

GlobalizeDC

SEEKING TEACHER-CHAPERONE for the TOMODACHI US-Japan Youth Exchange Program (Summer 2018)

The **2018 TOMODACHI US-Japan Youth Exchange Program** will connect six DC public high school students with six Japanese high school students for a two-way cultural exchange. This is the 6th year of this innovative program, offered at no cost to students. Refer to www.usjapanfuture.org for extensive information about prior year programs, including a student blog, which shares the experiences and reflections of our 2013-2017 participants.

This year's TOMODACHI USJYEP program is tentatively scheduled for **July 9 – August 15, 2018**, to include:

- A 5-day orientation program in DC for DC students only;
- Followed by a two-week program in DC for both DC and Japanese students, including a 3-day residential experience (dorm stay at GW University);
- Followed by a two-week program in Japan, with Japanese students – focused on Tokyo and the Tohoku region, site of the 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

The program is managed by American Councils and funded by the US-Japan Council. **Globalize DC**, as the local DC partner, manages the DC student selection process; design and management of the DC-based program; and overall preparation, support, and follow-up for the DC students. This year's DC student participants will be selected through a citywide application process. We are currently seeking **one (1) DC Teacher-Chaperone**, who will work closely with Globalize DC's director, Sally Schwartz, in planning and implementation of the program. Our Japan partner will also select a chaperone. The DC Teacher-Chaperone responsibilities include:

- Serve as the DC teacher leader, working with Sally Schwartz and American Councils, for the entire summer program from July 9-August 15, 2018 (tentative), as well as a few agreed upon pre- and post-program meetings with students, parents, and staff. This includes:
 - Leading the students through the DC-based program (generally 9 am-5 pm weekdays).
 - Accompanying DC students to Japan (July 30-August 15).
- Conduct discussions and classroom activities, as needed, to meet agreed-upon learning objectives.
- Ensure participants engage in writing and other assignments, and exercise best professional effort to achieve high quality student work, student engagement, and student learning.
- Participate in planning meetings to ensure successful implementation of all phases of the program.
- Exercise vigilance in ensuring the safety and well being of the student program participants – in particular, the DC students. There is significant staff involved through all phases of this program.

We are looking for:

- A secondary school teacher (a DCPS or DC charter teacher preferred) or international education professional with at least three years relevant experience.
- Experience in cross-cultural exchange, and leading and/or chaperoning student travel abroad.
- Familiarity with DC geography (the applicant must be a resident of the DC area), and ability to lead discussions about American and local DC culture, history, and civic life.
- Knowledge of and personal experience with Japan a plus, but not mandatory.
- A dedicated, creative, flexible, and responsible team player, with an ability to relate well to students.

The program covers all travel expenses. A stipend will also be provided (amount negotiable based on agreed upon schedule, experience, and overall commitment).

If you are interested, send an email 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. Our goal is to fill this position by early to mid-April. Please share this opportunity with others who may be interested.

Any questions, contact Sally at 202-251-1692 or the email address above.