

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Please respond to the following 3 questions. Each essay should be submitted on a separate sheet of paper. Be sure to include your name and signature on each page. Submit original + 3 copies. Use paper clips or clamps, NO staples. Please be sure to keep a copy for your records. You may be asked to send an additional copy at a later date.

Question 1: Describe briefly your educational and career goals, and then describe an individual project concerning Japan of significance to you (for example, a research paper, a dissertation prospectus, an experience related to your professional training). (750 words maximum)

Question 2: Why is it necessary for you to study at the Center to achieve the academic and/or career goals outlined above? Why is this coming year the best time for you to study at the Center? Address briefly your plans for the two-year period following your attendance at the Center. (250 words maximum)

Question 3: Evaluate a book concerning Japan that has influenced you. (500 words maximum)