

- (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

(5) 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. 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

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

(Summer Course) July 17, 2023—August 30, 2023 (tentative)

(Autumn Course) October 16, 2023—November 29, 2023 (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

#### Selection Policy

(1) See p. 2 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, 2022.

#### Number of Participants (Reference)

32 out of 107 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 (4) Online Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language

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

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 2023, we will provide two themes as follows: (1) "Teaching Japanese Characters" and (2) "Assessment of Language Learning".**

**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.**

**In addition, we are planning to start an online self-study course during FY 2023. Further details will be announced on the website at a later date.**