

# Japanese-Language Education Overseas

## 1 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, 2023;
- (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, 2023, or complete a 420-hour (or more) Japanese Language Teacher Training Course as of April 1, 2023, 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 2023 to July 2025 (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, vehicle purchase subsidy, material purchase stipend, etc.

### Number of Participants (Reference)

6 participants for FY 2022

### Application Deadline

January 2023

### Notification of Results

March 2023

### Remarks

Application Guideline and the Application Form will be available on the Japan Foundation's website around fall 2022.

## 2 Support Program for Organizations in Japanese-Language Education (Grants)

Application Form: **JN-FK (only for Cambodia, Laos, Russia and countries that DO NOT have Japan Foundation overseas offices)**  
Section in Charge: **International Operations Section I / Section II, Japanese-Language Dept. I**

This program aims to support Japanese-language education activities by targeting Japanese-language teachers and students of overseas Japanese-language institutions and organizations.

**(1) Countries which have the Japan Foundation overseas offices, with the exception of Cambodia, Laos and Russia** (i.e., Korea, China, Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Myanmar, India, Australia, Canada, the U.S., Mexico, Brazil, Italy, the U.K., Spain, Germany, France, Hungary, and Egypt)

\* All support will be given via the overseas offices. Please contact the nearest office for available programs.