



## **SEEKING DYNAMIC PART-TIME JAPANESE LANGUAGE TEACHER for afterschool Japanese language program for DC public high school students**

### **About the organization:**

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 to our local DC students, educators, and schools. Refer to [www.globalizedc.org](http://www.globalizedc.org) to learn more about us.

### **About the program:**

Since 2013, Globalize DC has offered a series of Japan and Japanese-related programs for DC youth. Go to [www.japaneseplus.org](http://www.japaneseplus.org) to learn more. **Japanese Plus** is our award-winning free afterschool Japanese language, culture, and career exposure program, open to students at DC public high schools (DCPS and charter). Students are selected for this 2-year program (Level 1 and 2) from schools across the city through a competitive application process. This challenging and fun program meets twice a week outside of school time – one weekday afterschool (2 hours) and Saturdays mornings (3 hours). In addition to language, culture, and discussions of current issues, students take part in community-based activities, and meet many people engaged in a wide range of careers in the US-Japan space. Classes are co-led by a Japanese teacher and a program coordinator. The Japanese Plus program was suspended when the pandemic struck in March 2020. Since then, we have offered afterschool and summer Japanese programs online (Japanese Tamago). We are now preparing to resume our in-person Japanese Plus program with a new cohort of students in early 2022, as soon as we identify a new Japanese teacher to replace our former teacher who has relocated out of the area.

**Based on our positive experience with online learning, we will be holding our weekday afterschool meetings for Japanese Plus online and reserving our in-person meetings for the weekends. This makes this part-time teaching position more feasible for a working Japanese language teacher interested in taking on this additional assignment.**

### **About the position (announced December 2021):**

**Globalize DC is currently seeking a dynamic, creative, and committed Japanese language teacher, who will serve as the language teacher for the Japanese Plus program.** This is a part-time position. The teacher will be hired as a consultant to Globalize DC (no benefits, no withholding). Payment will cover up to 150 hours per year of classroom instruction plus additional hours for planning, curriculum development, administration, and other activities. Because the SY2021-22 Japanese Plus program will be starting during the second half of the school year, pay will be adjusted accordingly. The Japanese teacher will work closely with Globalize DC's Executive Director and any program advisors to adapt, implement, and evaluate this innovative model for language delivery for DC public school students. Language assistants and volunteers will also be recruited to assist the Japanese teacher, both in the classroom and in other enrichment activities.

**This teacher will be required to:**

- Meet twice a week with students outside of school time (one weekday after school for 2 hours) and 3 Saturday mornings per month (5 seat hours per week). We will use a virtual format for the weekday meetings – and meet face-to-face for weekend meetings and other activities. (The precise schedule is somewhat adaptable.)
- Make a good faith commitment to teach the program this school year as well as SY2022-23 (Level 1 and Level 2 Japanese).
- Work closely with the Program Director and any academic advisors to create an engaging, fun, and effective Japanese Level 1 and 2 curriculum, in alignment with ACTFL standards. (Students take the STAMP test at the end of year 2 for high school credit.) We have used the Marugoto textbook.
- Assist with student selection.
- Work with staff and partners to implement cultural, career exposure, and other Japan-related activities – including participation in the Sakura Matsuri and the Japan Bowl.

**We are looking for:**

- Native fluency (strongly preferable).
- Japanese teaching credential preferred (reference <http://osse.dc.gov/ed-credentials>), though we invite applications from non-credentialed but otherwise qualified candidates.
- Knowledge of Japanese language resources and pedagogy.
- Experience with urban high school students a plus. Belief in the unlimited potential of diverse students a requirement.
- A creative, flexible, responsible team player, with an ability to engage, motivate and relate well to students.
- A committed self-starter, interested in joining with our team to build our innovative Japanese language programs for DC with significant potential for growth.

If you are interested, send an email right away to Sally Schwartz at [sally@globalizedc.org](mailto:sally@globalizedc.org) with **your statement of interest** in this position and your **updated resume**.

Our program start date will depend on how soon we can identify our new teacher, as well as pandemic conditions. **We will review applications as received.**

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 (any time, during the holidays or after).