

# 21<sup>ST</sup>-CENTURY JAPAN: GLOBAL ISSUES, CLASSROOM APPLICATIONS

A Summer Institute for Secondary Teachers



The Program for Teaching East Asia (TEA) and  
National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA)  
at the University of Colorado  
invite applications to

**21<sup>st</sup>-Century Japan:  
Global Issues, Classroom Applications**  
Boulder, Colorado  
July 8-13, 2012

## INSTITUTE OVERVIEW

In spring 2011, all eyes focused on Japan as that nation was hit with a “triple tragedy”—a devastating earthquake and tsunami, as well as the dangers of nuclear contamination from power plants compromised by the natural disasters. The Japanese government’s and people’s responses to these challenges directed new and heightened interest toward this critically important nation. The global spotlight focused not only on Japan’s responses to disaster, it also brought attention to broader issues, from social and economic policy and reform to Japan’s roles in the global economy and global culture.

This institute will explore the Japan of today through examination of key domestic and international issues facing that country. The one-week program will offer teachers a unique opportunity to consider how and what to teach about contemporary Japan. Teachers’ work will be informed by lectures and discussions with specialists in contemporary Japanese culture, society, public policy, and the arts. Among the topics to be addressed are 21<sup>st</sup>-century social trends and challenges, political reform, Japan in the global economy, Japan’s triple tragedy and national recovery, and new directions in culture, literature, and the arts.

## INSTITUTE SPONSOR

Now in its 28th year, the Program for Teaching East Asia is a professional development and curriculum program with the goal of enhancing curriculum and instruction about East Asia at the K-12 levels. TEA is one of the founding institutions and National Coordinating Sites of the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA), which celebrates 14 years of programming in 2012.

## ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION

The TEA-NCTA 2012 summer institute is open to all U.S. secondary (grades 6-12) teachers. The institute is designed as a professional development program of the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA), and NCTA alumni nationwide, as well as teachers who have not participated in an NCTA program previously, are encouraged to apply. Enrollment is limited to 20 teachers. Preference will be given to teachers who demonstrate the opportunity to apply summer institute content to their 2012-13 teaching assignments.

## COST SHARING

Costs of the residential one-week program, including dormitory lodging, university meal package, books, and materials, are underwritten by the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia at TEA, through generous funding from the Freeman Foundation. Participants are responsible for travel to and from the summer institute; however, a stipend of up to \$225 will be provided to each participant to defray the costs of travel. A **\$75 non-refundable registration fee** is required of all teachers accepting a place in the institute.

Teachers may select single dormitory accommodations at an additional cost. Two graduate credits may be available from the University of Colorado, at the participant's expense.

## INSTITUTE RESPONSIBILITIES

Participants are expected to participate actively in all institute sessions and to complete reading and other assignments. All participants will submit a curriculum implementation plan and a curriculum change report. Participants who choose to complete a fall 2012 workshop for their colleagues will be eligible for a \$100 follow-up award.

## HOW TO APPLY

Complete the application as outlined on the following page. Submit **four (4) collated, stapled copies** of all materials to the Program for Teaching East Asia. **Applications will be accepted through the close of business on March 16, 2012.** Successful applicants will be notified of acceptance by April 4, 2012.

Mail applications:

**Via U.S. mail:** TEA, University of Colorado, 595 UCB, Boulder, CO 80309-0595

**Via FedEx or UPS:** TEA, Center for Asian Studies, 1424 Broadway, Boulder, CO 80309.

**NO faxes, please.**

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact Lynn Parisi at 303-735-5121 or email [parisi@colorado.edu](mailto:parisi@colorado.edu). More information about the programs offered by TEA and NCTA is available on our website:

[www.colorado.edu/CAS/TEA](http://www.colorado.edu/CAS/TEA).

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## Summer 2012 Application Form

*Please word process all responses.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School name \_\_\_\_\_

School address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Personal phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

If you have completed a 30-hour seminar or other professional development program through the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA), please list *year, location, & seminar leader* below.

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Current teaching assignment (subjects, grade levels, and number of classes for each subject)

\_\_\_\_\_

Number of students per year you teach about Japan \_\_\_\_\_

Number of days per year you teach about Japan \_\_\_\_\_

Expected 2012-13 teaching assignments

\_\_\_\_\_

Higher education degree(s)	Date	Major
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Previous Japan study (workshops, institutes, study tours, coursework, etc.)

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**Essay Responses:** *Please word process responses on separate sheets and attach to application form. Detailed responses reflecting knowledge of curriculum requirements and a clear and convincing plan for classroom integration will be most competitive.*

1. How does the content of this institute relate to your teaching assignments and instructional goals in specific courses relevant to this institute? Please **discuss** standards and benchmarks with which you must work in your instruction.
2. What are your expectations for this program and how will you, your district, and your students benefit from your participation?

**Letter of Support.** Attach a professional reference from a curriculum supervisor. This letter should address your qualifications for the institute and your potential for making changes in your own teaching as a result of this opportunity. This letter should be on official letterhead with signature.

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