, to demonstrate academic abilities equivalent to those who possess master's degrees;
- c. Individuals who, based on individual screening for admission eligibility to this program, are recognized to demonstrate academic abilities equivalent to those who possess master's degrees in the areas of Japanese language education, Japanese language or Japanese studies and are at least 24 years old at the time of admission to the Program.

### Course Venues

The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute (for certain coursework: The National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies)

### Grant coverage to be provided by the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute

- (1) Admission fees and tuition
- (2) Living allowance: Amount equivalent to the Japanese Government scholarship for foreign students (170,000 yen monthly allowance, 160,000 yen from the thirteenth month as of 2007) However, the allowance will be provided for a period of only up to three years.
- (3) Travel expenses: Round-trip airline ticket for the shortest route from the airport nearest the applicant's

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