The Tsuzuki Scholarship
Overview

• 10 month programme

• Japanese language & culture classes

• Dorms, lessons, meals and flights included

• Work twice a week at a local school

• Occasionally take part in ‘ambassadorial’ events
Fukuoka

- On southern island of Kyushu
- Capital of Fukuoka Prefecture
Based in Futsukaichi

Main campus has;
• Gym
• Library
• Canteen
Key people & support

• Sebastian Daikin – Director of International Department

• Four teachers

• Nagamatsu – head of curriculum
Accommodation

• Split by gender since 2015

• Both have Dining hall and an Onsen (hot spring bath!)

Accom: Oxford House (Girls)

- Based in Futsukaichi (next to university)
- Teachers’ dorm rooms with:
  - TV
  - En-suite
  - Mini-fridge & Hob
  - Desk & Lots of storage
- Friendly staff
Accom: Cambridge House (Boys)

- Based in Chikushino (Short cycle/ coach ride away)
- Dorm rooms the same as girl’s dorm
- Common area and kitchen
- Visits need reservation
Japanese Language Lessons
Class Structure

• AM 10:40 - 12:10
• PM 12:50 - 2:10

• Wednesday AM - Japanese culture lesson with Seb

Uses the ‘Minna no Nihongo’ (Japanese for everyone) Book series
Studying

• Depending on what you want to achieve and how you study – homework/revision takes 1 to 3 hours a day

• Can help each help each other learn & share resources

• Some people made brief flashcards & others detailed notes- find your niche!
The JLPT

• The Japanese Language Proficiency Test

• Five Levels (5 is the easiest)

• Class isn’t tailored to it but can take you close to N3 (intermediate) level
Japanese Language

Three alphabets:

• Hiragana – main phonetic alphabet (only 46 characters)
• Katakana – used phonetically for foreign words (also 46)
• Kanji – adapted Chinese writing system

All of these are pronounced ‘GO’ in Japanese!

ご ゴ 五
Hiragana Katakana Kanji

You will learn these two alphabets very quickly

Kanji takes longer – even Japanese people don’t know the lesser used ones!
Anki & language apps

• Anki is a great app used by many Japanese learners

• Create your own flashcards on your phone (or download decks online)

• Great way to keep up practice casually & back at home

• Look online for more info on this app or sharing decks
Outside class...
Linden Hall

• Volunteer here twice a week (morning reading or after school)

• High school and junior school

• Invited to events
Part-time work

• Necessary to fund your social life and travels

• Teach night classes

• Private mentoring

• Modeling!

• A great way to meet Japanese friends
Social Life

- Clubs and bars
- Arcades and Karaoke
- International events etc (Comedy shows/ Pride etc)
Foreign community

• Fukuoka is a very international city

• There are many foreign meet-up groups

• Foreigner orientated content such as ‘Fukuoka Now’
Local attractions

Itoshima
Beach area nearby! Great for a day trip or weekend!

Dazaifu (Very famous shrine town- 20 min walk away from campus and also has very famous Starbucks that’s nice to work in!)

NB: Fukuoka is very close Busan in to South Korea!
Coming home

• Apply for jobs or masters whilst there or wait until coming back

• Good idea to maintain something else for CV (i.e.: blogging/ volunteer)

• There are various ways to keep up Japanese in the UK (E.g: Ankii)

• Re-sit the JLPT anywhere
Questions?