

Summer, 2022 - Japan Teaching Practicum / English Summer Camp Program



Program Overview: Selected applicants will visit Japan and gain English teaching experience in a program sponsored by the local Japan public school system in Fukuoka Prefecture. Funding by the city of Munakata, Fukuoka will cover the expenses in Japan for the selected participants.


Program Contents: 1) TEFL Training Workshops 2) Classroom Teaching Experience
3) Camp Counselor Experience 4) TEFL Certificate (optional) 5) Japanese Language Program (optional)

Covid Policy: Currently Japan has travel restrictions in place that limit travel to Japan. Some restrictions were recently lifted, but general travel to Japan is still very limited. We are following changes and will announce on April 25 if we can run this program with participants traveling to Japan. (as of March 9)

Program Dates: Summer, 2022

Arrive in Fukuoka, Japan: May 25, 2022

Depart Fukuoka, Japan: July 10, 2022

 Dates are tentative and subject to small changes

Teaching Practicum: During the program the team will conduct a series of English day camps at Global Arena for 4th grade public school students. The camps consist of small group language and recreation activities. Our team will also do similar English classes in the public schools for various grades. All sessions are run as a team, dividing students into small groups, with support supervisors helping to facilitate each class. This is a fun, low-stress teaching-experience environment.


TEFL Training: The teacher training aspect of the program touches on a wide-variety of English as a Second Language teaching skills and focuses strongly on current developments in English Education in the Japan school system. Participants in this program will be well positioned to apply for teaching positions in Japan including the Japan English Teaching (JET) Program. Curriculum Director, Zachary Bergeron has extensive teaching experience in Japan and is currently on the faculty of University of Arizona as a Global Professor.

TEFL Certificate Option: Through an agreement with the University of Arizona, participants can combine their practicum hours with online courses through UA to earn an accredited TEFL Certificate (fee \$250)

Housing & Meals: Weekday housing will be at the Global Arena camp facility. The facility is modern, but bedrooms are shared rooms with several bunk-style beds in each room. Bedrooms will be divided by gender. On Weekends, the team will travel to Nagasaki and stay in the GHJ Dormitory/Clubhouse. Weekends are off and team members are free to travel at their own expense. **All meals are provided at Global Arena and a meal-stipend will be distributed for weekends.**

Japanese Language Tutors: Participant interested in learning/improving Japanese language skills will be assigned Conversation Partners. 90-minutes sessions: 45 min. Japanese practice/45 min. English practice. All tutors are volunteers, so this is also a great way to make friends in Japan.

Program Fees

- Tuition/Program Fee: \$0 (covered by camp sponsors)
- Lodging & Meals: \$0 (covered by camp sponsors)
- Airfare to/from Fukuoka, Japan: Participants purchase own tickets.
 Participants also need to have health care insurance while in Japan. If your current policy does not cover you while overseas, inexpensive plans can be purchased.

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Application Process

- Contact us at info@ghjinternational.com to request application information and an application form. OR, download the application form here. Questions about the program are also welcome.
- Download and send the Reference Form to your two references. They should send directly to us.
- Selection criteria for the program include:
 - A: Purpose for joining the program
 - B: Experience working with children or related to teaching
 - C: Telephone/Skype Interview and/or recommendation from our partner schools
- **Application Deadline:** March 31, 2022 (late applications may be accepted, check with us)
- **Selection Date:** April 10, 2022
- **Confirmation date*:** April 25, 2022 (sooner if possible)
*This is the cutoff date for travel restrictions to be lifted to allow travel to Japan

Note: Students of the following colleges can contact their International Programs office and apply through the school. University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, University of Wisconsin-River Falls, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, University of Northern Colorado.