**Open competition for foreign academic staff selection within the framework of Project Applications Selection Round of Specific Objective 8.2.2 "To Strengthen Academic Staff of Higher Education Institutions in the Areas of Strategic Specialization"**

“Promoting the Employment of Foreign Academic Staff at the University of Latvia”

**The aim of the Project –** topromote the employment of foreign academic staff in the study direction Language and Culture Studies, Native Language Studies and Language Programmes thus contributing to the internationalization, export and international competitiveness of the University of Latvia.

**Project results** – 30% of the foreign academic staff who have received ESF funding continue to work as academic staff at the University of Latvia.

**Project time period -** from 4th quarter of 2018 to 3rd quarter of 2022, with minimum project participation set at 6 months.

**Requirements and selection criteria for the beneficiaries:**

1. Persons who have been employed in the academic position of any accredited foreign higher education institution during the previous five years;
2. Persons holding the degree of MA in Language Learning and Japanese Language Teaching;
3. Persons who have relevant work experience in Japanese language teaching;
4. Persons who have relevant experience in organizing the Japanese speech contests in cooperation with Japanese governmental and/or non-governmental organizations, for example, Japanese Embassies, International Research Center for Japanese studies, Japan Foundation etc.
5. Persons who can run e-studies Web-based environment;
6. Persons who have participated in at least three international conferences and/or seminars on learning and teaching of Japanese;
7. Persons who have published scientific articles in the field of Language Learning and Japanese Language Teaching.
8. Partnership or participation in projects funded by Japanese institutions, for example, by Japan Foundation or similar;
9. Excellent knowledge of foreign languages, especially Japanese and English, and skills to use it for studies and methodological work.
10. Areas of work: Japanese Language and Literature Studies, study programmes – bachelor’s study programme “[Asian Studies](https://www.lu.lv/gribustudet/pamatstudijas/programmas/2018-2019-rud/azijas-studijas/)”.

**When applying for ESF funding, the following documents are required:**

1. Application – Annex 1
2. CV - Europass or in a free form with respect to the above requirements and conditions

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Annex 1:

APPLICATION

**for ESF funding**

within the framework of Project Applications Selection Round of ESF project “To Strengthen Academic Staff of Higher Education Institutions in the Areas of Strategic Specialization”

Study direction “Language and Culture Studies, Native Language Studies and Language Programmes”

I hereby certify that when applying for ESF funding for the project “To Strengthen Academic Staff of Higher Education Institutions in the Areas of Strategic Specialization” within the framework of the project application selection round in the field of study “Language and Culture Studies, Native Language Studies and Language Programmes”, I will perform the duties of the academic staff in conformity with the academic work, duties, workload and remuneration agreed and defined by the Study direction Council.

ESF funding applicant \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_/

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*The data specified in the application will be used by the UL exclusively for the purposes of ESF funding administration.*