

2023 Japan Summer Internship: English Teaching Practicum

Program Overview

During the summer of 2023, GHJ International will invite 20 – 30 college students (or college graduates) to Japan to participate in an English Teaching Practicum program, sponsored by the Munakata City (Fukuoka Prefecture) government and local board of education. Selected participants in the program will receive TEFL (Teaching of English as a Foreign Language) training and low-stress team-teaching experience in the public school system. They will also have an opportunity to learn and/or improve Japanese language skills with local university tutors and to stay one or more weekends with local Japanese host families. Interns will also have the option of earning a 120-Hour TEFL Certificate.

Applicant Qualifications

To apply for the program, applicants must be:

- ✓ At least 18 years old. (As of May 1, 2023)
- ✓ Current college students, or college graduates. (Some exceptions may apply – contact us for details)
- ✓ English language fluency. (Applicants from all countries accepted.)

While those are the only requirements to apply, the following are both selection advantages and factors to ensure that the program will be a rewarding experience for participants.

- ✓ Positive experiences and/or a strong desire to work with children.
- ✓ A strong interest and desire to experience Japanese culture.
- ✓ An interest to become a teacher. Especially true for those interested in teaching English in Japan. More than 300 past participants in GHJ programs have become teachers in Japan and this program offers a window into the life of teaching in Japan to make sure if it is a good fit.

Program Dates

Summer Term, 2023: (tentative)

May 22:	Arrive Nagasaki Japan
May 23 – May 27:	Program Training & Nagasaki Sightseeing
May 28 – July 14:	Teaching Practicum (Munakata, Fukuoka)
July 15:	Flight Home (from Fukuoka Airport) OR Self-Travel

Fall Term, 2023 & Winter Term, 2024:

There will also be fall and winter term programs. Dates and details to be announced.

Program Outline

The program combines English teaching experience for the visiting interns and small-group and one-to-one English conversation skill-building activities for public school students in the Munakata public school system. The Intern-teachers work together in groups of 5 – 10 interns for each session in classes for both elementary and junior high school students. The teaching experience is fun, rewarding, and stress-free with a one-week training program to practice each of the lesson plan activities.

Classes are on weekdays during normal school hours. Participants have weekends off where they will stay in a Fukuoka City hotel, and the option of one or more weekends with a local Japanese host family. Japanese skill is not a requirement or a qualification benefit for the program, however those with an interest will have the option to have a language-exchange partner from the local university.

GHJ International

GHJ International (formerly Guy Healy, Japan) is a registered corporation of Japan. GHJ has been providing exchange programs in education, culture, music, and sports since 1984. For this program GHJ is working with the local government and board of education in Munakata City to develop and introduce innovative team-teaching methods to improve English conversation education in the Japanese public school system.

Lodging & Meals

May 22 & May 27: Nagasaki Hotel (double occupancy)

May 23 – 26: Nagasaki Youth House (Training Camp facility)

May 28 – July 14 (weekdays): Global Arena (Munakata City) Dormitory/Camp facility style rooms.

May 28 – July 14 (weekends): Combination of Fukuoka City Hotel and Munakata City Host Family Stays.

Meals are provided free at all lodging above except during hotel stays.

Program Locations

Nagasaki City: Nagasaki is a vibrant harbor city known for a great variety of famous sightseeing venues, enjoyable entertainment, safe-nightlife, and amazing daytime recreation options, including relaxing hot springs and beautiful beaches. The local streetcar system makes it easy to get around the city.

Fukuoka City: Fukuoka is one of the largest and most modern cities in Japan. It is the business and cultural hub of Kyushu Island in Japan. During weekend hotel stays, participants will be in the heart of the city.

Munakata City: Munakata is a suburb of Fukuoka City and has a population of about 100,000. The city is the home of both Global Arena and University of Teacher Education Fukuoka, both of which are key partners in the program.

Note: Japan is well-known to be one of the safest countries in the world.

Program Fees & Expenses

- Tuition/Program Fee: 0 (covered by program sponsors)
- Lodging: 0 (covered by program sponsors)
- Meals (covered by sponsors **except** during hotel stays: \$150 - \$200)
- Round Trip Airfare to Japan
- Travel Health Insurance

Our travel agent partner in USA can help with discount airline tickets and/or travel insurance.

Program Application & Selection

Application:

- Contact info@ghjinternational.com to request application information and an application form. Questions about the program are also welcome.
- Partner school applicants can apply directly to your university.

Selection:

- Online Interviews: All finalists will have the opportunity to have an online interview with our team and a chance to directly ask questions to make sure the program is a good fit for your expectations.
- **Application Deadline:** March 15, 2023
- **Selection Date:** March 31, 2023 (Many selections will be made early so applying early is advisable.)

Fall Term, 2023 & Winter Term, 2024: Similar programs will be sponsored during the fall and winter terms.

Contact us at info@ghjinternational.com for information.)