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## Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) & Study Abroad in Japan (Bridging Scholarships)



The **Bridging Project** offers scholarships to American undergraduate students participating in study-abroad programs in Japan. Funding from private foundations and major U.S. corporations, through donations to the nonprofit <u>US-Japan</u> <u>Bridging Foundation</u>, makes it possible to award about 100 scholarships each year to assist students with the travel and living expenses they will incur while studying abroad in Japan for a semester or an academic year. Applications are accepted twice a year for Bridging Scholarships.

The Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) was developed in Japan, and has been offered since 1984 in countries all around the world as a means of evaluating the proficiency of non-native learners of Japanese. In 2011, there were more than 600,000 examinees in more than 60 countries. In the United States, almost 4,000 people took the JLPT at <u>13 test sites</u> located around the country, (including Columbus, OH for the first time in 2014. The test is administered just once a year in the US, on the first Sunday of December. The next opportunity to take the JLPT in the U.S. will be **Sunday, December 7, 2014**. Registration information for the 2014 JLPT will be posted in August 2014.

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