

### 3 Training Programs for Teachers of the Japanese-Language (On-site)

The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa (JFJLI, Urawa) organizes the training programs on the Japanese language, Japanese language teaching methodology and Japanese culture for those currently working as Japanese-language teachers teaching outside of Japan. The eligibility, duration, and content differ in every program.

For FY 2021, 3 training programs will be conducted. The outline of each program is as follows.

**(1) "Basic Training Program"**

6 months program to improve the Japanese language skill and the Japanese teaching methodology skill. Conducted as "Long-Term Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese-Language" until FY 2018.

**(2) "Japanese language Program":**

6 weeks program to improve Japanese language skill which is necessary as teachers of Japanese language. There will be NO lessons of Japanese language teaching methodology skill (Started from FY 2019).

**(3) "Comprehensive Japanese Teaching Methods Program"**

6 weeks program to improve Japanese teaching methodology skill. There will be NO lessons for improving Japanese language skill (Started from FY 2019).

\* The program of "Short-Term Training Program" ended in FY 2018. Please see "Comprehensive Japanese Teaching Methods Program" or "Japanese language Program" for individuals who had interests in the "Short-Term Training Program".

\* "Specific Theme Program" will not be conducted in FY 2021.

[Basic conditions for each program]

\* This table shows the basic conditions for each training program. However, there are additional conditions for each training program, so please check the explanation for the individual training program in this guideline and the Application Instructions.

Program		(1) Basic	(2) Japanese-language	(3) Comprehensive Japanese Teaching Methods
Main Content		Japanese-language	Japanese-language	
		Japanese-language Teaching Methodology		Japanese-language Teaching Methodology
		Japanese Culture/Society	Japanese Culture/Society	Japanese Culture/Society
Qualified Area		Worldwide		Worldwide ** (see below)
Teacher's eligibility	Nationality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nationals of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan</li> <li>* Taiwanese are eligible</li> <li>• Individuals who are NOT Japanese nationals *** (see below)</li> <li>• Individuals who did NOT complete their compulsory education in Japan</li> </ul>		
	Length of Teaching Japanese-language	More than 6 months and less than 5 years	More than 6 months	More than 2 years **** (see below)
Rough guide of Japanese Proficiency	Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)	Level N4 in the JLPT, Level 3 in the old JLPT, or their equivalent	Level N4 or N5 in the JLPT, Level 3 or 4 in the old JLPT, or their equivalent  * Level N3 or higher in the JLPT is NOT applicable	Level N3 in the JLPT, Level 2 in the old JLPT, or their equivalent
	JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS)	Level A2 in the JFS or their equivalent	Level A2 in the JFS or their equivalent  * Level B1 in the JFS is NOT applicable	Level B1 in the JFS or their equivalent
Duration (tentative)		August 30, 2021~ February 25, 2022	July 5, 2021~ August 18, 2021	January 12, 2022~ February 25, 2022

\*\* In China excluding Hong Kong and Macau, secondary educational institutions are NOT applicable.

\*\*\* For Individuals who meet the special condition for Japanese descendants, Japanese nationals or completing their compulsory education are eligible.

\*\*\*\* For Individuals who meet the special condition for Japanese descendants, more than 1 year.

### Eligibility (Common)

Overseas educational organizations that provide Japanese language education will be applicants.

Participants must satisfy the following conditions.

- (1) Teachers who have an employment relationship with the applying organization where it is agreed that they will continue to work after completing this program. Individuals studying to become Japanese language teachers at the time of application are NOT eligible.
- (2) Individuals who have no mental or physical conditions that would impede participation in the program.

### Course Venue

The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa (JFJLI, Urawa) (Saitama City, Saitama Prefecture)

### Expense Coverage

- (1) Accommodations, meals during the program, insurance for sickness and injury during the training period.
- (2) For those participants whose institution is located in the regions and countries marked  and  in the table of Appendix 2 (p. 38), the Japan Foundation will provide the following:
  - a. Round-trip air tickets (discount economy class) to and from the nearest international airport from home residence;
  - b. Airport tax, foreign travel tax;
  - c. Set amount of in-kind allowances (to cover expenses necessary for participation in the program).

### Remarks

- (1) Candidates may simultaneously apply for multiple programs. However, candidates can only be allowed to participate in one program at most.
- (2) Candidates may simultaneously apply for both "3 Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese-Language (On-site)" and "4 Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese-Language (On-line)". However, applications for online program of those who are selected to

participate in on-site program will be automatically dismissed.

