Japan Studies Institute
Incorporating Japanese Studies into the Undergraduate Curriculum

June 11-23, 2012
San Diego State University

Join your colleagues from both two and four year institutions around the country for a two-week intensive Summer Institute focused on the study of modern Japan. The Japan Studies Institute (JSI) allows faculty to learn from scholars, business leaders, artists and journalists about Japanese civilization, history, language, business and education. JSI Fellowships are available to cover most of the costs of the Institute for all selected fellows.

The Institute Program:
The program is multi-disciplinary in content and designed for faculty without prior experience in Japanese studies wishing to incorporate information about Japan into the courses they teach. In addition to the preparatory readings that are made available prior to the Institute, participants receive an Institute Pack containing bibliographical and Internet resources related to Japan, as well as copies of source materials to complement the seminars and lectures that constitute the core of the Institute.

The Institute involves two weeks of intensive seminars, lectures, readings, films, and cultural activities related to Japanese history, culture, literature, government, business, language and education. While modern Japan serves as the focus for the program, participants are provided with a firm foundation in the pre-modern history and culture of Japan. Previous programs have included topics as diverse as wartime and occupation Japan, social relations and the changing role of women in Japan, Japanese foreign policy and regional relations, classical music, ikebana, calligraphy, survival Japanese, Japanese film in the classroom, and philosophical and religious traditions in Japan. Classes are held Monday through Friday, from morning until late afternoon. The formal program is complemented by a number of off-campus and evening activities. Institute faculty will include scholars, representatives from the local Japanese community, artists, journalists, and government officials.

While attending the program, participants are housed in shared suites (separate bedrooms, common living area) in a dormitory on the university campus. Because of the intensive nature of the program, families cannot be accommodated and are not permitted to stay in the dormitory.
Eligibility Requirements
Participants in the program must be faculty members who can impact undergraduate education (either through teaching or academic support services that affect undergraduate studies). Participants should not have prior training or professional experience in Japanese studies, and should demonstrate an interest in gaining a better understanding of Japan. Past participants have included faculty in the humanities, social sciences and professional fields, deans, department chairs, directors of international programs and librarians. Applicants must be nominated by their president or chancellor, either directly or at the request of the applicant.

2012 JSI Fellowships
JSI Fellowships are provided to support faculty to attend the 2012 National Faculty Development Institute on Incorporating Japanese Studies into the Undergraduate Curriculum, held on the San Diego State University campus. Up to 20 awards will be granted to full-time faculty members who teach undergraduate students, academic administrators, and librarians at both two and four year public colleges and universities. The JSI Fellowships are made possible by a generous endowment from the Nippon Foundation. The endowment is managed by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), an association of more than 400 public institutions of higher education across the United States, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. San Diego State University provides the academic program and facilities.

Fellowships, provided for all participants, pay for most the following costs: administrative and academic expenses, two weeks of campus housing, up to $700 for transportation, and a $500 stipend for meals and other expenses. Fellowship funds are supplemented by a modest registration fee: $695 (for participants from AASCU-member institutions) and $895 (for participants from non-AASCU member institutions).

Applications for the Japan Studies Institute are due in the AASCU office by March 30, 2012.

Application Instructions

Forms:
The application materials include an application form and nomination form, both in Adobe Acrobat format. You can complete these forms on the computer. However, you will not be able to save them. Please complete the forms, print them out, and then send one copy to AASCU along with your curriculum vitae and personal statement, as described below. If the documents do not open properly, please download the Adobe Acrobat reader.

An email confirmation will be sent to you when we receive your application. If you do not receive a confirmation, be sure to check with Jill Gately (gatelyj@aascu.org).
Completed applications must include the following:

1. One completed **Application Form**.

2. One current **Curriculum Vitae** showing your institutional affiliation, academic degrees received or expected, publications and presentations, and other pertinent information.

3. A typed, single-spaced, one-page **Personal Statement** outlining the potential benefits of the award to your teaching and professional growth and to your institution and community. This statement should address:
   - your interest in broadening your knowledge of Japan;
   - ways in which your teaching will be affected by the Institute, (or, if you don’t teach, the impact you expect to have on undergraduate education at your institution);
   - how you plan to use the experience to affect curricular change; and
   - what you expect to contribute to the Institute.

   Please note that the Institute is designed for those without prior professional experience in Japanese studies.

4. An administrator at your institution (department chair, dean, etc.) must endorse and approve your application by completing the **Nomination Form** in order for you to be considered for an award. With this nomination, the institution commits to paying the registration fee ($695 for AASCU member institutions; $895 for non-AASCU member institutions), if you are selected for the Institute.

Applications must reach the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) no later than **March 30, 2012**. Please mail or fax all application materials to:

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Japan Studies Institute Fellowship Competition
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If you have difficulty downloading any of the forms, or need additional information, please contact Jill Gately by telephone 202.478.4668 or by e-mail at gatelyj@aascu.org.