

Results Notification

Within April 2023

Remarks

- (1) Candidates may simultaneously apply for multiple themes. There is possibility for candidates to be selected for multiple themes.
- (2) Candidates may simultaneously apply for both "3 (1), (2), (3) Training Programs for Teachers of the Japanese Language (Onsite)" and "3(4) Training Programs for Teachers of the Japanese Language (Online)". However, applications for online program of those who are selected to participate in onsite program will be automatically dismissed.
 - * Those who have participated in online program this year may apply for onsite program another year.
- (3) Participants shall arrange all the necessities (communication devices such as Desktop/Laptop computer or tablet, internet connection, web camera, microphones, etc.) to participate in online classes. Communication costs are borne by participants.
- (4) Participants are requested to ensure a quiet environment suitable for attending the online program.
- (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) in 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) in the official website of the JF Standard
[https://jfstandard.jp/pdf/whole_standard.pdf]
[https://jfstandard.jp/pdf/1_global_scale_eng.pdf]

4 Program for Specialists in Cultural and Academic Fields

Application Form: **KC-G**

Division in Charge: **Educational Training Section, the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai**

With the aim of providing support to specialists who require Japanese-language proficiency in order to smoothly execute their specialist work and research activities (such as researchers, graduate students, librarians, and museum and art museum curators), this program provides training for the acquisition of practical Japanese-language proficiency through a curriculum that is tailored to the characteristics of the respective specialist work, conducted at the Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai.

[Two-month course]

This course focuses on general Japanese-language proficiency and aims to assist participants to improve speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills. There are also classes aimed to improve Japanese skills necessary to gather and output information for the participants' specialized work/research. The course also includes social events with the Japanese graduate school students, etc. Participants are required to make a presentation about their research themes at the end of the course.

Duration

From mid-January 2024 to early March 2024

[Five-month course]

The five-month course is a course where participants work on increasing their level of functional Japanese, and especially the required language abilities for conducting actual specialized work/research. During the training course, participants will independently conduct interviews with specialists in their field as well as plan their own trips to visit related facilities and, as they gather and understand research materials, they will be able to acquire the skills needed to exchange, collect, and report information in Japanese. The participants will need to independently plan their activities with an explicit theme. Participants are required to make a presentation about their research themes as their accomplishments of the course and specialized activities conducted during their stay in Japan at the end of the course.

Duration

From mid-July 2023 to mid-December 2023

Eligibility

Individuals must fulfill the following to apply:

- (1) Individuals who fulfill A or B and need Japanese-language proficiency to carry out their specialized work and research activities.
 - A. Individuals who fulfill at least one of the following requirements and have an employment relationship with the organization outside Japan they are currently affiliated with, at the time of participation in the program. It is expected that participants will continue working in the aforementioned affiliated organization after completing this program.
 - a. Individuals who carry out research activities as teachers (professors, instructors, teaching assistants, etc.), researchers, etc., at institutions of advanced education, such as universities, research centers, or other research organizations.
 - b. Individuals who are engaged in a job of specialized research work in public sector organizations, such as government agencies, think tanks, etc.
 - c. Individuals who are currently engaged in full-time librarian work at universities, colleges, other institutions of advanced education,

academic research institutions, cultural exchange organizations, or public libraries.

d. Individuals who are currently engaged in full-time curatorial work at museums and working for international exchange programs that concern Japan.

B. Individuals who are officially registered as full-time students in a Master's or Doctoral course of a graduate school outside Japan at the time of application and participation in the program (excluding non-degree students) and who are planning to write their Master's or Doctoral dissertation on a subject related to Japan.

For the two-month course only, concerning undergraduate students of universities and colleges that issue a Master's degree upon graduation, applicants will be considered to fulfill this requirement, if they are in the final year and their age is 22 or older as of December 2, 2022.

- (2) Individuals applying for this program must obtain the permission of the representative of their affiliated organization mentioned above.
- (3) Individuals must be in a field of Japan-related social sciences or humanities.
However, for the five-month course only, Japanese-language study and Japanese-language education majors are excluded.
- (4) For the five-month course only, individuals who have a specific and detailed theme related to Japan in their study or work, and plan to make a presentation on the achievements.
- (5) Individuals who are nationals of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan.
*Taiwanese are eligible to apply for this program.
- (6) Individuals who have NOT received compulsory education in Japan for more than three years.
- (7) Individuals in good physical and mental health.
- (8) Individuals who have Japanese-language proficiency that is equivalent to or higher than Level N4 in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 3 of the old JLPT, or A2 level in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education at the time of application (please visit the official website of JLPT [<https://www.jlpt.jp/e/about/levelsummary.html>], or the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education website [<https://jfstandard.jp/top/ja/render.do>] to find the summary of linguistic competence required for each level).
- (9) Applicants must not have participated in Teacher Training Programs organized by the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa in the last five years as of December 2, 2022.
- (10) Individuals who have NOT participated in the "Japanese-Language Program for Librarians," "Japanese-Language Program for Researchers and Postgraduate Students," or "Japanese-Language Program for Specialists (in Cultural and Academic Fields)" organized by the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai.
However, the above excludes cases in which individuals who have participated in a two-month or four-month program that ended more than five years ago, counting back from December 2, 2022, apply to a five-month course.
- (11) Individuals who are NOT scheduled to study abroad at a Japanese educational institution, participate in other training in Japan, work in Japan, or engage in other activities during the training program.