- (3) On the occasion of training participation, he/she cannot visit Japan accompanied by family.
- (4) The participants should devote themselves to the program and to attend every activity of the program during their stay.
- (5) Regarding the Japanese language proficiency of candidates, please check the following website.
  - a. The summary of linguistic competence required for each level of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) of the official website of the JLPT  
[<https://www.jlpt.jp/e/about/levelsummary.html>]
  - b. The levels of the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (the JF Standard) of the official website of the JF Standard.  
[[https://jfstandard.jp/pdf/whole\\_standard.pdf](https://jfstandard.jp/pdf/whole_standard.pdf)]  
[[https://jfstandard.jp/pdf/1\\_global\\_scale\\_eng.pdf](https://jfstandard.jp/pdf/1_global_scale_eng.pdf)]
- (6) Other separate training programs are provided for organizations in Korea and China (excluding Hong Kong and Macau).  
Korea: "The Intensive Training Program for Secondary School Teachers of the Japanese Language from the Republic of Korea"  
China: "The Intensive Training Program for Secondary School Teachers of the Japanese Language from the People's Republic of China"  
(Please contact the Japan Foundation, Seoul or Beijing for details.)
- (7) Please be aware that these programs may be cancelled depending on the situation of coronavirus cases, even after the selection. The contents of the programs may change due to the same reason, even if the programs are duly implemented.

### [Special condition for Teachers of the Japanese-Language for Japanese descendants]

Special conditions will be applied to the organizations and Individuals which meet the following requirements for "Basic Training", "Japanese language" and "Comprehensive Japanese Teaching Methods".

The eligibility and conditions differ from others as below.

- Educational organizations for Japanese descendants that provide Japanese language education in qualified areas (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela).
- Candidates who are elected by the applying organization must be residents of the countries in the qualified areas, and Japanese emigrants or their offspring (in principle, up to the third generations)

If the eligibility above is met, the following conditions will be applied.

- (1) Nationality: Individuals who are nationals of the countries in the qualified areas or Japanese nationals;
  - (2) Individuals who have completed their compulsory education [nine years of elementary and junior high school] in Japan are also eligible.
  - (3) Lengths of Teaching Japanese-Language (just for "Comprehensive Japanese Teaching Methods Program"): Individuals with more than one year of experience in teaching the Japanese language as of December 1, 2020 (teaching practice and private lessons not included);
- \* The conditions of Japanese proficiency and the participation of training programs in Japan are the same as written in the eligibility of each program.

## 3 (1) Basic Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language

Application Form: **NC-BT**  
Section in Charge: **Teachers Training Section, the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa**

**This program is a six months program designed for teachers who are early in their career with an opportunity to improve their Japanese language skills, acquire the basic teaching methodology, and deepen their knowledge of Japan. This program was conducted as "Long-Term Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language" until FY 2018. The contents of program are almost same with "Long-Term Training Program".**

### Eligibility

Overseas educational organizations that provide Japanese-language education.

Qualified Areas: Worldwide

The following individuals are eligible to participate in the program:

(\* The eligibility (1) and (2) differs for the individuals who meet the "Special condition for Teachers of the Japanese-Language for Japanese descendants". Please see p. 19)

(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) Length of teaching Japanese-Language: Individuals with more than six months and less than five years of experience in teaching Japanese language as of December 1, 2020 (teaching practice and private lessons not included);

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

a. Level N4 in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 3 of the old JLPT, or their equivalent

b. Level A2 in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS), or the equivalent

(5) The participation of training programs in Japan: 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.

#### Duration

August 30, 2021~February 25, 2022 (tentative)

#### Description of the Program

Participants will be divided into groups based on the results 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.

##### (1) Japanese-Language

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

##### (2) Japanese-Language Teaching Methodology

Participants will organize their basic knowledge of teaching methods, recognize their problems through trial classes and review of their Japanese teaching activities, and consider the solution.

##### (3) Japanese culture / Japanese society

Participants will have exposure to Japanese culture and society in a real situation 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 which means deeper understanding of their own culture and deeper understanding and respecting of culture of other countries through interaction with their classmates.

In addition to (1), (2) and (3), special classes and individual instruction for trial classes are provided.

