

2017 Tateuchi Visiting Librarian Program

University of Washington (UW) Libraries calls for candidates for 2017 Tateuchi Visiting Librarian Program. UW Libraries would like to invite a librarian from an academic or research library in Japan who has a strong passion to learn how the U.S. academic libraries work and bring the knowledge back to the home institution as well as the entire library field in Japan through this program. During this six-month program at the University of Washington's East Asia Library, the visiting librarian will be asked to work on the following six tasks under the supervision of a Japanese Studies Librarian (please discuss how you would envision yourself working on these tasks in Question 4).

1. Complete one of the given projects, or their own research on academic libraries and/or librarianship in the U.S.
2. Participate in meetings, trainings, workshops, and other activities in East Asia Library, the UW Libraries, and on the UW campus.
3. Attend a conference of the visiting librarian's choice.
4. Give a public presentation to introduce the Japanese library system and culture to colleagues at the UW Libraries and to share what s/he learned at UW at the end of the program.
5. Document and share the experiences of the visit using SNS, monthly reports, and publications during and/or after the visit.
6. Submit a final written report before the end of the visit.

Financial Support

- Monthly stipend
- Support for round trip airfare between Japan and Seattle
- Support for travel for one conference
- Visa process fee

Timeline (in Pacific Time)

November 11, 2016	The candidate submits the following items as a PDF to Azusa Tanaka, Japanese Studies Librarian (azusat@uw.edu): <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Answers to the four questions listed below● A copy of English proficiency test result● A letter from your home institute (i.e. your supervisor) which states that you are allowed to take a 6-month leave to participate in this program● Curriculum Vitae or Resume
November 21-23, 2016	Video interview (30 minutes via either Skype or Google Hangouts)

December 1, 2016	UW announces the decision and sends J-1 Visa Intake Form to the finalist to fill in
December 8, 2016	Visiting librarian submits J-1 Visa Intake Form
February, 2017	UW sends the visiting librarian the necessary document for their interview with the U.S. Embassy.
March to May, 2017	Program starts (J-1 visitors are allowed to enter the country 30 days before the program start date ¹). Starting date is negotiable and depends on the visa process.

Information

University of Washington Libraries <http://www.lib.washington.edu/>
 University of Washington East Asia Library <http://www.lib.washington.edu/east-asia>
 Resources for International Scholars <https://ap.washington.edu/ahr/visas/scholar-resources/j1/>

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Azusa Tanaka (azusat@uw.edu)!

Please answer to the following four questions and briefly describe your strengths as a participant in this program. Please limit your answer to 1600 words in total.

Question 1:

How well can you communicate in English? Please provide a test score from an English language proficiency exam, and comment on your ability to pursue library work as well as day to day communication outside the office in English. We prefer language proficiency Level B2 or higher in Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), but this is negotiable if the candidate does well with the video interview.

CEFR table: http://4skills.eiken.or.jp/qualification/comparison_cefr.html

Question 2:

Choose one project you would like to work on during your visit and explain how you would contribute your skills, knowledge, and experiences to meet the goal of the project.

- **Gaihozu (外報図) Map Collection Inventory**

¹ Immigration rules are subject to change. Please obtain the updated information:
<http://j1visa.state.gov/basics/common-questions/>

We recently discovered about 3000 sheets of Gaihozu maps and started taking inventory using a model of Gaihozu Archives format (<http://chiri.es.tohoku.ac.jp/~gaihozu/ghz-list.php?lang=ja-JP>). Our goal is to survey our holdings and share the holding information and make the data accessible to the world.

- **Tacoma Japanese Language School Collection**

Tacoma Japanese Language School existed in the early 1900s and served Japanese immigrant children until the day of Pearl Harbor. School materials including textbooks, tests, and other documents were left there for several decades after the Japanese immigrants were sent to the internment camp. The goal of this project is to process the 80 boxes worth of items, which includes clearing, sorting, and labeling the archival materials. Please see the similar projects here:

<http://www.lib.washington.edu/static/public/specialcollections/findingaids/4048-001.pdf>

- **Make your own research or project**

What is the project? Why would you like to conduct this research or project in the U.S. or at UW?

Question 3

What are your goals for this program? How do you think your experience at the UW Libraries would benefit your career, your home institute, and the library field in Japan? Please give concrete examples of possible projects, activities, or career goals.

Question 4

Please discuss how you would envision yourself working on the tasks listed under the six categories listed in the page 1.