

Japanese Language Instructors – June and July, 2018

Institution: The University of Shiga Prefecture Critical Language Scholarship (CLS)
Program Organizing Committee (Hikone, Japan)

The University of Shiga Prefecture Critical Language Scholarship Organizing Committee is accepting applications for two Japanese language instructor positions. The positions involve teaching American undergraduate and graduate students in the CLS Program to be hosted on the university campus in Hikone from June 1 to July 28, 2018.

CLS is an eight-week intensive immersion program in Japanese language and culture funded by the United States Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The program is administered in the U.S. by the American Councils for International Education. The CLS program involves 20 hours of classroom instruction each week, as well as conversation practice with peer language partners, participation in an extended homestay, and excursions and other cultural and social activities. An overview of the program can be accessed at <http://clscholarship.org/>

Japanese instructors in the 2018 CLS Program will teach Japanese language and culture to groups of 5-7 students at one of four proficiency levels (ranging from intermediate to advanced), following an established curriculum and characteristically teaching four-five hours per day from Monday to Friday. Instructors also participate in several cultural activities and outings, a series of preparatory meetings scheduled over several days in early June, regular staff meetings convened during the program, and a reflection session held at the conclusion of the program in late July.

The successful applicant for the teaching position in the CLS Program at USP will ideally hold a master's degree in teaching Japanese as a foreign language (or closely related field) as well as prior experience in teaching Japanese to native speakers of English at the university level.

Compensation for instructors includes salary (420,000 yen/month), domestic transportation to and from Hikone (note that this does not include international flights), and furnished accommodation in Hikone for the duration of the program (as necessary).

Applicants should send a cover letter, CVs in both English and Japanese, proof of highest academic degree attained, and copies of two scholarly articles or examples of self-generated teaching materials, along with two letters of recommendation (or, alternatively, formal student course evaluations) to the street address listed below. All documents must be submitted in hard copy; digital applications are not accepted. (Letters of recommendation can be included with the other application documents, or

they may be sent directly under separate cover by the recommenders.)

Successful applicants will be contacted by e-mail, and an interview by Skype or telephone may subsequently be requested. Review of applications will begin on January 25, 2018 and continue until the positions are filled. On principle, application documents and materials cannot be returned.

Questions and requests for further information about the CLS Program or regarding applications for the teaching position can be made to John Rippey, CLS Japan Institute Director, by telephone at (+81) 749-28-8254 or by e-mail at rippey.j@shc.usp.ac.jp

Applications should be sent to the following street address: John Rippey, CLS Institute Director, The University of Shiga Prefecture, 2500 Hassakacho, Hikone, Shiga 522-8533, Japan.