

2025 Japan Winter Internship: English Teaching Practicum

Program Overview – Fall Term

During the winter of 2025, GHJ International will invite 20 college students (or college graduates) to Japan to participate in six and a half-week English Teaching Practicum program, sponsored by the Munakata City (Fukuoka Prefecture) government and local board of education. Selected participants in the program will receive TEFL (Teaching of English as a Foreign Language) training and low-stress team-teaching experience in the public school system. They will also have an opportunity to learn and/or improve Japanese language skills with local university tutors and to stay one weekend with local Japanese host families. Interns will also have the option of earning a 120-Hour TEFL Certificate.

Japanese Nationals (日本人インターンシップ)

The program will also have several special position Japanese nationals to join the internship team. Applicants must have conversational level English ability and enjoy working with children. Japanese interns will also receive free lodging and meals and will also receive a paid stipend for participation in the program. For details, contact: info@ghjinternational.com

このプログラムに、数名の日本人インターンを募集します。応募者は日常の英会話力があり、子供たちと楽しく働くことができる方です。日本人インターン生には無料の宿泊費と食事が提供され、プログラムへの参加に対して手当があります。

詳細についての連絡先: info@ghjinternational.com

To apply for the program, applicants must be:

- ✓ At least 18 years old. (As of January 15, 2025)
- ✓ Current college students, or college graduates. (Some exceptions may apply – contact us for details)
- ✓ English language fluency. (Applicants from all countries accepted.)

While those are the only requirements to apply, the following are both selection advantages and factors to ensure that the program will be a rewarding experience for participants.

- ✓ Positive experiences and/or a strong desire to work with children.
- ✓ A strong interest and desire to experience Japanese culture.
- ✓ An interest to become a teacher. Especially true for those interested in teaching English in Japan. More than 300 past participants in GHJ programs have become teachers in Japan and this program offers a window into the life of teaching in Japan to make sure if it is a good fit.

Program Dates

Winter Term, 2025: Tentative

January 15, 2025: Arrive Fukuoka, Japan

Jan 16 – Jan 19: Program Training

Jan 20 – Mar 4: Teaching Practicum (Munakata, Fukuoka)

March 5, 2025: Flight Home (from Fukuoka Airport) OR Self-Travel

Summer Term, 2025: May 21 – July 5 (tentative)

Fall Term, 2025: To be announced.

Program Outline

The program combines English teaching experience for the visiting interns and small-group and one-to-one English conversation skill-building activities for public school students in the Munakata public school system. The Intern-teachers work together in groups of 5 – 10 interns for each session in classes for both elementary and junior high school students. The teaching experience is fun, rewarding, and stress-free with a one-week training program to practice each of the lesson plan activities. Classes are on weekdays during normal school hours. Participants have weekends off where they will stay in a Fukuoka City hotel, and the option of one or more weekends with a local Japanese host family.

GHJ International

GHJ International (formerly Guy Healy, Japan) is a registered corporation of Japan. GHJ has been providing exchange programs in education, culture, music, and sports since 1984. For this program GHJ is working with the local government and board of education in Munakata City to develop and introduce innovative team-teaching methods to improve English conversation education in the Japanese public school system.

Lodging & Meals

Weekdays: Global Arena (Munakata City) Dormitory/Camp facility style rooms.

Weekends: Fukuoka & Nagasaki City Hotels and Munakata City Host Family (1 or 2 Weekends).

Meals are provided free at all lodging above except during hotel stays.

Program Locations

Fukuoka City: Fukuoka is one of the largest and most modern cities in Japan. It is the business and cultural hub of Kyushu Island in Japan. During weekend hotel stays, participants will be in the heart of the city.

Munakata City: Munakata is a suburb of Fukuoka City and has a population of about 100,000. The city is the home of both Global Arena and University of Teacher Education Fukuoka, both of which are key partners in the program.

Note: Japan is well-known to be one of the safest countries in the world.

Program Fees & Expenses

- Tuition/Program Fee: 0 (covered by program sponsors)
 - Lodging: 0 (covered by program sponsors)
 - Meals (covered by sponsors **except** during hotel stays: \$150 - \$200)
 - Round Trip Airfare to Japan (**Participants must pay for their own airfare.**)
 - Travel Health Insurance
- Our travel agent partner in USA can help with discount airline tickets and/or travel insurance.

Program Application & Selection

Application:

- Contact info@ghjinternational.com to request application information and an **application form**.
Questions about the program are also welcome.
- You will also receive a **reference form** to forward to two professional references.

Selection:

- Online Interviews: All finalists will have the opportunity to have an online interview with our team and a chance to directly ask questions to make sure the program is a good fit for your expectations.
- **Application Deadline, Winter Term: Extended to December 31, but selections are ongoing and will be closed when all positions are filled. (added note on Dec 17)**