

Japan Specialist Workshop

Access to the Culture and the Society of Contemporary Japan

2011

Call for Applications

Thank you for your interest in applying for the Japan Specialist Workshop 2011. Please note that the application forms and other supporting documents must arrive at the International House of Japan Library by Thursday September 30, 2010 by postal mail.

Before you fill out the application form, please make sure that you have read the entire packet and that you meet all the terms of eligibility.

Inquiries should be made to, and the application materials should be sent to

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1 . WHAT IS JSW?

The International House of Japan and the National Diet Library of Japan are jointly launching The Japan Specialist Workshop (JSW) to be held February 14 to 21, 2011, in which selected specialists will be invited to attend a series of workshops in Japan.

The JSW seeks to increase access to information in Japanese Studies, and create a close, personal and professional network of Japan Research and Information Specialists in Japanese Studies overseas.

Participants from a research background or information retrieval background in Japanese Studies will take part in this Workshop through seminars and individual research.

The JSW believes that the participants' research and information dissemination will be very useful for the development of Japanese Studies in the future.

2 . WHY JSW?

The environment surrounding Japanese Studies has changed greatly in recent years, as shown by the increasing interest in Japanese popular culture and also the rise of Chinese and Korean Studies. Moreover, a generational change in Japanese Information Specialists also presents a new challenge.

It is thus crucial to support the improvement of knowledge and skills for accessing the latest information in early career specialists active in the new age, for the future development of Japanese Studies.

The purpose of this Workshop is to help overseas Japanese information specialists and young Japanese Studies researchers/academics in obtaining, offering, and disseminating "Access to the culture and the society of modern Japan," and constructing an international network through the experience.

This is also an opportunity to create a network of future leaders in Japanese Studies.

3 . WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR JSW?

The Workshop is intended for those who obtain, offer, and disseminate Japanese information overseas.

This will include early career researchers (graduate students are also welcome) and librarians or curators, etc. who have working experience in obtaining and introducing Japanese information.

Qualification Requirements:

1. Those fitting any of the following conditions:
 - a. Early career researchers or graduate students in Japanese Studies overseas.
 - b. Those having research or working experience at Japanese Studies-related institutions, libraries, museums, etc. overseas.
2. Those having the language ability to hold a discussion in Japanese.
3. Those providing a letter of recommendation from their affiliated institution.

Number of participants:

Maximum of ten participants

4. WORKSHOP

This Workshop is conducted in Japanese. No support for language problem is provided.

Outline:

The theme of this workshop is the field of the social sciences (politics, economics, and law) and it is composed of the following three elements:

1. Knowledge and technology improvement of information searches

Working to improve search skills for Japanese materials and information while doing practical exercises.

2. Field surveys at research institutions, libraries, and archives in Japan

Each participant will conduct a field survey on a topic of interest in accordance with a research plan made beforehand and submitted when applying for the Workshop.

3. Briefing session on the field survey results

Participants will present the results of the above research at the briefing session.

There is a possibility of publishing the presentations in paper or on the web.

Schedule:

February 14 to 21, 2011

Schedule	Morning	Afternoon
2/13	Check in	
2/14	Orientation	< Basics > Guide to social science research : Introduction and practice of basic research tools
2/15	< Social Science 1 > Recent trends in Japanese studies	< Social Science 2 > Introduction and practice of the latest research tools in the field of law
2/16	< Social Science 3 > Introduction and practice of the latest research tools in the field of politics	< Social Science 4 > Introduction and practice of the latest research tools in the field of economy and industry
2/17	Field surveys at research libraries, archives, and institutions	Field surveys at research libraries, archives, and institutions
2/18	Field surveys at research libraries, archives, and institutions	Field surveys at research libraries, archives, and institutions
2/19	Preparation for debriefing session of field survey results	Debriefing session of field survey results (open to the public)
2/20	Day off	
2/21	< Social Science 5 > Japanese social science research and the Internet	Opinion exchange and evaluation meeting
2/22	Check out	

*Some part of the schedule above might be changed.

*Participants have to use a PC (Windows Japanese Version) to do exercises.

Venues:

The International House of Japan (in Roppongi, Minato-ku, Tokyo), the National Diet Library (in Nagata-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo), and at desired institutions for the field survey in the metropolitan area.

5 . TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. The cost of round-trip plane tickets (economy class and the shortest route) will be provided.

The maximum amount will depend on your distance from Japan.

2. The cost for hotel lodging at the International House of Japan (nine nights with breakfast) will be provided. Please refrain from staying at other hotels.

3. You need to have your own travel insurance during this Workshop, and money to cover your food and transport costs in Tokyo.

6 . METHOD OF APPLICATION

Applicants should submit the following documents to the *International House of Japan Library* to arrive no later than **Thursday, September 30, 2010, by post only.**

1. Documents to be posted by applicants to the International House of Japan Library:

a. Application form (use the designated form) completed, dated and signed.

* The form can be downloaded at the URL below.

<http://www.i-house.or.jp/en/library/JSW2011/ApplicationForm.doc>

- b. Document that proves Japanese ability (Photocopy of certification of language exam such as The Japanese–Language Proficiency Test or a reference letter from your language teacher).
2. Document to be posted by the Recommender directly to the International House of Japan Library.
 - a. Letter of Recommendation (use the designated form) in English or Japanese from one’s affiliated institution.
 - * The form can be downloaded at the URL below.

<http://www.i-house.or.jp/en/library/JSW2011/RecommendationForm.doc>

7 . SELECTION

Selection Policy:

Selection will be based on the submitted documents, while considering such factors as the need for Workshop participation in Japan, research and work content and achievements, future career prospects, and Japanese ability. Approval or rejection will be decided by the selection committee.

Selection Schedule:

September 30, 2010
Application deadline

Late October, 2010
Notice of selections

8 . OTHER

1. Personal information will be used only for organizing this workshop, and for no other purpose.
2. The set of submitted documents will not be returned.
3. Inquiry into the reasons for non–selection will not be answered.

4. Inquiries:

Any questions concerning this workshop, and completed application forms should be addressed as follows:

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