

What is the JET Program?

For more than 25 years, the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program has aimed to promote grass-roots international exchange between Japan and other nations. The number of countries sending participants has risen over the years, as has the number of participants. As of 2011, 4330 individuals from 39 countries were living and working in Japan on the JET Program.

Throughout Japan today, you will find JET participants developing strong relationships with their local communities through foreign language education and international exchange activities. After completing their time on the program, many former JET participants use their experiences in Japan to continue enhancing relations between Japan and their home countries.

The Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR) administers the JET Program in cooperation with local government organizations; the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications; The Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

The JET Program has gained high acclaim domestically and internationally for its role in advancing mutual understanding and for being one of the world's largest exchange programs. We hope many more individuals and regions will participate in the JET Program in the 21st century so that further progress can be made in the internationalization of our local communities.



How to Apply

Apply online at the Official JET Program USA Homepage (available September/October):
<http://www.us.emb-japan.go.jp/JET/>

If you have questions after reviewing the website, please contact the Embassy of Japan or your local Japanese Consulate.

Contact information is available at:
<http://www.us.emb-japan.go.jp/JET/contact.html>

Application Timeline*

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| Application Period Opens | October |
| Application Deadline | November/December |
| Screening Results | January/February |
| Interviews | February |
| Interview Results | April |
| Deadline to Accept | April |
| Placement Notification | May/June |
| Orientations | June/July |
| Departure for Japan | July/August |

**May vary slightly from year to year*



The Japan Exchange & Teaching Program



DISCOVER

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WWW.JETPROGRAMME.ORG

JETs volunteering in relief and recovery efforts following the March 2011 Tohoku Earthquake.



Thinking of working abroad?

Do you...

seek international experience?

have an interest in Japan?

enjoy teaching?

If so, apply to the
JET Program!



Available Positions

Assistant Language Teacher (ALT)



ALTs make up 90% of JET participants and bring a native touch to English education in Japan. As an ALT, you will team teach with a Japanese teacher of English by creating and executing innovative and engaging lesson

plans which inspire students to use English confidently in conversation.

Duties include but are not limited to:

- Preparing lesson plans and teaching materials
- Providing language training for Japanese teachers
- Participating in English club activities
- Coaching and tutoring students' English
- Participating in community activities
- Other duties as required by your contracting organization



Coordinator for International Relations (CIR)



CIRs work in local government offices to help foster internationalization at the community level. From events to adult education classes, CIRs provide essential services to Japanese and foreign residents alike. Unlike ALTs, CIRs must have an advanced level of Japanese ability.

Duties include but are not limited to:

- Editing, translating and creating documents
- Planning and implementing international exchange programs
- Translating for official guests from abroad or the local foreign community
- Providing support for foreign residents
- Becoming involved in various community activities
- Assisting language instruction in the community ranging from schools to residents to office staff

Terms, Conditions, and Benefits

Contract: One year beginning and ending in July/August.** Renewable for 2-5 years with the mutual consent of the contracting organization and the participant.
**A limited number of April placements are available. Please read guidelines carefully for eligibility.

Transportation: Round-trip airfare and ground transportation to placement location provided.

Holidays: All Japanese national holidays (15) plus 10-20 days of paid leave (varies).

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Remuneration: (Approx.)

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| Year 1 | - ¥3,360,000 per year after tax |
| Year 2-3 | - ¥3,600,000 per year after tax |
| Year 4-5 | - ¥3,660,000 per year after tax |

Payment is in Japanese yen and is sufficient to cover normal living expenses for a single person.

Insurance: Mandatory enrollment of participant in national health insurance, employment insurance, accident insurance and pension fund.
Approx. ¥40,000 / month.

Accommodation: In most cases, participant's housing is pre-arranged and may be subsidized. Rent varies, but normally runs from ¥30,000-¥60,000 / month.

Placement: In cities, towns and villages throughout Japan. Majority of participants are placed in rural settings.

US Eligibility Requirements

All Applicants Must:

- Hold a bachelor's degree by July 1 of the departure year
- Be a United States citizen
- Have excellent written and verbal English of native or near-native ability level
- Have a deep interest in Japanese language and culture
- Be adaptable to living and working abroad
- Be mentally and physically healthy
- Not have lived in Japan for six or more of the past ten years, nor have participated in the JET Program within the last three years
- Contribute to US-Japan relations through post-JET participation in the JETAA and other cultural activities

For further eligibility information, please refer to the application

JET Alumni Association (JETAA)

The JET Alumni Association has 19 chapters in the US and is an important resource for JETs once they return home. It is a volunteer organization that provides support for former JET participants through special events, career networking, volunteer opportunities and more. Through JETAA, they can get involved with the local Japanese community and meet fellow JET alumni in their area.

<http://www.jetaausa.com/>