# Application Guidelines for AUA (Asian Universities Alliance) Study Abroad Program Organized by United Arab Emirates University

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\* The information concerning application and related documents are subject to change. Useful information and FAQs may also be added later. Make sure to check the latest information on the following and other websites.

https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/go-global/ja/program-list-short-AUA-UAEU.html

#### 1. Overview

The University of Tokyo accepts applications from students, who wish to participate in the following program organized by United Arab Emirates University, a member of AUA (Asian Universities Alliance). See the attachment for program details.

Challenge for Innovation

Date: January 5 - January 13, 2019

Venue: United Arab Emirates University (Al Ain, United Arab Emirates)

Target: Undergraduate and graduate students

Capacity: 1 team of 3 - 4 students (an interdisciplinary team is preferable.)

ONLY the nominated team is supposed to submit their application materials to the host institution. Also, students must apply for this program as a team, so make sure to check this application guidelines and the program details of the host institution (see the attachment) before application.

\* Further selection may be conducted by the host institution after nomination from UTokyo.

# 2. Eligibility/Requirements

Students must satisfy all the criteria below.

- (1) Students must be <u>enrolled at UTokyo as full-time undergraduate or graduate students</u> at the time of application and during the program period. (Those who are on a leave of absence from UTokyo cannot apply.)
- (2) Students must have sufficient proficiency in English to be able to produce good results.
- (3) Students must have qualifications required by each program. Applications will only be accepted if the applicant meets the language requirement, if any, at the time of the application deadline.
- (4) Before applying, applicants must make sure that the program does not interfere with their courses by checking the examination date and other important scheduled class events as well as their personal schedules. (As there is a limit to the number of possible participants in the program, withdrawing one's application after being selected leads to the loss of opportunity to study abroad for others. Note that in principal, students are discouraged from withdrawing their applications after submission.)
- (5) In cases where you cannot attend classes at UTokyo for a specified period, the handling of such situations shall be determined by your faculty of affiliation. There is no guarantee that students'

study abroad schedules will be taken into special consideration, therefore please confirm and make sure you understand before applying.

- \* In the case of the College of Arts and Sciences Junior Division, not attending classes or exams due to participation in a study abroad program will be considered as an absence, it will also not be an acceptable reason for a make-up exam. Contact the office of College of Arts and Sciences for more details.
- (6) If you already know who your supervisor is during the term in which you will be participating in the program, you must obtain prior authorization from the supervisor and obtain his/her signature on the application form. In cases where you do not have a supervisor for that term, please consult with the relevant section of the faculty with which you will be affiliated with during the program and obtain their approval.
- (7) Please only apply after consulting with the relevant section of the faculty with which you will be affiliated during the program term to be fully aware of potential academic affairs you need to know before you apply. You must obtain the signature of the persons in charge for the application form.
- (8) After passing the internal selection process and being accepted into the study abroad program, students are required to take out Japan Educational Exchanges and Services (JEES) "Futai Kaigaku" at their own expense (this will not be paid for by the University). Taking out this insurance will be one of the requirements for applying to this study abroad program.
- (9) Students may be required by their faculty to take out the "OSSMA" (Overseas Student Safety Management Assistance) provided by Emergency Assistance Japan Co., Ltd. If students are selected to participate in the program, they must follow their faculty's instructions regarding "OSSMA" (it is the responsibility of the students to purchase OSSMA as this will not be paid for by the University).
- (10) Based on the intention from AUA, those who participated/are going to participate in AUA programs either last year or this year are not recommended to apply.

#### 3. Expenses

The following expenses will be covered by United Arab Emirates University.

- ✓ Accommodation and meals (from January 5 to 14, 2019)
- ✓ Competition-related services
- ✓ Airport transfers
- ✓ Free internet access

Participants are required to cover all other expenses, such as their own airfare and any other expenses.

# 4. Application Deadline

Noon on Friday, August 31, 2018

- \* The electronic application system will be closed after the application deadline. Please note that incomplete applications will not be accepted even if they are submitted by the deadline.
- \* Please note that the above application deadline for this program differs from that written in the program details and the registration form by the host institution.

#### 5. Selection Process

- (1) UTokyo will review the application documents and select students to nominate to the host institution.
- (2) Notification of the selection results will be made via e-mail to you and the relevant office of your faculty.
- (3) If you need to withdraw your application under unavoidable circumstances beyond your control, please immediately contact the International Student Exchange Group.

#### 6. Requirements for Post-Internal Selection up until Program Acceptance

[ Participation procedures and travel arrangements ]

(1) It is the students' responsibility to follow the instructions of the host institution on participation procedures and travel arrangements. You should also follow the instructions of the host university when applying for a visa and obtain the latest information from the host institution's country embassy/consulate and other credible sources. Students are responsible for all expenses incurred during the process. It is the student's responsibility if you are not permitted to participate in the programs due to insufficient documents, failure to check the deadline or other reasons.

