

Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language

Application Instructions PART 2 [Basic Training Program]

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1. Objectives

This program is designed to provide young teachers of the Japanese language in overseas organizations who are early in their career with an opportunity to improve their Japanese-language skills, acquire the basic teaching methodologies, and deepen their knowledge of Japan. The training course will be conducted for approximately six months.

2. Program Outline

(1) Duration

September 1, 2026 to February 25, 2027 (tentative)

(2) Description of the Program

Participants will be divided into groups based on the result of a placement examination to be taken upon arrival in Japan and will attend classes. In some cases, the program may be conducted in two separate courses based on the number of participants and their Japanese-language proficiency.

a. Japanese Language

Participants will take classes that aim, through various language activities, to improve their proficiency in using the Japanese language.

b. Japanese-Language Teaching Methodologies

Participants will organize their basic knowledge of teaching methods, recognize their problems through trial classes and reviews of their Japanese-language teaching activities, and consider solutions.

c. Japanese Culture / Japanese Society

Participants will have exposure to Japanese culture and society in real situations that will deepen their understanding of the Japanese language and culture. (Field trips and cultural programs are also planned). Participants will obtain cross-cultural understanding ability through interaction with their classmates.

* In addition to the above, special classes and individual instruction are provided.

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: Individuals with more than six months and less than five years of experience in teaching the Japanese language as of December 1, 2025 (private lessons and teaching practice not included).
 - (3) Japanese-language proficiency: Individuals who have a proficiency in Japanese of either of the following at the time of application:
 - a. Level A2 or higher in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS), or the equivalent
 - b. Level N4 or higher in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 3 or higher of the old JLPT, or their equivalent (*)
- * Candidates who have never taken the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test or the new Japanese-Language Proficiency Test are requested to answer the questions in the Japanese Proficiency Self-Check Test attached and write down the score in the designated column on the page 1 of the Form 2 "Candidate's Japanese Language Proficiency, Japanese Language Teaching Experience, etc.". Please note that applications without the test score filled in may not be accepted. Attaching the answer sheet itself is not required.

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, 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 35 or under as of December 1, 2025.

5. Number of Approved Applications

The number of approved/applications in the previous year (FY2025) was 48/112.