Course Venue

The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai (JFJLI, Kansai) (Tajiri-cho, Sennan-gun, Osaka, Japan)

Benefits

- (1) Accommodations, meals during the program, insurance for sickness and injury during the training period.
- (2) For those who have nationality of, and will be residing in from the countries marked in the table of Appendix 2 (p. 36) upon the commencement of the program, the Japan Foundation will provide the followings. (However, those who do not reside in the above said countries upon application will not be applicable):
 - 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):

*Residents in China who hold a BNO or Hong Kong SAR passport, and Macau residents in China who hold a Macau SAR passport have to bear these expenses.

Number of Participants (Reference)

19 out of 34 applications for FY 2022

- (1) Two-month course: 10 participants
- (2) Five-month course: 9 participants

Selection Policy

- (1) See p. 2 for the selection policy common to all programs:
- (2) The criteria peculiar to this program is as follows: applicants' needs for Japanese-language training and the possibility of improvement in their language skills, achievements in their specialized fields, expected achievements and ripple effects by participating in this program, possibility of success in their specialized fields.

Application Deadline

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

Notification of Results

Late April 2023

Remarks

- (1) This course is primarily a language course for participants requiring Japanese-language proficiency for specialized work and research activities. Professional education in their specific areas of expertise is not included in the curriculum.
- (2) Participants must attend all classes and activities in the curriculum.
- (3) Please be aware that this program may be cancelled, depending on the situation of COVID-19, even after the selection. The content of the program may be changed, or specialized activities may be restricted, due to the same reason, even if the course is duly implemented.

5 (1) NIHONGO Partners Program Section in Charge: International Operations Section I, NIHONGO Partners Program Department

This program dispatches NIHONGO Partners to secondary educational institutions etc. in Asia, mainly 10 ASEAN countries in order to support the local Japanese-language teachers and students. The NIHONGO Partners will support not only the educational activities of the local Japanese teachers but also aim to spread the charms of the Japanese language and cultures through their learning support and cultural activities inside and outside the classroom.

Through local activities and people-to-people exchanges, NIHONGO Partners themselves are also expected to deepen their understandings toward the language and cultures of the area or country where they stay, and serve as liaisons within Asian countries in the future.

Eligibility

Applicants must fulfill the following criteria.

- (1) Eager to understand the objectives of this program and aspire to serve as liaisons within Asian countries
 - (2) Able to adapt to the local standard of living (housing, life-style, etc.)
 - (3) Is between 20 and 69 years old, be of Japanese nationality, and be a Japanese native speaker
 - (4) Able to engage in everyday conversation in English
 - (5) Able to participate in all pre-departure training conducted by the Japan Foundation (approximately one month in duration)
 - (6) Able to cooperate with the Japan Foundation on disseminating information about activities and publicize this program using SNS, website, and other media tools
 - (7) Basic PC skills (sending and receiving e-mails, creating documents and/or materials etc.)
- * The above eligibility may differ according to the target area or country of dispatch.

Dispatch Areas

Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam

Duration

Approximately 3 months to 8 months

Coverage

Round-trip air ticket (discount economy class fares), travel expenses, living allowance, etc.

* Accommodation will be provided by the Japan Foundation.

Remarks

- (1) Further information will be announced on the website of this program (<https://asiawa.jpf.go.jp/en/partners/>).
- (2) Dispatch areas and duration are subject to change.

5 (2) NIHONGO Partners in Collaboration with Japanese Universities

Section in Charge: International Operations Section II, NIHONGO Partners Program Department Application Form: AC-IP

This program dispatches students as NIHONGO Partners in collaboration with Japanese universities to support local Japanese-language teachers and students at institutions of higher education in Asia, mainly in 10 ASEAN countries. Program participants will support not only the educational activities of the local Japanese-language teachers and students but also aim to deepen communications and understandings between locals and Japanese.

Eligibility

Japanese universities, graduate schools or junior colleges, which have Japanese-language teacher training courses (hereinafter called "collaborating universities")

Duration

More than 1 week (students must depart Japan on or after June 1, 2023 and must be back in Japan by March 20, 2024)