



JALT2024 Conference Preview

Hello *TLT* readers. JALT2024 is scheduled to take place in Shizuoka, a city known for its picturesque location between the iconic Mount Fuji and the Pacific coastline. Participating in the conference will allow you to experience Shizuoka's scenic beauty and cultural richness, including its famous green tea and fresh *maguro* (tuna). On Friday, the conference will begin with Technology in Teaching and Professional Development workshops, followed by a diverse program of presentations from researchers, practitioners, students, and others. Look forward to the plenary sessions featuring keynote speakers, one of which will be a joint plenary for the first time. The conference also has fantastic sponsors for the Educational Materials Exhibition (EME) and the Michele Steele Best of JALT Award Ceremony. For all the most up-to-date information, please visit:

<https://jalt.org/conference>

Registration

You can register online, by postal payment (postal *furikae*; see the form at the back of this *TLT*), or onsite. We encourage you to take advantage of the lower early bird registration rates. **Note: Early Bird rates end 31 October 2024.**

- Please note that presenters **MUST** register by **1 October 2024** to remain in the program.
- JALT Sponsors' staff and International and Domestic Affiliates pay the JALT Member rates.

Registration Fees

Please see the rates on page 7 of this *TLT*. (Note: Please check the JALT conference website—<https://jalt.org/conference/jalt2024/registration-fees>—for the most recent registration pricing and information!).

Childcare at the Conference

There will be accessible onsite volunteer childcare at the Shizuoka Granship. These services will be operated by volunteer JALT staff. If you would like information on off-site professional childcare within the local conference venue area, please visit the conference website for information. Onsite childcare will require a signed waiver by the guardian. JALT volunteers will do their best to provide a safe, secure, and fun environment for your children.

Guardian Program

If you wish to bring a caretaker to the conference, for whatever necessary situation you have, JALT will provide that person with a conference waiver so they can freely enter the facilities and travel around as necessary to perform their duties. Please email our JALT Central Office at jco@jalt.org with the name and reason this person needs to be in attendance. If you have any questions, please email the JALT Central Office.

Environmental Levy

The JALT International Conference has been working to improve its environmental performance. This includes local sourcing of sustainable products, reducing waste, and increasing recycling. Since some environmental impact is inevitable, especially from transport, we have also been arranging carbon offsets to compensate for our carbon footprint. After the event ends, a carbon offset project will be selected to receive these funds. Information regarding the offset will be on the registration forms and our conference website. Please consider checking the offset box and donating. The environment will greatly appreciate your support.

Travel Reservations

For assistance with information on travel reservations, see <https://jalt.org/conference> for links to our partner travel agency, JTB Global Marketing and Travel Inc. (JTB). JTB has partnered with JALT to help conference-goers book necessary accommodations. The JALT Central Office will not accept payment for hotel or travel reservations, nor will it be responsible for any mistaken payments. Please make reservations at your own initiative. You can always use jco@jalt.org to send questions and ask for assistance.

Hotel Information

Please see page 33 of this *TLT* for hotel information.



**JALT2024 – Opportunity,
Diversity, and Excellence**

Granship, Shizuoka

November 15~18, 2024

<https://jalt.org/conference/>



Message from the Conference Chairs: Richmond Stroupe, Naomi Fujishima, and Emily Choong

Dear colleagues and friends from Japan and beyond. With great pleasure, we would like to welcome you to the JALT 50th Annual International Conference in Shizuoka this November. Together, JALT celebrates this milestone of being a significant part of language teaching and learning in Japan for five decades. The conference theme, *Moving JALT into the Future: Opportunity, Diversity, and Excellence*, focuses on embracing diversity of both educators and learners, ensuring that all are included, and drawing on the potential within our professional community to face the challenges and seize the opportunities of the future.



For over nearly half a century, the language education landscape in Japan has evolved in many ways. At the JALT 50th Annual International Conference, along with JALT Junior, we look forward to sessions demonstrating excellence in research, creative teaching methods, practical approaches for our classrooms, and strategies to ensure our association and language learning in Japan continues to respect diversity and ensure inclusivity. The sub-themes of our conference this year include diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging, methodology and practice, professional community, technology and language education, and research. We hope that the variety of presentations at the conference will provide an opportunity for all to enhance their knowledge, skills, and understanding in many areas, and provide the stimulus for new and fresh ideas that we can use to work with our learners. We look forward to re-connecting with friends and colleagues and seeing many new faces at Granship in Shizuoka this fall.

