ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies (IUC) is the premier American program for the teaching of advanced Japanese and has provided language training to more than 2,000 individuals. First established in Tokyo in 1963, the Center now resides in Yokohama, Japan with space, services, and various amenities provided by the municipal government. The program is governed by an Inter-University Governing Board of scholars representing the fourteen member universities, all of which have strong, established programs in Japanese studies.

Our programs are intended for students who are embarking on careers in Japanese Studies or a profession in which fluent Japanese is a necessity. The programs are designed to bring each participant to a level of proficiency sufficient for academic or professional use. Training focuses on development of the ability to converse in Japanese on specialized subjects, to comprehend and deliver public presentations, and to read and write materials in Japanese in order to function professionally in academia, business, government, and other fields. Many graduates occupy positions of leadership in their respective disciplines and professions.

Instruction takes place in small classes. Some tutorial instruction is provided. Students are expected to devote their time outside the classroom to preparation and self-paced study. The workload does not permit time for dissertation or other research or for part-time jobs.

The IUC Intensive 10-Month Program is divided into two parts. In the first half of the program, teaching is geared towards development of competence in constructing complex utterances and extended discourse, using Japanese accurately and appropriately in social settings, and expressing and understanding Japanese on general topics. This training provides a solid foundation for specialized, advanced language training. In the second half of the program, instruction centers on developing specialized language skills necessary for students to pursue their academic or other professional goals.

APPLICANTS

The IUC has limited scholarships provided by the Toshizo Watanabe Foundation, the Nippon Foundation, the Japari Foundation, the Shoyu Club, the Tokyo Club, the Mitsubishi UFJ Foundation, the Sato Foundation, the Ito Foundation USA, the SMBC Global Foundation, the Fred and Ann Notehelfer Scholarship, and the Hiroko Araki Fowler Scholarship. Students are urged to explore all avenues of funding such as FLAS and NSPE as well as private foundations such as the Blakemore Foundation.

The Nippon Foundation Fellows Program (NFF) accepts applications from graduate students with Japanese-focused career goals in academia, business, diplomacy/government service, journalism, translation, and law. In addition to regular class instruction, Fellows participate in activities designed to foster collegial bonds and intellectual exchange with other future leaders in the field. Please visit the IUC website for complete details.

Students currently enrolled in a degree granting program and / or recently graduated from a consortium member institution during the 2018-19 academic year receive a guaranteed tuition scholarship of $7,000 to attend the Inter-University Center during 2019-20. Fees are set each year and subject to change.

ELIGIBILITY

Applications will be accepted from those who (1) are degree candidates at a university or college, graduates who intend to enroll in a graduate program or professional school after completing their Center training, or persons who have already completed graduate or professional school training; (2) have documented outstanding professional promise, as reflected by grades, recommendations, and statements of purpose; (3) have completed two years or more of training in a rigorous college-level Japanese language training program or the equivalent; and (4) have obtained an acceptable score on the Inter-University Center Japanese Proficiency Test.

Additional eligibility requirements for The Nippon Foundation Fellows Program:

NFF applicants must be (1) PhD students in Japanese studies (any field) currently enrolled in or recently graduated from North American universities who intend to pursue Japan-focused careers upon completion of the PhD; or (2) MA, MS, MBA, or JD students currently enrolled in or recently graduated from North American universities who intend to pursue Japan-focused careers in academia, business, diplomacy/government service, journalism, translation, or law.

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FEES

Attendance fees for 2019-2020 are $33,000.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

10-MONTH PROGRAM

Friday, January 11, 2019

THE NIPPON FOUNDATION FELLOWS PROGRAM

Friday, December 14, 2018

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