

## JET PROGRAM

**JET Homepage:** <https://jetprogramusa.org>

The Japan Exchange and Teaching Program, abbreviated as JET, is the only teaching exchange program that is offered officially by the Japanese government. Since its 1987 foundation, over 35,800 Americans have had the opportunity to work in Japan as Assistant Language Teachers (ALTs) and Coordinators for International Relations (CIRs). Over 90% of JET participants are ALTs who teach English in elementary, junior high or senior high schools under the guidance of language teachers. The remaining 10% are CIRs who work as translators/interpreters in administrative offices. The salary of JET participants is based on the number of years of participation. An entry level JET receives a salary of about \$30,000 a year and a fifth year JET would earn about \$35,000. JET will also provide you with transportation to and from Japan. Throughout the year there are a variety of programs to assist participants including Japanese language courses, internships, grants, and career fairs. The application process starts every Fall (applications are usually due in mid-November) and applicants who pass the initial screening will be invited to an interview.

**How to Apply:** <https://jetprogramusa.org/how-to-apply/>

**FAQ:** <https://jetprogramusa.org/faq/>

## Japan Foundation

### Japanese Study Fellowship Programs (Research Abroad in Japan)

**Main Page:** <https://www.jfny.org/grants/grants-for-japanese-studies/fellowship-program/>

- Provides support to outstanding scholars, researchers, and professionals in the field of Japanese Studies to conduct research in Japan.
- Projects **MUST BE** in the humanities, social sciences, and/or comparative research
  - Proposal deadline is December 1<sup>st</sup> every year
  - Fellowship includes airfare, insurance, settling-in and departure allowances, monthly stipend, dependent allowance, enrollment fees

**Application Guidelines:** <https://www.jfny.org/karashi/wp-content/uploads/Fellowship-Guidelines-Instructions-2022-23.pdf>

**FAQ:** [https://www.jfny.org/karashi/wp-content/uploads/FAQ\\_Fellowship-Programs.pdf](https://www.jfny.org/karashi/wp-content/uploads/FAQ_Fellowship-Programs.pdf)

## Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)

**Main Page:** <https://www.jlpt.jp/e/index.html>

- A test to measure and certify the Japanese-language proficiency of those whose native language is not Japanese
- Offered in five levels: N1, N2, N3, N4, and N5 (N1 is the highest)
- Useful for applying for scholarships, work, etc.
- Held in Japan and abroad
- **Testing center locations can be found at:**
  - [https://www.jlpt.jp/e/application/overseas\\_list.html](https://www.jlpt.jp/e/application/overseas_list.html)
  - <https://www.aati.org/jlpt-us>
- The fee is \$100
- Offered 2 times a year outside of Japan (Usually in July and December)

**Registration info:** [https://www.jlpt.jp/e/application/domestic\\_index.html](https://www.jlpt.jp/e/application/domestic_index.html)

## Fulbright U.S. Student Program

**Main Page:** <https://us.fulbrightonline.org/about/fulbright-us-student-program>

The Fulbright Program is an international academic exchange program created by the U.S. government. This program provides grants and scholarships for study/research projects or English Teaching Assistant programs in foreign countries. During the time of the grant students will meet, work, and live with people in the host country. The length and allowance of the grant will vary depending on the intended country of work. Fulbright is looking for applicants who have not had recent extensive time abroad in the country they wish to apply for. A statement of purpose explaining the applicant's plan for their time in the host country is a part of the main application.

**Application Info:** <https://us.fulbrightonline.org/applicants>

**List of Countries:** <https://us.fulbrightonline.org/countries>

## Freeman Foundation Scholarship

**Main Page:** <https://www.iie.org/programs/freeman-asia>

The Freeman Foundation provides need-based funded scholarships to encourage American undergraduates to study abroad in Asia. The countries eligible include China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, and many more. For a full semester abroad, the scholarship can reach up to \$5,000, and for a summer program up to \$3,000. These funds can be applied to cover the costs of any program or related expenses. This can include things like airfare, living costs, and books for example. The deadline for this scholarship is late March of every year and must be endorsed by the study abroad and financial aid advisors.

**Applicant Info:** <https://www.iie.org/en/Programs/Freeman-ASIA/Eligibility>

## Scranton Study Abroad and Exchange Programs

**Main Page:** <https://www.scranton.edu/academics/IPS/study-abroad/index.shtml>

Through the Office of Global Education at the University of Scranton, students have the opportunity to study abroad in a number of Asian countries. The university has connections with programs in China, Singapore, Korea, Taiwan, and Japan. Credits from classes taken abroad can be transferred back to the University of Scranton and applied to your graduation requirements. They will not be calculated into your GPA unless your program is led by a University of Scranton faculty member. The cost of tuition for study abroad programs is the same as the tuition cost here at Scranton and will be paid for through the University of Scranton instead of directly to your study abroad program. Financial aid and scholarships can also still be applied to cover the costs. The application for these programs is simplified since they are through the University of Scranton, and the Office of Global Education is very helpful with guiding you through the steps. Depending on your program, you may need to do an additional application for the hosting university abroad. The deadline varies by program, but students typically apply during the early part of the semester before the intended semester abroad.

**Program Finder:**

<https://studyabroad.scranton.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.SimpleSearch>

**FAQ:**

[https://studyabroad.scranton.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Abroad.ViewLink&Parent\\_ID=0&Link\\_ID=C2E58E73-26B9-58D3-F5A9FE206B790921](https://studyabroad.scranton.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Abroad.ViewLink&Parent_ID=0&Link_ID=C2E58E73-26B9-58D3-F5A9FE206B790921)

## Graduate Schools in Japan

**General Info:** <https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/planning/known-schools/graduate-school/>

- Many Japanese universities now offer degree programs taught in English
- Master's programs generally last 2 years and doctoral programs take about 5 years
- The tuition is much cheaper than universities in the United States (about \$9,000 compared to \$20,000 a year)
- There are numerous scholarships available to apply for inside and outside of Japan
  - **Financial Aid:** <https://www.aati.org/studyabroad/financial-aid>

**English Program Page:** [https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/search-school/school\\_search.php?lang=en](https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/search-school/school_search.php?lang=en)

**Direct spread sheet link to programs:**

[https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/mt/2021/09/degree\\_english\\_web.xlsx](https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/mt/2021/09/degree_english_web.xlsx)