



## Seeking Participants

# UHM-CJS Hokkaido Interdisciplinary Field Study 2020 Opportunity (June 1-12, 2020)

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Center for Japanese Studies is seeking seven participants in an intensive 10-day field study workshop in Hokkaido, Japan, funded by a grant received from the Center for Global Partnership.

Items covered or provided:

- Roundtrip economy airfare to and from Sapporo Japan
- Accommodation
- Most ground transportation expenses
- An US\$80 daily per diem for meals and miscellaneous expenses (including site entry fees)
- Travel insurance

Application:

- The following will be given priority:
  1. UHM faculty and graduate students in Asia-Pacific area studies fields other than Japanese Studies whose research and teaching would be enhanced by exposure to the connections as well as parallels and contrasts between Japan and the countries or regions that they study;
  2. faculty in the social sciences and humanities disciplines at other universities, colleges and community colleges in Hawai'i whose teaching and research would be similarly enhanced by a deeper understanding and engagement with Japan, and
  3. graduate students at UHM interested in Japan but who have not had the opportunity to conduct field study in Japan or whose research projects would benefit significantly from a site visit to Hokkaido specifically.

All prospective participants should possess all documentation (e.g., current passport) needed for entry into Japan, be in good health, capable of doing a considerable amount of walking throughout the tour, and free of dietary or other needs that cannot be readily accommodated in Japan.

- Application:
  - Required documents
    - CV (must include details on student status or faculty position, such as major, degree program, name of college/university, department)
    - Transcripts (if a current student). Print out of UH STAR record is acceptable.
    - Short essay describing how participation in the study tour will benefit your teaching and/or research
    - Physician's note confirming your ability to participate in overseas field study
    - Letter of support from a UHM faculty member (if a student)
  - Applications will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis until **March 12, 2020** and should be emailed to [lonny@hawaii.edu](mailto:lonny@hawaii.edu).

## Description

The UHM-CJS Hokkaido Interdisciplinary Field Study 2020 aims to provide faculty and graduate students across the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa campus along with faculty from neighboring universities and community colleges with exposure to Japan that goes beyond the introductory and which challenges extant conventional images. The proposed Hokkaido research trip will do this by highlighting Hokkaido's distinctive place in Japan's history, politics, and society in ways that resonate with concerns endemic to Hawaii's distinctive geohistorical context. Thematically, the tour will revolve around (1) Hokkaido's distinctive natural environment and how it has shaped the lives of the people of Hokkaido and their relationship with mainland Japan, (2) the frontier status of Hokkaido and its associated strategic geopolitical significance, and (3) indigenous Ainu culture and society.

A number of pedagogical vehicles will be utilized to facilitate learning at visited sites. These include object-based learning exercises, independent research projects, requiring participants to have and use mobile data access, and a closing symposium where participants present the results of their independent research.

The field trip will be conducted in tandem with a faculty development workshop ([link](#)) being organized by the Japan Studies Association (JSA). A more detailed description of the itinerary is attached.

## Participant responsibilities

Program participants must participate in all program activities and complete all associated assignments. This includes pre- and post-trip orientation and presentation meetings and an individual report (minimum 1,000 words) on how s/he will incorporate their experiences in the future.

Participants will be responsible for any cancellation fees or other costs incurred as a consequence of actions or requests on their part. This does not apply to changes or cancellations initiated by the program organizers.

**Note:** Given the uncertainties surrounding the spread of the COVID-19 illness in Asia and elsewhere, it is possible that the tour itinerary may need to be modified or the tour itself cancelled. Any decision to do so will be based on State Department/Center for Disease Control guidelines and University policy. At this point it is impossible to predict what the situation will be in June. Accordingly, we will proceed with the review and acceptance of applications. A final decision on whether or not the tour will be conducted will be made in early April.

Please direct any questions or concerns to Lonny Carlile, Director, Center for Japanese Studies, at [lonny@hawaii.edu](mailto:lonny@hawaii.edu) or 808-956-2661.

<b>May 26 (Tu) Orientation and Preliminary Reporting Session (UH).</b>
<b>June 1 (Mon) Arrival in Sapporo. Opening evening.</b>
<b>June 2 (Tues, Sapporo) Theme: Orientation Session and Introduction of Workshop Themes</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AM and PM: Orientation Session; tour onward: Hokkaido University, Hokkaido University Center for Ainu Studies, Former Hokkaido Government Building,</li> <li>• Late PM: Hokkaido Museum of Modern Art with object-based learning (OBL) exercises</li> </ul>
<b>June 3 (Wed, Sapporo) Theme: A Historical Overview of Hokkaido at Hokkaido Museum, Session I</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AM: lectures by museum staff</li> <li>• PM: tour of museum and OBL exercises</li> </ul>
<b>June 4 (Thurs, Sapporo) Theme: A Historical Overview of Hokkaido at Hokkaido Museum, Session II</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AM: Pioneer Village tour</li> <li>• PM: OBL at Hokkaido Museum or other chosen site</li> </ul>
<b>June 5 (Fri, Sapporo): Independent Research and Site Visits</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Semi-guided individual site visits and research on chosen OBL themes</li> </ul>
<b>June 6 (Sat, Shiraoi) Theme: Theme: Ainu Culture</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lectures by experts on Ainu culture, history and sociology (staff and or Hokkaido University Ainu Studies Center Staff), museum visit, demonstrations</li> </ul>
<b>June 7 (Sun, Toya-Usu UNESCO Geopark) Theme: Hokkaido geology and natural environment</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tour of various geological formations, museums and displays in area</li> </ul>
<b>June 8 (Mon, Matsumae) Theme: Edo Era Hokkaido</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tour of castle, recreated Edo era Matsumae town (with assistance from Matsumae Historical Society)</li> </ul>
<b>June 9 (Tues, Hakodate) Theme: Modern Hokkaido)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tours of Goryokaku, Treaty port area, specialized museums</li> </ul>
<b>June 10 (Wed, Hakodate) Preparation for Symposium Presentations</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independent study and assisted site visits relevant to individual projects</li> </ul>
<b>June 11 (Thurs, Hakodate) Capstone Symposium</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentations by participants</li> </ul>
<b>June 12 (Fri) Workshop ends; participants depart.</b>
<b>July 13 (Mon) Reports due. Post-trip debriefing session (UHM)</b>