

## 2 Training for Japanese-Language Teachers Abroad

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

Section in Charge: Teachers Training Section  
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 teaching the Japanese-language at 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 two categories, depending on the target and training content.

Application Form: **NC-GP**

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

This program is designed to provide teachers of the Japanese language working 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, Urawa)
- (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 providing 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 N1 Japanese language proficiency as assessed by 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);
- (4) Individuals with at least two years experience in teaching the Japanese language as of December 1, 2011 (private lessons and assistant teachers not included);
- (5) As a general rule, individuals under the age of 44 as of April 1, 2012;
- (6) Individuals who did not complete their compulsory education (elementary and junior high school, nine 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 2011 to September 2012);
- (8) Individuals who are nationals of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan (\*Taiwanese are eligible to apply for this program.);
- (9) Individuals in good physical and mental health; and
- (10) Individuals who are expected to contribute to Japanese language education in their home country after completing the program.

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

<b>Duration</b>	September 2012 - September 2013 (one year)
<b>Grant Coverage</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Round-trip airline ticket (discount economy-class).</li> <li>(2) Airport tax and foreign travel tax.</li> <li>(3) Accommodations (a single room for each participant) within JFJLI, Urawa (Kita Urawa, Urawa-ku, Saitama City, Saitama Prefecture), (NB: participants are not permitted to be accompanied by family, friends, or partners, etc).</li> <li>(4) Meals during the program (partly in the form of cash allowances) and 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.</li> <li>(5) Necessary expenditures for participation in the program (such as tuition at The National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS)).</li> <li>(6) National Health Insurance fee and 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.).</li> </ol>
<b>Curriculum Contents (for example)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Japanese Language</li> <li>(2) Japanese Language Education</li> <li>(3) Japanese Society/Culture/Area Study</li> <li>(4) Seminar for Special Theme</li> </ol>
<b>Degree</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Individuals who have successfully completed the required units will be conferred a Master's degree in Japanese Language and Culture by JFJLI, Urawa or GRIPS, and be given a Certificate by JFJLI, Urawa.</li> <li>(2) Individuals who have not completed the required units will be given a Certificate by JFJLI, Urawa.</li> </ol>
<b>Number of Participants</b>	Approximately 4 teachers (FY2011: 4 out of 34 applications)
<b>Selection Policy</b>	<p>Applicants will be judged according to three criteria to satisfy the application requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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</li> <li>(2) Effectiveness: judged by the applicant's teaching position, influence in and out of school, etc.</li> <li>(3) Efficiency of the training program: applicant's Japanese language proficiency, teaching experience, study experience in Japan, sufficient academic ability as a researcher to obtain a Master's degree and so on.</li> </ol>
<b>Application Deadline</b>	December 1, 2011
<b>Notification of Results</b>	April 2012
<b>Remarks</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ol>

