



SEEKING PROGRAM STAFF for the "JAPAN IN DC" Summer Program 2026

This year, Globalize DC will again offer its six-week summer program, "JAPAN IN DC," for DC public high school students. Introduced in 2017, this program is organized around the theme of exploring and documenting the presence of Japan in our city. DC is filled with individuals, institutions, and places associated with Japan. Think Cherry Blossoms and the Freer|Sackler, the Embassy of Japan and US diplomats, businesses, NGOs, students, academics, artists, chefs, entrepreneurs, and members of the Japanese American community – Japan is all around us. We will have a special focus in 2026 on the World War II era (including investigation of Japanese American incarceration, Japanese American veterans, the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and other themes and legacies of these wartime events), as well as the nature and history of the US-Japan relationship.

The program is designed to be engaging, fun, and educational for the students, as well as for staff. Its purpose is as much about giving students an opportunity to learn about their own city as it is to learn about Japan. The program includes light reading, writing, and a lot of discussion; site visits, meetings, interviews, and cultural experiences. The group moves around the city a lot, mostly using public transportation. This year we are excited to be adding the following new elements:

- Creating new content for our website and student blog (including audio and video).
- Creating a Japan in DC map.
- Creating student-led Japan in DC tours.

As part of the Marion Barry Summer Youth Employment Program (MBSYEP), students will be paid for their participation. The program will operate Monday-Friday (June 29-August 7, 2026), 5 hours per day. Up to twenty (20) diverse students from across the city will be selected for the program.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS

We are seeking **two (2) CO-TEACHERS** to lead this cool summer educational program. Alternately, depending on the candidate pool, we may hire **one (1) LEAD TEACHER** and **one (1) PROGRAM ASSISTANT** (with pay adjusted accordingly).

The responsibilities of the **CO-TEACHERS** include:

- Work with Globalize DC's Executive Director, Sally Schwartz, for the entire summer program from June 29-August 7, 2026, as well as agreed upon pre- and post-program staff meetings and information sessions.
- Participate in periodic check-ins, de-briefs, planning, and curriculum development meetings with Sally and advisors to ensure successful implementation of the program.
- Lead discussions, classroom activities, and field trips to meet agreed-upon learning objectives.
- Ensure student participants engage in documentation and other assignments, and exercise best professional effort to achieve high quality student work, student engagement, and student learning.
- Create a mutually supportive learning community in which students feel accepted, respected, and supported.
- Most important, exercise vigilance in ensuring the safety and well being of the student program participants.

We are looking for:

- Secondary school teachers (social studies teachers are ideal candidates), international education professionals, or graduate students with at least 2 years relevant experience.
- Individuals who live and/or work in DC or the surrounding area, and are familiar with the city's geography and public transit system. We will not consider out-of-town applicants, who are new to DC, for these positions.
- Knowledge and experience with Japan, DC history, oral history, and relevant technologies are all pluses.
- Creative, flexible, responsible, and enthusiastic team players, with an ability to relate well to students.

Note: Any DC teachers hired may also wish to be involved in our related curriculum development project for DC classrooms.

These are paid positions. Summer program staff will be paid at an hourly rate on a contractual basis.

If you are interested, please 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 these two positions by the mid-April. Please share this opportunity with others who may be interested.

Any questions, contact Sally at 202-251-1692 or at the email address above. For background information on our programs, visit our Globalize DC-Japan website at www.japaneseplus.org.