



Program Overview - Winter 2027

During the Winter of 2027, GHJ International will invite 20 college students (or college graduates) to Japan to participate in an 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. 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 Sept 1, 2026)
- ✓ 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.

- ✓ Experience 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

WinterTerm, 2027: (Tentative)

January 13, 2027: Arrive Fukuoka, Japan
 January 14 - January 17: Program Training
 January 18 - March 5: Teaching Practicum (Munakata, Fukuoka)
 March 6: Flight Home (from Fukuoka Airport) OR Self-Travel

Program Outline

The program combines English teaching experience for visiting interns with small-group and one-to-one conversation activities for students within the Munakata public school system. Interns work in groups of five to ten for each session, teaching both elementary and junior high school students.

This experience is designed to be rewarding and stress-free, supported by a one-week training program to practice all lesson plan activities. Classes take place on weekdays during normal school hours, leaving weekends free for participants.

During three of these weekends, the program provides hotel stays in major cities, typically Fukuoka, Kitakyushu, and Nagasaki. The program covers hotel fees and transportation to and from these cities, though participants are responsible for their own meals during these stays.

GHJ International

GHJ International 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: 3 Weekend (1-night/2-days) Hotel Stays (Fukuoka, Kitakyushu, Nagasaki)
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: \$100 - \$150)
- Round Trip Airfare to Japan (**Participants must pay for their own airfare.**)
- Travel Health Insurance, Estimate: \$50 - \$80 (Note: Intern from partner schools normally use school policy)

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.
- **Interviews:** We will begin scheduling online interviews from **JULY 6**. All applicants will be notified if they are selected as a Finalist and eligible for the interview by **JULY 5**
- **Partner Schools:** Applicants from our partner schools are given special consideration. These currently include: University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, University of Wisconsin-Madison (apply directly to your school International Internships office), University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (apply directly to your school Office of International Education office), Northwood Technical College.
- **Application Deadline – Direct Applicants: August 10, 2026**
- **Selection Date:** Final selections are **August 15** (final) many early selections.