

the Japanese Language or Graduate Program on Japanese Language and Culture (Master's Course) simultaneously. Candidates can only receive one grant even if they are successfully accepted to several programs.

App. Form: **NC-JT**

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

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

These programs are designed to provide teachers of the Japanese language 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 (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 their level of proficiency and purposes:

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

Eligibility Overseas educational organizations that carry out Japanese-language education (applications from individuals will not be accepted), except organizations in China (excluding Hong Kong and Macao, which will participate in a separate program (The Intensive Training Program for University Teachers and Secondary School Teachers of the Japanese Language from the People's Republic of China).

Course Venue and Lodging

The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa (Kita Urawa, Urawa Ku, Saitama City, Saitama Prefecture)

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, a set amount of allowances to cover miscellaneous living expenses and transportation fee are provided to participants who are nationals of the countries of the following regions;

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

*For those who are nationals of countries other than the regions above, participants themselves have to bear the expenses of airline ticket and miscellaneous living expenses etc.

- (2) Accommodation (a single room for each participant) in the Institute.
- (3) Meals during the program (partly in the form of cash allowances)
- (4) Expenses necessary for participation in the official training curriculum (such as teaching materials).
- (5) Overseas travel accident insurance for disease and injury during the period of the program.

Selection Policy

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: applicant's teaching position (full-time or 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, composition writing skill and so on.
- (4) Possibility of further development of the candidate: applicant's voluntary participation in training programs and also by Referee's description of the applicant.

Application Deadline→Notification of Results

December 1, 2009→April, 2010

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

This program is intended for foreign teachers who are early in their career in teaching the Japanese-language. A training course in the Japanese-language and basic teaching methods will be conducted.

Duration September 15, 2010-March 11, 2011 (tentative)

Eligibility The following candidates are eligible to participate in the program:

- (1) Individuals who have an employment relationship with the applying organization where it is agreed that they will continue working in the aforementioned organization even after their return to their home country. Current undergraduates and those currently studying to become Japanese language teachers are not eligible;
- (2) Individuals who have been involved in teaching the Japanese language for more than six months and less than five years as of December 1, 2009 (private lessons not included);
- (3) Individuals who have not taken a Japanese-language teacher-training program conducted by the Japan Foundation or any other academic institutions in Japan for more than two months during the period from April 2004 to December 1, 2009;
- (4) Individuals who have not previously participated in the Short-Term Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese-Language or the Graduate Program on Japanese Language and Culture conducted at the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa. Individuals who have taken Special Training Program for young teachers of the Japanese Language from South Asia/East Asia implemented as part of "the Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youth" (JENESYS) program are able to apply;
- (5) Individuals who, at the time of application have proficiency in Japanese of Level 3 in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (having acquired elementary grammar, 300 kanji, and 1,500 vocabulary words, enabling them to engage in useful daily conversations, and read and write simple sentences).
If candidates have never taken the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test, they are requested to answer the questions in the Japanese Proficiency Self-Check Test attached to the application form and write down the test score in the designated columns in the application;
- (6) Individuals under the age of 35 as of December 1, 2009;
- (7) Individuals who have not completed their compulsory education (elementary and junior high school, 9 years) in Japan.
- (8) Individuals who are nationals of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan; and
- (9) Individuals in good physical and mental health.

Description of the Program (for example)

- (1) Subjects:
 - a. Japanese language. The aim of the Japanese-language classes is to improve Participants' proficiency in Japanese to intermediate or advanced-level. Participants are also expected to gain the analytic knowledge necessary to teach Japanese.
Classes: practical training in speaking, reading comprehension, oral comprehension, grammar and writing of the Japanese-language
 - b. Japanese-language teaching methods. The aim of these classes is to enable participants to understand the basic Japanese-language teaching methodology, and to improve participants' knowledge and ability as Japanese-language teachers.
- (2) Cultural programs: field trips, home-stay programs, visits to local schools, cultural demonstrations of calligraphy and other traditional arts, theatre excursions, etc.

Number of Participants

Approximately 40 teachers (45 out of 184 applications for FY 2009)

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

An intensive two-month course in the Japanese-language and teaching methods will be conducted for foreign teachers of the Japanese-language who have at least two years of experience in teaching the Japanese-language.

Duration Three times a year, two months each. Each course is designed for a different group of candidates.

- (1) Spring Course (May 12, 2010-July 2, 2010 [tentative]): Designed for teachers engaged in primary and secondary education, and those who teach younger children.
- (2) Summer Course (July 14, 2010-September 3, 2010 [tentative]): Designed for teachers engaged in higher and adult education, primary and secondary education, those who teach younger children.
- (3) Winter Course (January 26, 2011-March 18, 2011 [tentative]): designed for teachers engaged in higher and adult education.

Eligibility The following individuals are eligible to participate in the program:

- (1) Teachers who have an employment relationship with the applying organization where it is agreed they will continue working in the aforementioned organization even after their return to their home country. Undergraduates and individuals currently studying to become Japanese language teachers are not eligible;
- (2) Individuals who have at least two years of experience in teaching the Japanese-language as of December 1, 2009 (private lessons not included);
- (3) Individuals 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 April 2004 to December 1, 2009. Individuals who have taken Special Training Program for young teachers of the Japanese Language from South Asia/East Asia implemented as part of "the Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youth" (JENESYS) program are able to apply. The winner of the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute Director's Award since the FY2004 Long-Term Training Program for Foreign Teachers of the Japanese Language will be exempted from this restriction. Upon submission of the application form, applicants who fall under this category should attach a copy of the notification upon receiving the Director's Award;
- (4) Individuals who have achieved proficiency in the Japanese-language of Level 3 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test or equivalent (must have completed elementary-level grammar, know 300 kanji, have a vocabulary of 1,500 words, be capable of carrying out everyday conversation, and be able to read and write simple sentences) at the time of application.
Candidates who have never taken the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test, are requested to answer the questions in the Japanese Proficiency Self-Check Test attached to the application form and record test scores in the designated columns in the applicator;
- (5) Individuals under the age of 55 as of December 1, 2009;
- (6) Individuals who have not completed their compulsory education (elementary and junior high school, 9 years) in Japan.
- (7) Nationals of countries that have diplomatic relations with Japan; and
- (8) Individuals who are in good physical and mental health.

Description of the Program (for example)

- (1) Subjects: Participants will be divided into two groups depending on results of a placement examination to be taken upon arrival in Japan. Each group will follow either course A or B. However, circumstances may result in only one course being run.
Course A: Aims to improve the Japanese proficiency of participants enabling them to apply their language skills to various situations and topics.
Course B: Aims to improve the Japanese proficiency of participants so that they are capable of more than daily conversation by acquiring complex linguistic skills (i.e., explanation, description, and argument). In the Japanese-language teaching methods class, the participants will take part in practical activities such as "simulated lessons," through which they will reflect on appropriate

teaching methods.

Number of classes per week:

	Course A	Course B
Japanese-language	16 hours	12 hours
Japanese-language teaching methods	3 hours	7 hours
Japanese culture and society	2 hours	2 hours

(2) Cultural programs: home-stay programs, visits to local schools, demonstrations of calligraphy and other traditional arts, theatre excursions; etc. An optional field trip is planned after the training program.

Number of Participants

Approximately 100 teachers (in total) (106 out of 316 applications for FY 2009)

*In addition to the above programs, the following training programs are provided. These programs are not open to application and all participants are decided by the recommendation of the government, the Japan Foundation office, 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 Indonesia
- The Intensive Training Program for Secondary School Teachers of the Japanese Language from Malaysia

3 Japanese-Language Program for Specialists

App. Form: **KC-G**

Program for Specialists in Cultural and Academic Fields

Section 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 for conducting their 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 allowance)
- 3) Accommodation (a single room) in the Institute
- 4) Overseas travel insurance for disease and injury for the duration of the program
- 5) Round-trip economy-class airline ticket to and from the airport nearest from home residence, airport tax and foreign travel tax, and a set amount of allowance to cover miscellaneous living expenses (5,000 yen per week) are provided for participants who are nationals of the countries of the following regions:
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 Estonia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Bulgaria, Belarus, Poland, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Russia), Middle East and North Africa (excluding Bahrain, U.A.E., Israel, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait), Africa

Applicants This program is an intensive training course of Japanese language for the following applicants.