

1. What's the Global Career Design Center?

It supports all students and young researchers, including international students and global talents, for their career development and job-hunting activities.

**Undergraduate
Students (B)**

**Graduate Students
(M/D)**

**Young Researchers
(PD)**

【Location/Office hours】

Student Plaza 2F, Higashi-Hiroshima
Weekdays, 8:30 – 17:15
(excluding national holidays)

【Our services】

Career counseling/Planning of events
related to job hunting and
internships/issemination of information
related to the above



Website: <https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/gcdc>



2. Recruitment of the International Students in the Japanese Industries

Commonly employed in ...

- **Wholesale/Retail:** Approx. **18%** of the former students
- **Manufacturing:** **15%**
- **Academic research/Professional & technical services:** **8%**
- **Information/Communications:** **7%**
- **Lodging/Restaurant service:** **6%**

Source: The Employment of International Students by Japanese Companies, the Immigration Services Agency of Japan.

Workplaces where the HU alums were employed, and more information:
See the university webpage entitled “To International Students”

<https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/gcdc/en/ForInternationalStudents>



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Examples of Jobs

(Common visa status: Technical/Humanities/International Business)

Job Types	Job Titles	Industries
Engineer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Production/Quality manager• CAD operator• Systems engineer• Construction manager	Manufacturing/IT/Construction
Translator/ Interpreter	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social Media Management• E-commerce site management and support• Inbound Support	(Many industries)
Planning/ Sales manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expansion of overseas sales channels• Planning and development of products for foreigners• Contact with overseas customers	(Many industries)
Administrator/ Business manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Management of non-Japanese technical trainees/part-timers• Bridge employees with local subsidiaries	Many industries with a strong focus on global business and the recruitment of international talent

(Source: JETRO Information on the promotion for Highly-skilled Professionals)



3. Why Japanese companies hire international talent?

- ① To recruit excellent human resources regardless of nationality.
- ② To carry out assignments related to clients overseas.
- ③ To hire foreign nationals who can work as executive candidates for overseas subsidiaries.
- ④ To perform duties arising from newly launched businesses overseas.

Japanese companies have high expectations of international talents who can work globally with their specialties and language ability.

4. Job-Hunting in Japan

- In Japan, we recommend you start job searching while still at university.
- The Global Career Design Center holds a variety of guidance sessions and seminars for international students.
- The guidance sessions and seminars are scheduled on the Global Career Design Center website.

<https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/gcdc/student/guidance>



- As soon as we get more information, we will post it in **My Momiji (Message from the Career Center)**. Check them out!
- Once you have decided on a company to work for, you should first check the recruitment activities schedule on the company's website.

4. Job-Hunting in Japan

Seminars and Events for International Talents

Open to
All Students

■ On-Campus Seminars

- Writing course to prepare your Self-Promotion (PR) and “ES”
- Basic course for finding employment in Japan, etc.

■ Company Briefing Sessions

- Online networking meetings for the global companies and students, organized by JETRO
- On-campus meetings for the companies and students

■ Off-Campus Seminars

Information is posted on the webpage below:

<https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/gcdc/student/gosetsu/ryugakusei>



5. Common Questions in the Job Interviews

Why do you want to work in Japan?

- You may explain the reasons why you want to work in Japan, your motivations or how much you would like to contribute to the company/Japanese society.

How long do you like to work in Japan?

- Make sure to find out whether the job you are applying for requires you to work in Japan for a long period of time before joining the interview.

What benefits would you like to bring to the company?

- You should answer based on your own skills, as well as the internationality and language skills that are the strengths as an international student.

What are you most keen on doing as a student?

- You can answer about the university club activities, hobbies, etc.
You may state that you worked hard at both your studies and your part-time job.

6. How to be Successful to Join Your Preferred Japanese Companies

Japanese language proficiency is QUITE Plus!

Many companies prefer international talents with fluency of Japanese.

Below skills are most advantageous in your job search in Japan.

- (1) Japanese language (speaking/writing/reading)
- (2) Understanding of the Japanese culture
- (3) Specialty (especially for students in science major)

It is vital to be able to speak, read and write in Japanese to go through the job-hunting successfully.

It is recommended to attend Japanese courses as often as you can 😊

Job Hunting Guide in Japan (published by JASSO)

https://www.jasso.go.jp/en/ryugaku/after_study_j/job/guide.html

