

3 (3) Japanese Teaching Methods Program for Teachers of the Japanese-Language

Application Form: NC-MT

Section in Charge: Teachers Training Section, the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa

This program is a six weeks program designed to provide an opportunity to improve the teaching methodology. This program will conduct twice (Summer Course and Winter Course) per year.

Eligibility

Overseas educational organizations that provide Japanese language education.

Qualified Areas: Worldwide. *In China excluding Hong Kong and Macau, secondary educational institutions (junior high school and high school) are not applicable.

The following individuals are eligible to participate in the program:

(*The eligibility (1), (2) and (3) differs for the individuals who meet the "Special condition for Teachers of the Japanese-Language for Japanese descendants". Please see p. 17)

(1) Nationality: Individuals who are nationals of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan;

*Taiwanese are eligible to apply for this program

(2) Individuals who have not completed their compulsory education [nine years of elementary and junior high school] in Japan;

(3) Teaching experience: Individuals with more than two years of experience in teaching the Japanese language as of December 1, 2018 (teaching practice and private lessons not included);

(4) Age: Individuals who are 55 years old or under as of December 1, 2018;

(5) Individuals who have a proficiency in Japanese as either of the following at the time of application;

a. Level N3 in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 2 of the old JLPT, or their equivalent

b. Level B1 in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS), or the equivalent

(6) Individuals who have not participated in a Japanese-language teacher training program conducted by the Japan Foundation or any other academic institutions in Japan for more than one month during the period from April 2013 to December 1, 2018. The recipient of the "Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute Director's Award" of the "Long-Term Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese-Language" will be exempted from this restriction.

Duration

Two courses will take place of six weeks each. (Please note that the Institute may be obliged to offer a course other than the candidate's desired course.)

(1) Summer Course: June 25, 2019 - August 8, 2019 (tentative)

(2) Winter Course: January 14, 2020 - February 27, 2020 (tentative)

Description of the Program

(1) Japanese Language Teaching Methodology

This program is aimed to introduce, organize and expand knowledge on Japanese teaching methodology by reading Japanese language materials or discussing in Japanese language with the aim of improving expertise as a teacher. In addition, participants will review each participant's educational site and consider how to solve the problem utilizing the content of this training program.

(2) 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. There are programs which participants will visit educational institutions or companies for listening to stories from people concerned so that participants can provide information to their learners who wish to study or get a job in Japan in the future.

Selection Policy

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

(2) Screenings will be made in line with the following criteria: need for Japanese language teaching programs in candidate's region/country, application from JF Nihongo Network (Sakura Network), candidate's Japanese language proficiency, teaching experience, teaching position (full-time or part-time) and influence in and out of the institution etc.

For JF Nihongo Network (Sakura Network), please visit the following website.

<https://www.jpf.go.jp/e/project/japanese/education/network/>

Application Deadline

December 3, 2018

Results Notification

April 2019