**PROGRAM:** The Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies (IUC), located in Yokohama, with space, services, and various amenities provided by the municipal government, provides an intensive 10-month training program in advanced Japanese for a select number of undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate students.

The IUC's 10-month intensive program is intended for students who are embarking on careers in Japanese studies or a profession in which fluent Japanese is necessary.

The program is designed to bring each participant to a level of proficiency sufficient for academic or professional use. Training focuses on development of the ability to converse in Japanese on specialized subjects, to comprehend and deliver public presentations, and to read and write materials in Japanese in order to function professionally in academia, business, government, and other fields.

Instruction is in small classes. Some tutorial instruction is provided. Students are expected to devote their time outside the classroom to preparation and self-paced study. The workload does not permit time for individual dissertation research or other research work.

The program is divided into 2 parts. In the first half of the program, teaching is geared toward development of competence in constructing complex utterances and extended discourse, using Japanese accurately and appropriately in social settings, and expressing and understanding Japanese on general topics. This training provides a solid foundation for specialized, advanced language training. In the second half of the program, instruction centers on developing specialized language skills necessary for students to pursue their academic goals or professional work.

**ADMISSION:** The IUC admits up to 60 students who (1) are degree candidates at a university or college, or graduates who intend to enroll in a graduate program or professional school after completing their IUC training, or students who have already completed graduate or professional school training; (2) have demonstrated outstanding professional promise, as reflected by grades, recommendations, and statements of purpose; (3) have completed two years or more training in a rigorous college-level Japanese language training program or the equivalent; and (4) have obtained an acceptable score on the Inter-University Center Japanese Proficiency Exam.

The Inter-University Committee encourages students to apply for admission early in their academic careers, when they can give their undivided attention to a mastery of the language that will be useful at later stages of professional training. The Committee welcomes applications from graduating seniors who can demonstrate a mature commitment to a mastery of the language that will be useful at later stages of professional training. The Committee welcomes applications from graduating seniors who can demonstrate a mature commitment to a mastery of the language that will be useful at later stages of professional training.

Admission to the IUC is based on student's qualifications and professional goals. Admissions are made without regard to gender, age, race, color, disability, religion, sexual orientation, or ethnic origin.

**CREDIT:** The IUC does not assign grades or grant academic credit. It does provide a letter of evaluation of work completed during the IUC program. Any credit for work done at the IUC must be arranged through the student's home institution.

**FEES:** Attendance fees for 2017-2018 are $33,000. Students currently enrolled in a degree granting program and/or recently graduated from a consortium member institution during the 2016-17 academic year receive a guaranteed tuition scholarship of $7,000 to attend the Inter-University Center during 2017-18. Fees are set each year and subject to change.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** The IUC has limited scholarships made available by the Japan Foundation, the Nippon Foundation, the Toshizo Watanabe Foundation, Shoyu Club, Tokyo Club, Mitsubishi UFJ Foundation, the Sato Foundation, Toyo Foundation USA, SMBC Global Foundation, Fred and Ann Notkehelfer Scholarship, and the Hikatabo Araki Fowler Scholarship. Students are urged to explore all avenues of funding such as FLAS and NSEP as well as private foundations such as the Blakemore Foundation.

The Nippon Foundation Fellows Program accepts applications from graduate students with Japan-focused career goals in academia, business, diplomacy/government service, journalism, translation, and law. In addition to regular class instruction, Fellows participate in activities designed to foster collegial bonds and intellectual exchange with other future leaders in the field. Visit the IUC website for complete details.

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