

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.

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. 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 six months and less than five years of experience in teaching Japanese language as of December 1, 2018 (teaching practice and private lessons not included);

(4) Age: Individuals who are 35 years old or under as of December 1, 2018;

(5) Japanese proficiency: Individuals who have a 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

(6) 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

September 3, 2019 - February 28, 2020 (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 lesson 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.jpfi.go.jp/e/project/japanese/education/network/>

Application Deadline

December 3, 2018

Results Notification

Late April 2019