

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 four to six weeks duration, which are designed to improve the teaching methodology, will be conducted in three separate groups (Summer Session, Autumn Session, and Winter Session), divided based on their Japanese teaching experience and Japanese-Language Proficiency level, in FY2025. There will be no lessons for improving Japanese-language skills.

2. Program Outline

(1) Duration

(Summer Course) July 15, 2025 to August 28, 2025 (tentative)

(Autumn Course) September 30, 2025 to November 13, 2025 (tentative)

(Winter Course) January 20, 2026 to February 17, 2026 (tentative)

(2) Description of the Program

a. Japanese-Language Teaching Methodologies

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.

In the Summer Course, which is targeted for teachers with little teaching experience or teachers who did not have the chance to learn about Japanese teaching methodology, participants will also learn about the basic Japanese teaching methods and teaching techniques.

In the Winter Course, advance study using on-demand materials will be mandatory, and during the training in Japan, activities such as reflection and sharing of practices, discussions, etc., will be the main content.

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
- (2) Japanese-language teaching experience:
(Summer Course) Individuals with two or more years and less than five years of experience in teaching the Japanese language as of December 1, 2024 (private lessons and teaching practice not included);
(Autumn Course) Individuals with more than five years of experience in teaching the Japanese language as of December 1, 2024 (private lessons and teaching practice not included);
(Winter Course) Individuals with five or more years of experience in teaching the Japanese-language (10 years preferred)
- (3) Japanese-language proficiency: Individuals who have proficiency in Japanese as either of the following at the time of application;
(Summer / Autumn Course)
 - 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
(Winter Course)
 - a. Level B2 or higher in the JFS;
 - b. Level N2 or higher in the 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 during the period from April 2019 to December 1, 2024.

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, 2024.

5. Number of Approved Applications

The number of approved/applications in the previous year (FY2024) was 75/206.