

GlobalizeDC

SEEKING DYNAMIC PART-TIME JAPANESE LANGUAGE TEACHER(S) for our growing afterschool Japanese language program for DC public high school students

Globalize DC is a Washington, DC-based nonprofit organization that works to expand access for DC public school students, particularly those in underserved schools and communities, to global education and language learning opportunities. We serve as a bridge helping to connect the wealth of globally focused resources of the nation's capital with our local DC students, educators, and schools.

Since fall 2016, thanks to generous funding from the US Japan Foundation and Japan Foundation LA, Globalize DC has offered a free afterschool Japanese language, culture, and career exposure program, called "Japanese Plus," to DC public high school students across the city. Students, selected through a citywide application process, meet twice a week from September through May each year. In addition to Japanese language study, students gain real world exposure to the wealth of Japan-related people, organizations, and resources in our own city – through field trips, speakers, and special activities. Those who complete the program are eligible to earn academic credit towards high school graduation.

Please refer to www.japaneseplus.org for more complete information about the program.

Japanese Plus has proven to be a very successful, high visibility program, serving a diverse group of highly motivated students coming from many different high schools. Each student is passionate about Japan and the possibility of learning Japanese, which is not available in their individual schools.

We are currently seeking one or two dynamic, creative, and committed Japanese language teachers for our Japanese Plus program next year. We expect to offer a Japanese Level 1 and a Japanese Level 2 Program. For each program, classes meet twice a week with students outside of school time - one school day (4:30 – 6:30 pm) and Saturday mornings (9 am – 12 noon) throughout the school year, except holidays. Japanese teachers will team-teach with a non-language cultural facilitator (each class will be led by two teachers).

These are part-time positions and can be filled by one Japanese teacher teaching both courses – or two different teachers. Teachers will be hired as consultants to Globalize DC. Payment will cover up to 150 hours of classroom instruction plus additional hours for planning, curriculum development, administration, and other activities. The Japanese teacher will work closely with Globalize DC's Executive Director, supported by a team of advisors and volunteers, to develop, implement, and evaluate this innovative model for language delivery for DC public school students.

There is a possibility that we could move towards a full-time position for the right Japanese teacher.

The teacher(s) will be required to:

- Teach a Japanese Level 1 and/or Level 2 course on the agreed upon schedule.
- Assist with refinement of our Japanese curriculum in alignment with DC world language standards.
- Work with staff and partners to implement cultural, career exposure, and other Japan-related activities.
- Help prepare students for Japan Bowl participation (for Level 2 students).

We are looking for:

- Native fluency (preferable but not required).
- Japanese teaching credential in DC or another state preferred (reference <http://osse.dc.gov/ed-credentials>), though we invite applications from currently non-credentialed but otherwise qualified and experienced candidates. We will work with our selected candidate(s) to secure an initial-teacher credential, as we deem necessary.
- Knowledge of Japanese language resources and pedagogy.
- Experience with urban high school students a plus.
- A creative, flexible, responsible team player, with an ability to motivate and relate well to students.
- A committed self-starter, interested in joining with our team to build an expanding Japanese language program for DC.

If you are interested, send an email right away to Sally Schwartz at sally@globalizedc.org with **your statement of interest** in this position and your **updated resume**. We will review applications as received and fill the position(s) as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the position, please feel free to contact Sally by email or at 202-251-1692. And please help us by sharing this job announcement within your own professional networks.