

JAPAN

The Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program

WHAT IS IT?

The Japan Exchange and Teaching Program seeks to promote mutual understanding between Japan and other countries, including Canada, by encouraging international exchanges between Japanese youth and JET participants, and by intensifying foreign language training in Japan.

TWO KINDS OF TRAINING ARE AVAILABLE:

CO-ORDINATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (CIR):

Participants are placed in prefectural and municipal government offices in cities and towns. They take part in international activities and foreign language instruction.

ASSISTANT LANGUAGE TEACHER (ALT):

Participants undertake language instruction in public schools or for local school boards. Remuneration is approximately 3.6 million yen per annum and is sufficient to cover living expenses in Japan. Host institutions will assist the participants in finding accommodation on arrival. In some cases, accommodation is pre-arranged. Host institutions will also cover the cost of travel to and from Japan and between the host institution and Tokyo provided that the applicant fulfils contract provisions. Pre-departure and post-arrival orientation sessions are also held.

HOW LONG IS IT?

Successful applicants will be assigned to a host institution for a one-year period (renewable in certain circumstances by mutual consent).

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

TO BE ELIGIBLE, YOU MUST:

- be both mentally and physically healthy;
- be able to adjust to living and working in a foreign country;
- be a Canadian citizen and hold a valid Canadian passport;
- be under 35 years of age;
- hold at least a bachelor's degree; have a thorough command of modern standard English, excellent English pronunciation, rhythm, intonation and voice projection, and good English writing skills;
- be interested in Japan;
- not previously have participated in the JET Program;
- not have declined, without justifiable reason, a position in the JET Program after accepting an appointment as a participant; and
- not have lived in Japan for more than 3 years within 10 years of the date of application.

IN ADDITION, CIR APPLICANTS MUST

- be highly motivated to participate in international exchange activities; and
- have a working knowledge of the Japanese language.