

TO: Students Applying for the Japan Studies in Nagasaki (JASIN) Program

FROM: Donna Anderson, Director

RE: JASIN Forms and Photos

Thank you for your interest in our Japan Studies in Nagasaki (JASIN) program.

In addition to the standard materials described in the enclosed application packet, you must submit as part of your application six (6) photos and the following forms: JASIN Application Form, Financial Statement, Certificate of Health, and Accommodation Information Form.

Both the standard application materials and these additional materials are required for an application to be complete.

All application materials must reach this office prior to the application deadline. No applications can be considered after the deadline.

Please be sure to print all the information on the attached forms.

1) Application Form

1c) Addresses: It is imperative that we are able to contact you at any given time between your application to the program and your arrival in Nagasaki. We often have questions or concerns that need to be clarified in short notice. If your plans change after filing the Application Form, it is very important that you let the Study Abroad Office **and** the International Office in Nagasaki know of your change of plans and how you can be contacted. Please write all information, especially your e-mail address, **very clearly**.

1e) Passport: If you already hold a passport, please fill in the information.

1f) Everyone must fill in this section. If you have never entered Japan, please write "0" times.

1g) Housing: All men must choose the option of a home stay in their first semester. Women have the option of a dormitory stay in or a home stay. Though all housing is subject to availability, all students can depend on the program to arrange suitable housing.

2) Photos: Six recent full-face photos (3 x 4 cm). These **must be formal, passport-type photos**. Write your name on the back and paste one of the six photos on the Application Form.

3) Financial Statement: In order to receive a student visa, you must prove to the Japanese Ministry of Justice that you have adequate financial resources to pay the program fees paid to UWP, to pay for transportation to and from Japan, and to support yourself while in Japan. A general rule of thumb is that you will need to show you have access to approximately 250,000 yen (\$2000/semester), to cover airfare and daily expenses.

a) "Section 1" is your personal bank account.

b) "Section 2" is for the bank account of your parent or your sponsor.

c) "Section 3" is to claim the existence of other financial support from financial aid, scholarships, loans, etc. Official documents proving the existence of such support must be provided, and can be obtained from the university which issues the funds.

- 4) An **official, certified** bank statement or statement of account signed by a bank official, must accompany either Section 1 or Section 2. It must show a recent date.
- 5) Certificate of Health Form: Must be signed by a licensed physician and include confirmation of a chest x-ray for tuberculosis, to prove your “physical stability” to study at a Japanese university before you arrive in Japan. Skin tests for tuberculosis are not acceptable. This physical examination is required of all students entering Japanese universities. Please send the signed Certificate of Health only, not the x-rays themselves.
- 6) Accommodation Information Form: Please take the time to fill out this form carefully. We will select your host family based on the information on this form and this will be the only information your host family will receive. Also, carefully read the “Housing Policy for JASIN Program Students” and the “Points of Understanding for a Successful Home Stay.” Please indicate that you have read these and understand their content by signing the Accommodation Agreement on the Accommodation Form. Keep the stapled sheets for your reference and return the Accommodation Form only with your application.

After all materials have been received and the application accepted, the application for the Certificate of Eligibility for a student visa can be made with the Japanese Ministry of Justice. If approved, a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) will be sent to the Study Abroad Office and it will then be forwarded to you. Once received, the applicant must take the certificate, together with their passport, to the Japanese consulate where the student visa will be stamped into their passport. The COE must be retained and presented with your passport at Immigration upon arrival in Japan.