

# Japan Outreach Initiative (JOI)

| Section in Charge: **International Operations Section II, Global Partnerships Department**

This program is designed to dispatch Japanese individuals in the Southern, Midwestern and Mountain regions of the U.S. for two years as outreach coordinators. Coordinators provide information about Japanese culture, society, everyday life, and language in local community settings and organize activities that foster interactions between Japan and the U.S.

## Example of Activities

- 1 Conducting presentations and activities on Japanese culture and society for schools, colleges, and the community.
- 2 Organizing or coordinating festivals based on a Japanese holiday, event, or custom.
- 3 Organizing or coordinating lectures or discussions on traditional and/or current Japanese culture and society.
- 4 Facilitating and developing exchange activities between the local community and Japan.

## Eligibility

Eligible individuals must meet all the following criteria:

- 1 Japanese national;
- 2 Have a four-year college degree or higher;
- 3 Have a valid driver's license;
- 4 Have an excellent command of English to conduct activities;
- 5 Have basic computer skills (Word, Excel, etc.);
- 6 Physically and mentally healthy as well as be able to live and work in the U.S. throughout the two-year term;
- 7 Have an interest and motivation to actively participate in international cultural exchanges;
- 8 Attend the selection interview and orientation in Japan.

## Duration

2 years (August 2024 to July 2026)

## Benefits

A US\$1,362 monthly stipend, round-trip air tickets, housing, etc., are provided.

## Number of Coordinators (Reference)

8 for FY 2023

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**Application Deadline**

January 9, 2024

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**Notification of Results**

Late March 2024

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**Remarks**

This program is administered jointly by Global Partnerships Department and Laurasian Institution. All applications and inquiries should be directed to Laurasian Institution.

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