

- (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, 2022 (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 onsite training program conducted by the Japan Foundation or any other academic institutions in Japan for more than one month.

Duration

August 28, 2023~February 23, 2024 (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. 2 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.jpfi.go.jp/e/project/japanese/education/network/>
- (3) Higher priority will be given to applicants aged 35 or under as of December 1, 2022

Number of Participants (Reference)

50 out of 129 applications for FY 2022

Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 12 noon, December 2, 2022 (Japan Standard Time)

Results Notification

Within April 2023

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. 18)

(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, 2022 (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;
- Level N4 or N5 in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 3 or 4 of the old JLPT, or their equivalent
 - 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 onsite training program conducted by the Japan Foundation or any other academic institutions in Japan for more than one month during the period from April 2017 to December 1, 2022.

Duration

June 7, 2023~July 21, 2023 (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. 2 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, 2022.

Number of Participants (Reference)

50 out of 115 applications for FY 2022

Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 12 noon, December 2, 2022 (Japan Standard Time)

Results Notification

Within April, 2023

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 twice in FY 2023. 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. 18)

(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, 2022 (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