This is the first JALT International Conference where there will be three conference chairs present. Richmond Stroupe has been working with university and professional language learners from Asia since 1989, is a former JALT President, and is currently a Professor at Soka University. Naomi Fujishima is the former JALT Vice President and a Professor Emeritus at Okayama University. She has supported JALT in countless roles in her local chap-

ter and in national positions over the years. Emily Choong is a Lecturer at Utsunomiya University and is also a dedicated officer in JALT. As a young language educator in Japan, Emily represents the future opportunities that JALT can share with a new generation of professionals.

We hope that you will join us in Shizuoka and share your diverse backgrounds, along with your unique experiences and perspectives in language education, from across Japan and many other countries and contexts.

We look forward to seeing you there!

—Richmond Stroupe, Naomi Fujishima, and Emily Choong – Conference Chairs, JALT2024



2024 JALT Research Grants

Each year, JALT awards up to three grants for a maximum of ¥100,000 each for research on language teaching in Japan. The grants aim to support language teachers with no outside sources of funding and encourage JALT members to engage in classroom-based research. Winners of the 2024 grants receive funding to conduct their research in the 2025 academic year. The deadline for applications is October 13, 2024.

Please visit the JALT Research Grants website to learn about the grants in detail and download an application form.

<https://jalt.org/researchgrants>

Winners will be announced at JALT2024!

Join our workshop to learn more about the grants and get tips for next year's applications:

Getting Your Research Funded Through JALT

Saturday, November 16th

2:45 PM - 3:45 PM, Room 903



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How to Register

<https://jalt.org/conference/jalt2024/registration-guide>

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- If you register online or by postal payment, a Conference Acknowledgement will be emailed to you. Please bring proof of your acknowledgement to the conference site to exchange for your name tag and conference bag. If you have not received your acknowledgement by 1 November 2024, please contact the JALT Central Office at jco@jalt.org. If you register after 1 November, please wait 24 hours for processing, as we will be in final preparations for the onsite conference and will be very busy. We apologize for any inconvenience.
- *Preregistration* can be done online or by postal registration, but not onsite.
- *Regular* registration can be done online or onsite, but not by postal registration.

Regular registration will be offered online throughout the conference. It will also be available at the conference site from 15 November 2024, 5pm–7pm, and throughout the remaining days of the conference. VISA, MasterCard, JCB, and American Express will be accepted. Please bring your membership number to register at member rates.

Discount Details

1) Regular Attendees

If you pay your conference registration fees by the 2024 preregistration deadline of October 31, you qualify for the lower registration rates. If your JALT membership is valid through 18 November 2024, you are entitled to member rates even if you pay for your membership at the same time as registration.

2) Senior Members of JALT and Full-time Students

The discount system works as follows:

Senior Discount

- If you wish to apply for the senior discount, you must be a JALT member. There are a range of membership options available. For more details, see <https://jalt.org/joining>
- If you are not a JALT member and will become a member and register onsite at the conference, a copy of an ID that has your date of birth on it will be required.
- If you are already a Senior JALT member and your membership is valid through 18 November 2024, then you don't have to submit any further documentation.
- If you have another type of JALT membership you will need to provide proof of age.

Student Discount

- If you are a full-time university student and wish to apply for the full-time student discount option, you must provide proof of full-time student status before registering or on the day of your application.
- If you are already a JALT student member and your membership is valid through 18 November 2024, then you don't have to submit any further documentation.

There are two ways you can verify your full-time student status (Student ID Card is NOT acceptable):

- Submit the *JALT Verification of Full-time Status* form. Download it in English or Japanese (PDF format). See <https://jalt.org/conference> for forms and updated information.
- Submit a document in English or Japanese that has your university's letterhead on it and states you are a full-time student.

To Apply

Documents should be sent to JALT by email to jco@jalt.org for online or postal registration. If you wish to register onsite, please submit documents at the Onsite Registration desk. Without correct documentation you will need to pay the regular registration rate.

Important Notes

1. Preregistration

Deadline 31 October 2024 (Please note that presenters **MUST** register by 1 October 2024 to remain in



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the program). Postal payments must be postmarked up to the 31 October 2024 deadline. No applications postmarked or submitted online on or after 1 November 2024 will be processed at the preregistration rates. The postal payment system is not designed for regular payments so if any postal payments sent after the deadline are received, the sender will be charged an extra handling fee of ¥2,000 and be billed for the full regular registration rate.

2. Preregistration for Presenters

Presenters must pay their conference fees by 1 October 2024, (postmarked or online). Failure to do so may result in their presentations being canceled.

