

# English Teaching Opportunities In Japan

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## **Introduction**

During our study abroad here in Japan, students on the Middlebury program had the wonderful opportunity to intern at various schools. It was there that we were able to experience the joys of teaching Japanese students English. This project is inspired by what we've done this past semester. We decided to create a catalogue filled with different English teaching opportunities that students like us can potentially do in the future. Our hope is that this catalogue will provide Middlebury College students an introduction to various English teaching programs and give them a jump start to a career in Japan.

This catalogue is a compilation of different English teaching programs available to both graduate and undergraduate students. Here, you will find different types of programs suited for your own needs. We made sure to include programs that provide full time employment or short-term internship, programs that require only basic teaching experience, and programs that don't require any Japanese skills as well. In the future, we hope that other students can find the type of employment that they desire. We also hope that future students add to this catalogue as well.



## **AEON**

- What
  - Teach English to adults and children
- Salary
  - 275,000 Yen per month
  - 70,000 yen flight allowance
- Eligibility
  - Bachelor's degree from an accredited English speaking institution
  - Be able to get a working visa
  - Teaching certificate preferred but not necessary
  - Japanese language preferred but not necessary
- Application process
  - Online application form
  - Resume or CV
  - Essay: "Why I want to live and work in Japan"
  - Recruitment offices are in New York, Los Angeles, and Tokyo
- Other
  - The Tokyo office accepts applications year round
  - New teachers are provided training so no teaching experience is required
- Website
  - <http://www.aeonet.com/>



## **Gaba**

- What
  - This program provides you with opportunities to teach one on one English lessons
  - The program provides customized lessons for individual clients, meaning that you will be able to teach on an individual basis
- Where
  - They have locations all over Japan (Kanto, Kansai, Chubu, Kyushu, Tohoku, Hokkaido)
- How long/ hours per week
- Website
- Application Process
  - Online Application and Telephone pre-interview
  - Information seminar interview
  - Contract offer
  - Initial Certification
  - On-the-Job Certification
- Basic Requirements
  - Fluent in English (both spoken and written)
  - Be able to commit to at least one full 6 month contract term
  - Must be able to attend the 3 day initial certification meeting that they offer
  - Be proficient with computers
- Preferred applicants will have
  - University degree
  - CELTA, TEFL, or TESOL certification
  - Prior ESL/ EFL teaching experience
  - Experience working in a corporate setting
  - Availability during their peak hours of operation
- Side notes
  - Must check the website for open positions
- Website

- o <https://www.gabateachinginjapan.com/>



## IES

- What
  - Teach English to Japanese students in different fields
  - This program hires English instructors for different fields
- Where
  - Various locations all over Japan (main office is in Tokyo and Osaka)
- Eligibility/ Qualifications
  - Minimum immigration requirements to secure a work visa
  - BA/BS degree from an English speaking country
  - Teaching qualifications (TESOL/ CELTA certification)
  - 1-2 years of teaching experience (preferred by not compulsory)
- Application process
  - Cover letter
- Website
  - <https://www.iesnet.co.jp/english/#WFI>
  - [https://www.gabateachinginjapan.com/?gclid=CjwKCAiAiarfBRASEiwAw1tYv\\_8zgImgBMJoHPLKPOpiORoNcIQYIF-PwmrUyQf8Nndld1rt4Pzm0xoCXaMQAvD\\_BwE](https://www.gabateachinginjapan.com/?gclid=CjwKCAiAiarfBRASEiwAw1tYv_8zgImgBMJoHPLKPOpiORoNcIQYIF-PwmrUyQf8Nndld1rt4Pzm0xoCXaMQAvD_BwE)



## Interac

- What
  - Assistant Language Teacher (ALT) in English classrooms
- Where
  - Placement can be any of many locations in Japan
- How long/ hours per week
  - Full time for contracts by school term
  - Employees generally continue new contracts/positions for 2+ years
- Website
  - <https://www.interacnetwork.com/>
- Eligibility
  - Be a **native-level** speaker of English.
  - Have acquired an education delivered in English for at least 12 years.
  - bachelor's degree or higher
  - Be professional in all aspects of behavior, a team-player, flexible, cheerful, and energetic.
- Preferred applicants will
  - Hold a driver's license.
  - Have teaching experience.
  - Have a teaching qualification, e.g., CELTA, DELTA, and TEFL.
  - Have the experience of studying a second language at school or university.
  - Can speak some basic Japanese.
- Application process
  - Online application, resume screening
  - Phone interview
  - Seminar/online interview
  - Send Document Package to Tokyo



