

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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residence to Narita Airport (As a rule, discount economy class)

(4) Arrival allowance: 25,000 yen

Duration October 2010-September 2013

Degree PhD in Japanese Language and Culture, PhD in Japanese Language Education

Number of grants  
approximately 3 (2008: 1 out of 17 applications)

Application Deadline January 15, 2010

Notification of Results April, 2010

Remarks (1) After the screening of the application forms and other documents, successful candidates will undergo a written examination and interview for the second stage of the screening.  
(2) Applicants must submit directly to GRIPS no later than December 20 (tentative)  
(3) For details of the program outline and other information, please refer to the Japan Foundation website ([http://www.jpf.go.jp/j/urawa/trnng\\_t/trnng\\_t.html](http://www.jpf.go.jp/j/urawa/trnng_t/trnng_t.html)) or the GRIPS website (<http://www.grips.ac.jp/index-e.html>).

App. Form: **NC-AJT**

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

The Advanced Program is designed for individuals or teams of up to 3 people who:

- require more advanced expertise and skills as teachers of Japanese, 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 3 people from any team can participate in the program.

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

Eligibility Overseas educational organizations that carry out Japanese-language education (applications from individuals will not be accepted. Team application 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 team application the members do not have to belong to the same institution of the same country;
- (2) Those who have a proficiency in Japanese of Level 1 in 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);
- (3) Those who have at least five years of experience in teaching the Japanese language as of December 1, 2009 (private lessons not included);
- (4) Those 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 2008 to December 2009;
- (5) Individuals under the age of 55 as of December 1, 2009;