3. Conference Registration Acknowledgement (confirmation) by email

After your application to register is processed, a Conference Acknowledgement will be emailed to you. Please bring this message to the Preregistration Desk. If registering by postal registration, be sure to print your email address *clearly*. No acknowledgement will be issued on paper or be sent by post.

4. JALT Junior Program

Main conference participants are entitled to attend the JALT Junior program at no extra charge. Participants who register only for the JALT Junior conference are entitled to attend all the JALT Junior presentations and all the main conference plenary presentations, but not the other main conference presentations. JALT Junior participants will also receive a conference bag and are invited to attend the Friday Night Welcome Reception and Michele Steele Best of JALT Award Ceremony.

5. Cancellation

Cancellations will be acceptable only if received in writing (postal mail or email) by the JALT Central Office (JCO) before the following deadlines, and are subject to the following cancellation charges:

- By Friday, 1 November 2024, 5 pm: Cancellation charge 30% of Registration Fee
- By Monday, 11 November 2024, 5 pm: Cancellation charge 50% of Registration Fee
- No refund will be given for any cancellation received after Monday, 11 November.

- Late refund requests that arise due to exceptional circumstances must be made in writing to JCO and will be dealt with at JALT's discretion. Please use the Cancellation Notice and provide full details, including bank name, branch name, account number, and account name. The refund due, less the cancellation charge, will be paid into the registrant's bank account by bank transfer after the Conference. If your bank information was not provided at the time of cancellation, the refund will be made by postal money order.

6. Balance Due

If there is any outstanding balance due, the JCO will contact you with details on how to complete payment. Your registration is not officially complete until all balances are settled. You will also receive such a note if your membership expires before 18 November 2024. For smoother processing, please pay your membership fee at the time of registration.

7. Receipt

A receipt bearing the official JALT seal can be issued by request here. Receipts will be sent by post, unless requested otherwise. Please indicate any specific instructions for the receipt. It is advisable to retain any receipt issued by the post office or the printout of your online registration confirmation. You will need to be able to provide proof of payment to support any inquiry to the JCO regarding any payment or refund.

8. Travel Reservations

The JCO will not accept payment for hotel or travel reservations, nor will it be responsible for any mistaken payment of these. Please make reservations at your own initiative, or book through our agent, JTB Global Marketing and Travel Inc. See page 33 for more information.

9. Photography and Video

JALT has a conference video and photo team. These volunteers will be taking photographs and video for JALT editorial and publicity purposes. If you do not want your picture taken, please try to alert the photographer or videographer. We will try to use as much discretion as possible when taking photos and videos.



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Registration fees for JALT2024 are as follows. REGISTRATION WILL OPEN IN AUGUST.

Please check the JALT conference website - <https://jalt.org/conference/jalt2024/registration-fees> - for the most recent registration pricing and information!

Registering For	Preregistration (to 31 Oct)		Regular Registration	
	JALT Member	Nonmember	JALT Member	Nonmember
3 Days (16-18 Nov)	¥20,000	¥35,000	¥28,000	¥41,000
1 Day (16, 17, or 18 Nov)	¥15,000	¥22,000	¥18,000	¥25,000
Senior / Student 3 Days (16-18 Nov)*	¥10,000	¥12,000	¥12,000	¥14,000
Senior / Student 1 Day (16, 17, or 18 Nov)*	¥6,000	¥8,000	¥8,000	¥10,000
JALT Junior 2 days (16-17 Nov)**	¥10,000	¥12,000	¥12,000	¥15,000
JALT Junior 1 day (16 or 17 Nov)**	¥5,000	¥7,000	¥7,000	¥10,000
TnT/PD Workshops (15 Nov)***	¥5,000	¥7,000	¥7,000	¥9,000

Notes

- * If you will be 65 on or before 15 November 2024, or are a full-time student, you are eligible for discounted conference fees.
- ** JALT Junior is a satellite conference that focuses on teaching children and training teachers to teach children.
- *** Technology in Teaching (TnT) and Professional Development (PD) Workshops provide opportunities for participants to develop either the technology, humanities, and or social sciences sides of their teaching skills through a series of practical, hands-on workshops, led by experts in these fields from the language teaching community.



The ER SIG hosts online PresentERs events on the last Sunday of each month, 7-8pm JST. Our goals are to build community, hear how ER is practiced in various contexts, and share ideas with others who are enthusiastic about ER. These events involve a 20-30 minute casual talk from a PresentER, followed by around 20-30 minutes of discussion. They are free for anyone to attend. Use the QR code to watch previous talks and get the Zoom link. We hope you can join us at a PresentERs event soon!



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