## **JET Programme**

- What
  - Assistant Language Teacher (ALT) teaching in English classrooms at primary and secondary schools
- Where
  - Locations all over Japan
- How long/ hours per week
  - full time, yearly renewable contract up to five years
- Website
  - <http://jetprogramme.org/en/>
- Eligibility
  - Bachelor's degree or higher
  - Can pass physical and mental health check after acceptance to the program
  - Can only apply to recruitment and selection in country of applicant's own nationality
  - Never participated in the program since 2016, or have participated for over five years
  - Never declined a position previously offered by JET
  - Not have lived in Japan for six years or longer since 2009
  - Applicants from non-English speaking countries must have functional command of English or Japanese
  - Qualified as a language teacher or strongly motivated to take part in teaching foreign languages
- Preferred applicants will
  - Have experience or qualifications for language teaching or general teaching
  - Have high level of Japanese
- Application process
  - Paper application to Embassy of Japan in home country



- o Interview at nearest Japanese embassy or consulate
- o Submit health check forms once selected to the program



## **JIEC / Tokyo International School (IS) Group**

- What
  - Teaching positions for various courses, abilities and global skills to children ages 10 years and younger at an international school in Tokyo
- Where
  - Tokyo International Schools in five locations across Japan
- How long/ hours per week
  - Kindergarten, Afterschool 9 hours teaching, Learning Through English (LTE)
- Website
  - <http://www.jiec.org/> (Japanese), <https://www.tokyois.com/tokyois/>, <https://www.tokyois.com/tokyois/staff/employment/>, picture: <https://www.facebook.com/TIScommunity/>
- Eligibility
  - Teaching certificate required
  - Native English Fluency
  - Generally, minimum three years of teaching experience
- Preferred Applicants will have
  - Experience or interest in International Baccalaureate (IB) program
- Application process
  - Document screening
    - (different per position, see listing at <https://www.tokyois.com/tokyois/staff/employment/>)
  - Interview



### **Teach English at Ibaraki Christian University**

- What:
  - Teach English at a Japanese University
- Where
  - Ibaraki Christian University
- Eligibility
  - Only graduate or undergraduate students can apply
  - Fluent in English
  - Japanese skills are not required
  - Must be enrolled in a college in Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, UK or the US
- Application Process
  - Online application form
  - Resume
  - Skype Interview
  - Official transcripts
  - Signed letters of recommendation
  - Certification of enrollment
- Other
  - June and July are the most competitive times
  - Can apply for spring (April to May), fall (September to December) and winter (December to January)
- Website
  - <http://www.gendaieigo.info/internship/>



## Westgate

- What
  - Short-term contracts to teach extracurricular or accredited English courses to college students through the International Career English Program
- Where
  - Programs at 59 schools and universities in Kanto (Tokyo/Kanagawa/Saitama/Chiba) and Aichi.
- How long/ hours per week
  - Seasonal full time for 3-5 month terms
  - extracurricular courses have 3 month terms
    - Spring term from April/May until late July;
    - Fall from September to December)
  - Accredited courses last 3-5 months
    - Spring term from March/April to July
    - Fall from Sept to December/January
- Website
  - <https://www.westgate.co.jp/>, <https://www.westgatejapan.com/M-1-1.html>
- Eligibility
  - Bachelor's degree
  - One of the following:
    - EFL/ESL classroom teaching experience along with EFL/ESL teaching certificate and/or elementary/primary/secondary teaching credentials/qualifications
    - 1000+ hours of actual EFL/ESL classroom teaching experience in lieu of teaching certificate or credentials/qualifications
  - No Japanese language ability required
- Application process
  - Online application form
  - Interview if selected