

Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language

Application Instructions PART 2 [Japanese Teaching Methods Program]

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1. Objectives

Training Program of six weeks duration, which are designed to improve the teaching methodology and deepen their knowledge of Japan, will be conducted once in the summer of FY2027. There will be no lessons for improving Japanese-language skill.

2. Program Outline

(1) Duration

July 13, 2026 to August 26, 2027 (tentative)

(2) Description of the Program

a. Japanese-Language Teaching Methodology

This program is aimed to introduce, organize and expand knowledge on Japanese-language teaching methodologies with the aim of improving expertise as a teacher. Participants will review their educational site and consider how to solve problems utilizing the content of this training program.

b. Japanese Culture/Japanese Society

Participants will take lectures and workshops to consider the contents and methods of culture introduction as part of Japanese-language education or cross-cultural understanding education.

3. Eligibility

Overseas educational organizations that offer Japanese-language education. Applications from individuals will not be accepted.

Participants must satisfy the following conditions, in addition to those conditions described in "Application Instructions PART 1 [Common]".

(1) Qualified Areas: Worldwide

* Depending on budgetary constraints, we may need to limit the countries eligible for selection.

(2) Japanese-language teaching experience:

Individuals with more than five years of experience in teaching the Japanese language as of December 1, 2026 (private lessons and teaching practice not included);

(3) Japanese-language proficiency: Individuals who have proficiency in Japanese as either of the following at the time of application;

- a. Level B1 or higher in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS);
 - b. Level N3 or higher in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 2 or higher of the old JLPT, or their equivalent
- (4) Individuals who have not participated in a Japanese language teacher on-site training program conducted by the Japan Foundation or any other academic institutions in Japan for more than one month since 2021.

4. Selection Policy

- (1) Selection will be made in line with the following criteria: need for Japanese-language teaching programs in candidate's institution and country/area, candidate's Japanese-language proficiency, teaching experience, teaching position (full-time or part-time) and influence in and out of the institution, etc.
- (2) Higher priority will be given to individuals aged 55 or under as of December 1, 2026.

5. Number of Approved Applications

The number of approved/applications in the previous year (FY2026) was 65/283. (Total for summer and winter terms)