# [Internal procedures]

- (1) Confirm with the relevant office of your faculty to see if any study abroad procedures are necessary (such procedures differ by faculty).
- (2) Contact academic supervisors and other faculty members before departing to avoid unnecessary trouble that could be caused by participating in the program.
- (3) If there are any changes in information (address, phone number, e-mail addresses) from the time of the application, contact the faculty and the International Exchange Group of the UTokyo head office so that appropriate procedures can be undertaken.
- (4) If you must decline the offer under unavoidable circumstances, immediately contact the International Student Exchange Group (studyabroad.adm@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp).
- (5) Students must follow other warnings and notes by the UTokyo and the host institution.

#### [Insurance]

For insurance during study abroad, students are required to take out a JESS "Futai Kaigaku" at their own expense. Taking out this insurance will be one of the requirements for applying to the program (This will not be paid for by the University). Details of the insurance will be sent to students who are accepted into the programs at a later date.

# [ Information on Study Abroad, Risk Management ]

For general information on study abroad and risk management, see the Go Global website (<a href="https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/go-global/ja/voyage-index.html">https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/go-global/ja/voyage-index.html</a>). In particular, read the Risk Management Guidebook for Overseas Travel carefully.

#### 7. Obligations for Participating in Programs

(1) Students must fully comprehend the purpose of the program and strive to complete the courses

- with high academic achievements.
- (2) Selected students should understand that they are representatives of UTokyo. Abide all laws, rules, regulations and manners of the host institution and country.

#### 8. Post-Program Reporting

- (1) Students must submit a report (in a format prescribed by the International Exchange Group of UTokyo head office) to the International Exchange Group of the university head office, within two weeks of completing the program. The submitted report may be used for promotion of study abroad programs on and off campus. Please pay adequate attention to personal information so it can be published on brochures or websites.
- (2) Upon completing the program, students may be asked to cooperate in the internationalization efforts of the University (advising students who wish to study abroad, promoting study abroad programs, and answering questionnaire surveys). Students are expected to participate unless there are unavoidable circumstances.

#### 9. Contact Information

When contacting via e-mail, please make sure to state the subject, your name, faculty, number of years at university, and telephone number.

(1) Inquiries about application procedure:

International Exchange Group, the University of Tokyo studyabroad.adm@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp

(2) Inquiries about academic affairs, such as class and examination date, at UTokyo:

Relevant office of your faculty with which you will be affiliated during the program List of offices of faculties:

https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/go-global/ja/contact-department.html

(3) Inquiries about program details:

Host institution of the programs (see the attachment)

#### 10. Application Procedure and Documents

Make sure to complete the online application via UTAS before the deadline.

Please refer the following table for "15. Attachment" when applying.

Application Documents	Target	Notes
- Copy of the academic transcripts exc	cept Those who	
UTokyo for all semesters since enrollm	ent have scores	
in higher education (in English)		
- Copy of pages from your passport show	ring All	
your personal information		
- Documents to certify language proficien	acy All	
TOEFL iBT, IELTS	Those who	If you enter your scores in "9. Language
	have scores	Proficiency" on UTAS, you must submit
		the relevant certificate. Refer to *1.

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	Other than TOEFL iBT, IELTS	Those who	If you enter your scores in "9. Language
		have scores	Proficiency" on UTAS, you must submit
			the relevant certificate. <b>Refer to *2.</b>
	No English proficiency tests due to	Only for those	Write the details in "9. Language
	special circumstances (refer to *3)	that this	Proficiency".
		applies to	
- A Wr	ritten Oath	All	Fill out and sign the specified form
			(download), then attach the scanned
			PDF to "15. Attachment".
			Parents/Guardians' guarantee is
			required if students are below the age
			of 20 at time of application.
- Confirmation of notification for applying		All	Refer to *4.
Stud	ly Abroad Programs		
- Regis	stration Form	All	Fill out and sign the specified form
			(download), then attach the scanned
			PDF to "15. Attachment". <b>Refer to *5.</b>
- Curr	iculum Vitae	All	
- Offic	ial full academic transcript	All	
(in I	English)		
- One	electronic copy of your passport-sized	All	
phot	50		
- Tean	n Application Form	All	Each team needs to fill out one specified
			form (download), and all team members
			attach the same document to "15.
			Attachment".
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 $<sup>\</sup>star$  "A letter of support provided by the home institution" will be issued after the internal selection process.

# \*1 Documents to certify language proficiency (TOEFL iBT, IELTS)

(Certificates must be valid on August 31, 2018)

One of the following must be submitted.

 A copy of your TOEFL-iBT or IELTS (Academic Module) score (an unofficial copy of your TOEFL score, taken from online, is acceptable) which meet the following scores required by the host institution.

> IELTS: 5.5 and over

> TOEFL iBT: 70 and over

# \*2 Documents to certify language proficiency (other than TOEFL iBT/IELTS)

If you do not have TOEFL-iBT or IELTS scores but have other scores, the following can be submitted:

- · A copy of your TOEFL ITP score which meets the following score required by the host institution.
  - > TOEFL ITP: 525 and over

## \*3 If you have not taken any English proficiency tests due to special circumstances

If you have not taken any English proficiency tests due to special circumstances (e.g. graduated from high school in an English-speaking country, attending a degree course taught in English etc.), you can submit the explanation in "9. