

Japanese-Language Education Assistant Program: J-LEAP

Section in Charge: **International Operations Section II, Japanese-Language Dept. I**

J-LEAP aims to strengthen and maintain the basic infrastructure of Japanese-language education and the understanding of Japan in the U.S. By dispatching Japanese Assistant Teachers (ATs), J-LEAP endeavors to serve the needs of U.S. K-12 educational institutions seeking to strengthen their Japanese-language programs. ATs will engage in Japanese classes with and under the instruction of their supervisors (Japanese-class teachers). ATs will help with creating materials and curriculums, preparing homework and tests, and will also assist or conduct other Japan-related activities at schools and in the community to contribute to a better understanding of Japanese culture and society.

Eligibility

The following individuals are eligible to apply:

- 1 Japanese nationals whose native language is Japanese;
- 2 Individuals under 35 years of age as of April 1, 2025;
- 3 Individuals who have an academic degree equivalent to a diploma from a four-year university or higher;
- 4 Individuals who have a diploma in Japanese-language education (as a major or minor) from a university or higher as of April 1, 2025, or complete a 420-hour (or more) Japanese Language Teacher Training Course as of April 1, 2025, or have basic knowledge and skills in Japanese-language education, as demonstrated by passing the Japanese-Language Teaching Competency Test; and
- 5 Individuals who have a valid Japanese driver's license.

Duration

July 2025 to July 2027 (contracts are on a one-year basis, renewable [if mutually agreeable among all parties] once, for a maximum total of two academic years)

Expenses

Standard payment (including a duty allowance), round-trip air tickets (discount economy class), overseas travel insurance, housing allowance, car subsidy, car insurance stipend, material purchase stipend, etc.

Number of Participants (Reference)

6 participants for FY 2024

Application Deadline

January 2025

Notification of Results

March 2025

Remarks

Application Guideline and the Application Form will be available on the Japan Foundation's website around fall 2024.