







## **UCD Centre for Japanese Studies**



### **Call for Expression of Interest**

# ICU Summer Program [4th - 28th July 2023]

The UCD Centre for Japanese Studies is delighted to announce that there is a Tuition Scholarship [from ICU] and Euro500 travel grant [from UCD Centre for Japanese Studies] for one UCD student to take part in this year's short-term summer programme in ICU Tokyo.

We welcome Expressions of Interest from UCD students who took the Japanese Language and Culture Modules or the Gateways to Japan Module. Candidates must have a CEFR [Common European Framework of Reference] A2 Level of Japanese - Japanese Language and Culture Module Stage 2 [ideally Stage 3a] or higher / Irish Leaving Cert grade H3 [ideally H2] or higher. Undergraduate students are preferred however, graduate students will also be considered. Current UCD Students who did the Irish Leaving Certificate in Japanese will also be considered.

Please submit your Curriculum Vitae and a one A4-page Statement of Purpose [outlining your interest in Japan, why you should be selected and what you would like to achieve through this course]. Submissions to the Director of the UCD Centre for Japanese Studies (Dr Naonori Kodate, School of Social Policy, Social Work & Social Justice) by email [Japan@ucd.ie with the Subject 'ICU Summer School Scholarship'] no later than Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

#### **Eligibility:**

- Applicants have a passport that is valid during the period of the program.
- Applicants are aged 18 or over.
- Applicants have to be a fully-registered student in UCD at the time of the program (Academic year 2022/23).
- Applicants should have taken Japanese Language and Culture Modules or the Gateways to Japan Module.
- Applicants should not have lived in Japan for more than three months in the past.
- Applicants can communicate with other participants in English without difficulty.
- Applicants are ready to commit to share their experiences and knowledge of Japan during and after the program through Social Networking Services such as Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.
- Applicants cannot have Japanese nationality.

#### **Selection Criteria:**

- The candidate should have an interest in Japan.
- The candidate should have an excellent academic record and demonstrate the potential to contribute in the future to the relationship between Ireland and Japan.

Outcome: The candidate, selected by the panel, will be notified of the result by mid-March. After that, the successful candidate will complete an online application. As part of the selection process, candidates may be called to a short interview.

#### **Overview of the Program:**

The program will run for four weeks between 4 and 28 July 2023 with two main components (a) a task-based language study component and (b) a thematic, omnibus component that focuses on various aspects of Japan such as culture, history, society, economy, politics, and business.

Participants will be taking a set of courses, including lectures in class as well as theme-related fieldwork and cultural activities, allowing them to be introduced and exposed to Japanese culture and enhance their practical ability of using the Japanese language learnt in the classroom setting.

Details of the Programme: https://sites.google.com/info.icu.ac.jp/icu-ispj/home