

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, 2022;
- (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, 2022, or complete a 420-hour (or more) Japanese Language Teacher Training Course as of April 1, 2022, 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 2022 to July 2024 (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)

8 participants for FY 2020

Application Deadline

January 2022

Notification of Results

March 2022

Remarks

Application Guideline and the Application Form will be available on the Japan Foundation's website around fall 2021.

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.

(2) Cambodia, Laos, Russia, and countries that DO NOT have the Japan Foundation overseas offices.

Eligibility

Overseas Japanese-language institutions and organizations, including Japanese-language teacher associations and academic societies. However, organizations are not eligible when national laws restrict receipt of aid from overseas organizations affiliated with governments

Eligible Projects

Non-profit Japanese-language education activities carried out by overseas Japanese-language institutions and organizations. Examples of eligible projects are given below. Applicants may also submit a combination of multiple projects:

(1) Japanese-Language Activities Support Grant:

This grant partially covers the costs related to projects intended to motivate students and stimulate interest in Japanese-language education in the local area (e.g., speech/debate contests, presentations).

(2) Salary Assistance Grant:

This grant partially covers the salary given to Japanese-language teachers teaching the Japanese-language courses and to the staff carrying out activities to enhance the network of Japanese-language institutions in the applicant's region/country. In principle, this grant covers them for up to three years (36 months). This grant is given on the condition that the course or activities are continued after the grant from the Japan Foundation ends.

(3) Teaching Material Purchase Grant:

This grant partially covers the cost of purchasing teaching materials, supplementary materials and educational materials to introduce Japanese culture (e.g., tools for Japanese calligraphy, yukata, origami paper etc.) needed by Japanese-language teachers when conducting Japanese-language courses. The costs of buying educational materials (including e-books) contributing broadly to Japanese-language education that are widely available to the public in libraries or other facilities are also eligible for this grant. Materials that are to be given to students are not eligible for this grant, with the exception of consumables such as origami paper.

(4) Conference Grant:

This grant partially covers the cost involved in holding seminars, workshops, symposia, training sessions and meeting for Japanese-language teachers.

(5) Publication Grant:

This grant partially covers the cost involved in preparing and publishing teaching materials consistent with the local curriculum and needs.

(6) Other Original Proposals:

This grant partially covers the cost involved in implementing projects planned by the applicant that aim to promote Japanese-language education and train Japanese-language teachers.

Selection Policy

(1) See p. 3 for the selection policy common to all programs;

(2) Screening will be made in line with the following criteria:

- a. Role of applicant in the country and region;
- b. Membership of "JF Nihongo Network (Sakura Network)";
(see <https://www.jpf.go.jp/e/project/japanese/education/network/index.html> for more information about "JF Nihongo Network (Sakura Network)")
- c. Specific outcome expected;
- d. Coalitions with other organizations and groups;
- e. Ripple effect on diffusion of the Japanese language in the country and region.

Number of Grants (Reference)

128 out of 140 applications for FY 2021

Application Deadline

December 1, 2021

Notification of Results

Late April 2022