

# Japanese-Language Education Overseas

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## 1 Japanese-Language Education Assistant Program: J-LEAP

Section in Charge: **International Operations Section II, Japanese Language Department**

**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 teaching assistants (TAs), J-LEAP endeavors to serve the needs of U.S. K-12 educational institutions seeking to strengthen their Japanese language programs. TAs will engage in Japanese classes with and under the instruction of their supervisors (Japanese-class teachers). TAs 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, 2018;
- (3) Individuals who have an academic degree equivalent to a diploma from a four-year university or higher, or individuals who have a diploma in Japanese language education (as a major or minor) from a university as of April 1, 2018, or have basic knowledge and skills in Japanese language education, as demonstrated by passing the Japanese-Language Teaching Competency Test or completing a 420-hour Japanese Language Teacher Training Course; and
- (4) Individuals who have a valid Japanese driver's license.

### Duration

July 2018 to July 2020 (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), housing allowance, vehicle purchase subsidy, material purchase stipend, etc.

### Number of Participants (Reference)

8 participants for FY 2017

### Application Deadline

January 2018

### Notification of Results

Early March 2018

### Remarks

Application Guideline and the Application Form will be available on the Japan Foundation's website around winter 2017.

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

Application Form: **JN-FK (only for (2) Russia and countries that DO NOT have Japan Foundation overseas offices)**  
Section in Charge: **Planning and Coordination Section, Japanese Language Department**

**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 Russia, Cambodia and Laos (i.e., Korea, China, Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, 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) Russia, Cambodia, Laos, 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 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 their original projects or a combination of multiple projects:

##### a) 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).

##### b) 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.

##### c) 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) needed by Japanese language teachers when conducting Japanese language courses. The costs of buying educational materials contributing broadly to Japanese language education that are made widely available to the public in public 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 like origami.

##### d) Conference Grant:

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

##### e) Publication Grant:

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

##### f) 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

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

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

\* Role of applicant in the country and region;

\* Membership of "JF Nihongo Network (Sakura Network)";

(see <http://www.jpff.go.jp/e/project/japanese/education/network/index.html> for more information about "JF Nihongo Network (Sakura Network)")

\* Specific outcome expected;

\* Coalitions with other organizations and groups;

\* Ripple effect on diffusion of the Japanese language in the country and region.

#### Number of Grants (Reference)

187 out of 234 applications for FY 2017

#### Application Deadline

December 1, 2017

#### Notification of Results

Late April 2018