#### Selection Policy

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

(2) Screening 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/>

(3) Higher priority will be given to applicants aged 35 or under as of December 1, 2020.

#### Number of Participants (Reference)

43 out of 126 applications for FY 2020

#### Application Deadline

December 1, 2020

#### Results Notification

Within April 2021

## 3 (2) Japanese-Language Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language

Application Form: **NC-JT**  
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 their Japanese-language skill which is necessary as teachers of Japanese-language. There will be NO lessons of Japanese-language teaching methodology.**

#### Eligibility

Overseas educational organizations that provide Japanese-language education.

Qualified Areas: Worldwide

The following individuals are eligible to participate in the program:

(\* The eligibility (1) and (2) differs for the individuals who meet the "Special condition for Teachers of the Japanese-Language for Japanese descendants". Please see p. 19)

(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) Length of teaching Japanese-Language: Individuals with more than six months of experience in teaching the Japanese-language as of December 1, 2020 (teaching practice and private lessons NOT included);

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

a. Level N4 or N5 in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 3 or 4 of the old JLPT, or their equivalent

b. Level A2 in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS), or the equivalent

\* Those who have the proficiency in Japanese more than the level of [a.] or [b.] are not expected for this program.

- (5) The participation of training programs in Japan: 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 2015 to December 1, 2020.

#### Duration

July 5, 2021~August 18, 2021 (tentative)

#### Description of the Program

##### (1) Japanese Language

Participants improve their proficiency using the Japanese-language which is necessary as teachers of Japanese-language through several language activities. Also, participants will organize knowledge about Japanese-language such as vocabulary and grammar.

##### (2) Japanese Culture/ Japanese Society

Participants will learn and experience Japanese culture and society that could be introduced to their Japanese-language classes by several ways such as lectures and workshops. Participants will obtain cross-cultural understanding ability through interaction with their classmates. In addition, field trip, visits to local schools and cultural demonstration such as tea ceremony are planned.

#### Selection Policy

- (1) See p. 3 for the selection policy common to all programs.
- (2) Screening 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/>
- (3) Higher priority will be given to applicants aged 55 or under as of December 1, 2020.

#### Number of Participants (Reference)

28 out of 81 applications for FY 2020

#### Application Deadline

December 1, 2020

#### Results Notification

Within April, 2021

### 3 (3) Comprehensive 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 be conducted only once per year in FY 2021. There will be NO lessons for improving Japanese-language skill.**

#### 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. 19)

- (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) Length of teaching Japanese-language: Individuals with more than two years of experience in teaching the Japanese-language as of December 1, 2020 (teaching practice and private lessons NOT included);
- (4) Individuals who have proficiency in Japanese as either of the following at the time of application;
- Level N3 in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 2 of the old JLPT, or their equivalent
  - Level B1 in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS), or the equivalent
- (5) 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 2015 to December 1, 2020. The recipient of the "Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute Executive Director's Award" of the "Long-Term Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese-Language" will be exempted from this restriction.

#### Duration

January 12, 2022~February 25, 2022 (tentative)

### Description of the Program

#### (1) Japanese-Language Teaching Methodology

This program is aimed to introduce, organize and expand knowledge on Japanese teaching methodology 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. In the class, participants will read literature and materials written in Japanese, or discuss in Japanese.

#### (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/>

(3) Higher priority will be given to applicants aged 55 or under as of December 1, 2020.

### Number of Participants (Reference)

64 out of 138 applications for FY 2020

### Application Deadline

December 1, 2020

### Results Notification

Within April 2021

## 4 Online Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese-Language

Application Form: **NC-OT**

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

This program is an online training program for those currently working as Japanese-language teachers teaching outside of Japan to learn the theory and basic knowledge for teaching themes related to Japanese language teaching methods.

**For FY 2021, we provide five themes as follows: (1) "JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education", (2) "Japanese Language Education and Culture", (3) "Teaching Reading Comprehension", (4) "Rethinking of Teaching Japanese Grammar", and (5) "Teaching Business Japanese: Understanding Learner's Needs".**

**All programs will consist of pre-study sessions for all participants, as well as live sessions, individual consultations, and post-session assignments.**

**In the pre-study, participants study individually using newly prepared materials from the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa, as well as working on assignments.**

**In the live session, all participants are connected online with the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa enabling them to discuss their prior studies, which allows them to confirm and deepen their understanding of the content.**