



## SEEKING DYNAMIC PART-TIME JAPANESE LANGUAGE TEACHER for SY2025-26 afterschool 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, language learning, cultural exchange, and study abroad opportunities. We serve as a bridge helping to connect the wealth of globally focused resources in 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 menu of Japan-related programs for DC high school youth. Go to [www.japaneseplus.org](http://www.japaneseplus.org) to learn more. We especially recommend reading the student blog at [www.japaneseplus.org/blog](http://www.japaneseplus.org/blog). **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 (Japanese 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 Saturday mornings in person (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.

**About the position: THIS IS A VERY TIME-SENSITIVE OPPORTUNITY: We will review applications as received. We hope to begin this year's program later this fall.**

**Globalize DC is currently seeking a dynamic, creative, and committed Japanese teacher, who will serve as the language teacher for Japanese Plus during the 2025-26 school year.** This is a part-time position. The teacher will be hired as a consultant (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 program activities. 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 instruction for DC public school students. Language assistants and volunteers will also be recruited as needed to support the Japanese teacher, both in the classroom and in other enrichment activities.

In the 2025-26 school year, we will be recruiting a new group of up to 20 high school students for Japanese Level 1. While we will be offering a teacher contract for SY2025-26, because of the late start this year, Level 1 classes may continue beyond the end of the school year. It is also our intent that the teacher selected will continue in SY2026-27 for year 2 of the program.

Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings are our traditional meeting days, but we are willing to look at a different schedule to accommodate the right teacher.

**This teacher will be required to:**

- Meet twice a week in-person with students outside of school time (one weekday after school and Saturday) for 5 seat hours per week, except holidays. The precise schedule is somewhat adaptable, depending on opportunities that may arise.
- Work closely with the Executive Director and any academic advisors to offer an engaging, fun, and effective Japanese Level 1 curriculum, in alignment with ACTFL standards. Students take the STAMP test at the end of year 2 for high school credit. We use the *Marugoto* textbook.
- Collaborate 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 continue 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**.

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.