

Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures

SUMMER 2026 INTERNSHIP IN JAPAN

This program is open to non-UHM students.









General Eligibility

Open to and welcoming non-UHM students!

- Have completed third-year (5th semester) Japanese. This is about intermediate-mid proficiency.
- 3.0 GPA or above.
- Have a good command of oral communication in English and Japanese.
- Be able to complete assigned tasks and other work responsibilities in a professional manner.
- Strong motivation and passion!

Internship in Japan & Preparatory Course

- Internship (JPN 495) will take place in July & August for 5 to 6 weeks.
- Job placement will be based on your preferences and skills, as well as the needs of host companies.
- Expected hours of work: approx. 25 hours per week.
- You will work with a supervisor and assist each company's programs and operations.
- All internship participants must enroll in and complete a preparatory course (JPN 494) with a grade of B or above. JPN 494 is offered online during Summer I (May 26 -July 2).

Learning Outcomes

- Learn to communicate effectively in a professional context
- Develop functional Japanese language skills through living/working in Japan
- Cultivate professional behavior and workplace etiquette
- Gain knowledge about Japanese workplace culture

Cost

- Tuition for and fees for 6 credits (JPN 494 & 495) (approx. \$2,000)
- Airfare between your place of residence and Japan
- Travel insurance (approx. \$1.38/day)
- We ask host companies to provide free accommodation during the program period or at a low cost (up to \$500). (Some companies also offer local transportation and/or meals, but details vary on each site.)

Information Sessions



Interested? Join our Information Sessions!

In-Person Session for UHM students

Thursday, November 20, 2025, 12:00 – 1:00 PM Moore Hall 258

Online Session for Non-UHM students

Thursday, November 20, 2025, 1:00 – 2:00 PM (HST) Registration HERE.

AATJ Online Study Abroad Fair

Friday, January 9, 3:00 PM (HST) (Detailed schedule will be forthcoming)

- Contact Emi Murayama (emim@hawaii.edu) for inquiries.
- For more information, visit our program website: https://atsuhase.w/xsite.com/internship





