



Shinhidaka Internship Application

Application Materials

The completed application packet must include the following:

- Shinhidaka Internship Application (attached)
- Statement of Purpose (Describe your goals for your summer in Japan and reasons why you should be considered for this internship in a one page essay.)
- Evaluation of Japanese Language Proficiency Form (attached)
- Cover Letter (in English)
- Resume

Application Deadline: February 1, 2020

The application and all supporting documents should be handed in or emailed to the address below:

University of Kentucky
Department of Modern and Classical Languages, Literatures & Cultures/Japan Studies Program
1055 Patterson Office Tower
Lexington, KY 40506-0027

Email: dslaym@uky.edu

For questions, contact:

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or

Dr. Koji Tanno

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Shinhidaka Internship Program

Purpose:

The University of Kentucky has partnered with Lexington Sister Cities Commission (LSCC) to create the Shinhidaka Internship Program. The purpose of this program is to provide the opportunity for professional experience abroad and improvement in linguistic and cultural knowledge by offering students from the University of Kentucky an unpaid internship in Japan.

Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants must:

- be UK MCLLC/Japan Studies major or minor, or FLIE Japanese major
- have completed a minimum of one year of full-time study at UK at time of participation
- have successfully completed two years of college level Japanese language instruction (JPN 202 or equivalent) before start of internship
- have a minimum UK cumulative GPA of 3.0 at time of application
- be 19 years of age or older at time of internship start date
- attend interview with LSCC and MCLLC Japan Studies committee
- be available to participate in a 4-6 week internship in June – July 2020

The Shinhidaka Internship interview committee is specifically looking for applicants who can demonstrate the following qualities:

- Motivation for participation in the program
- Flexibility in handling new or difficult situations
- Ability to serve as a good ambassador for city, country and school
- Character
- Leadership: community & school involvement
- Maturity

Successful candidates will be required to:

- Submit a \$150 program deposit (refundable upon completion of the program)
- Attend two orientations conducted by UK and Sister Cities: one after acceptance and one after being assigned the specific internship position
- Sign an agreement between Lexington Sister Cities Commission, the Shinhidaka Sister City Committee, the University of Kentucky, and your internship provider. This agreement will state that you will adhere to your agreed upon internship, duration of stay, and commitment to the program.

What's Provided:

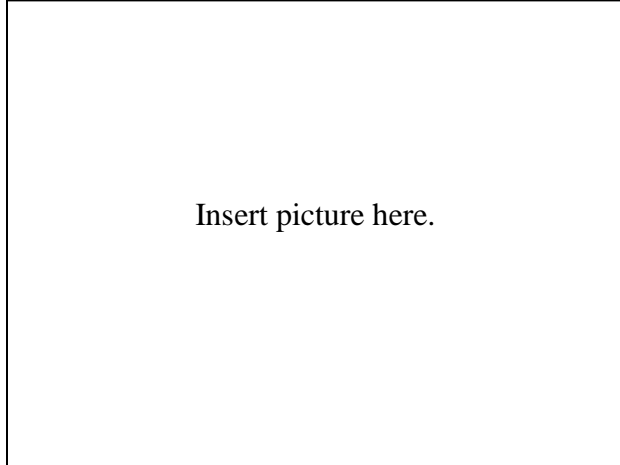
- Lexington Sister Cities Commission and/or the Shinhidaka Twinning Committee will:
- Identify and secure an unpaid internship in Shinhidaka
- Identify and secure homestay in Shinhidaka with carefully selected local family (to include breakfast and dinner on weekdays, breakfast, lunch & dinner on weekends). Lexington Sister Cities Commission will cover the cost of the homestay and associated meals
- City Tours organized by Shinhidaka Twinning Committee
- Pre-departure orientations organized by UK and Lexington Sister Cities Commission
- Post arrival orientation organized by Shinhidaka Sister City Committee
- Transportation from Sapporo (New Chitose Airport) to Shinhidaka (at start of the program) and from Shinhidaka to Sapporo (New Chitose Airport) (at end of the program) provided by Shinhidaka Sister City Committee

Responsibility of Student:

Internship participants are responsible for:

- Roundtrip airfare to Sapporo, Japan.
- UK Education Abroad application and administrative fees
- International Health Insurance (billed by UKEA)
- EAP 599 tuition
- Passport
- Personal expenses including meals not provided by homestay
- Regular reporting of internship progress and activities to UK and Lexington Sister Cities
- Reflection essay to be submitted to Lexington Sister Cities upon completion of program
- Thank you letter to Shinhidaka Sister City Committee upon completion of internship

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Personal Information:

Name:

_____ *(First, Middle, Last)*

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

School email: _____

Non-school email: _____

Date of birth (Month/Date/Year): _____

Education:

School:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Major: _____

Minor or 2nd Major: _____

Major Department Head:

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Advisor (if different from Department Head):

Phone: _____

Email: _____

List relevant college level language courses you have taken:

<u>Course #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Semester</u>

List relevant college level language courses you are taking/plan to take before attending the internship:

<u>Course #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Semester</u>

Years of Japanese completed before college: _____

Do you speak any languages other than Japanese? Yes No

If yes, specify:

French Spanish German Other (specify)

How long have you been learning Japanese?

How would you describe your level of Japanese?

Have you ever been abroad? Yes No

If so, for what type of travel?

- School trip
- Tourism
- Training/Internship period
- Study Abroad
- Other: _____

If yes, where, when and how long?

Internship Details:

What months are you available for your internship placement?

How long do you want to be placed for?

What field of employment would you like to work in? (Please list several.)

What skills/strengths can you bring to your internship?

Additional Information:

How would you describe yourself?

What are some of the hobbies and activities you like to do in your spare time?

Please explain any further relevant information about your desire to participate in the Shinhidaka Internship Program.

How did you find out about our program?

- Your teacher
 - Name of teacher: _____
- Previous participant
 - Name of previous participant: _____
- Word of mouth
- Study Abroad website
- Other _____

Are you applying for any other programs this summer? Yes No

If yes, what program(s)?

Evaluation of Japanese Language Proficiency

Applicant Name (First, Middle, Last)

Evaluation by Japanese Language Teacher or Japanese Advisor

To the Evaluator: Your frank appraisal of this student's competence in Japanese and the ability to cope in Japanese during the initial transition period abroad will be of use to the student and will help the Shinhidaka Internship application committee make the best possible selections for this year's internship.

Students are evaluated based on:

- Their motivation for travel and participation in the program
- Flexibility in handling new or difficult situations
- Japanese speaking abilities
- Ability to be a good ambassador for city, country and school.
- Character
- Leadership; community & school involvement
- Maturity
- Interest in cultural diversity

Japanese Evaluation:

<u>Language Skill</u>	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>
Ability to speak Japanese	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to understand spoken Japanese	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to read Japanese	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to write Japanese	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please attach an additional page with any additional comments that you might have.

Name of Evaluator: _____
School: _____
Subject Taught: _____ Years you have known this student: _____
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Language evaluations are due by February 1, 2020 to:

Japan Studies Program

Send or email to:

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