



Massey University

Sasakawa Fellowship Fund for Japanese Language Education

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Conference Paper Presentation Award

Background and purpose

In 1995, Massey University received a generous endowment from the Sasakawa Foundation of Tokyo, now the Nippon Foundation, to fund a programme for the enhancement of Japanese language education and Japanese studies in New Zealand. This programme is called the Sasakawa Fellowship Fund for Japanese Language Education.

The Sasakawa Fellowship Fund invites applications from individuals engaged in relevant research in Japanese language education or Japanese studies to present their findings at relevant conferences, in New Zealand or abroad.

The Management Committee of the Sasakawa Fellowship Fund is aware of the value of relevant, high quality research to inspire and inform practice, whether it is solid academic research or classroom-based practical research. The Committee intends that this new award will facilitate a cross-fertilisation of ideas amongst teachers, educators and researchers to the ultimate benefit of Japanese language or Japanese studies education in New Zealand.

Eligibility

All individuals engaged in relevant research are eligible to apply for a Conference Paper Presentation award. Applicants may themselves be current teachers or lecturers at any level of the education sector, though eligibility is not restricted to these people.

Applicants will need to have had their paper(s) accepted for presentation at a relevant conference before applying for funding.

Note that this award is not intended to assist with the costs of research, but specifically with costs to attend relevant conferences to present research findings. (NB there are other awards to assist with research costs of postgraduate students – refer to the Sasakawa website for details (<http://sasakawa.massey.ac.nz>).

Nature of Research

Any research which is likely to be of interest to teachers in the field of Japanese language or Japanese studies is deemed to be relevant. This could include classroom-based action research at any level of Japanese language or Japanese studies education.

Value

Up to \$1,000 for participation in a New Zealand conference or up to \$3,000 for participation in a conference outside New Zealand. Applicants must provide a budget which details anticipated costs including travel, registration, accommodation etc. Applicants must disclose other sources of funding sought and/or already received.

Referee

Applicants should choose their referee carefully. It should be someone who is qualified to comment on the relevance of the research to teachers of Japanese language or Japanese studies. Applicants should ask a chosen referee to complete the attached confidential referee report form and send it to the Sasakawa Fellowship Fund at the address given on the form. The onus is on the applicant to ensure that the referee sends the report in good time. It should reach the Fund's Programme Co-ordinator as close as possible to the time that the application does. To assist the referee, it is suggested that applicants provide him or her with a copy of these regulations.

Selection Criteria

In considering the award the selection committee shall take into account:

1. the practical relevance of the conference paper to New Zealand teachers of Japanese language or studies;
2. the ability and experience of the candidate;
3. the quality of the research;
4. the relevance of the conference.

Conditions

1. Within a month of the conference, the candidate will be required to provide a brief written report on the response of conference delegates to the paper including contacts made or extended as a result of participation in the conference.
2. In addition, depending on the subject matter, candidates may be asked to provide a short report on their paper suitable for inclusion on the Sasakawa website. The purpose of this report is to share information and ideas which might be able to be used by Japanese language teachers/lecturers in New Zealand.
3. Successful applicants presenting papers at Conferences overseas are encouraged to seek opportunities to present their research in New Zealand, for example at local LANGSEMS, or NZALT or Sasakawa conferences if the timing and/or subject matter is relevant. For tertiary educators, the annual ALANZ (Applied Linguistics Association of New Zealand) symposium would also be highly relevant.
4. The Management Committee for the Sasakawa Fellowship Fund for Japanese Language Education reserves the right to use the names, photographs and details of successful applicants for advertising and publicity.

Timing

Applications may be submitted at any time. However, applicants should allow at least six weeks between submission of an application and notification of its success or otherwise.

Payment

Payment of the award will be made in two installments: half on receipt of proof of payment of the conference fee and / or travel expenses; half after receipt of the written report (see no.1 and 2. under Conditions above).

Administration

The Conference Paper Presentation Awards will be administered by the Management Committee of the Sasakawa Fellowship Fund for Japanese Language Education. Administration will include advertising the awards, liaising with applicants and referees as necessary, making selection, and notifying applicants of the success or otherwise of their applications.

For further information, contact the Programme Co-ordinator, Sasakawa Fellowship Fund for Japanese Language Education (Naomi Collins, Ruawhara Centre, Massey University, PO Box 410, Napier, 4140), or n.e.collins@massey.ac.nz (ph: 06 8459390 x 80758 or 0274995170)



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Application form

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone number(s) _____

Email address _____

Position/Occupation _____

Qualifications _____

Employer (if employed), or institution at which research is being supervised (if applicable) _____

Paper title _____

Brief outline of paper to be presented (approximately 500 words) _____
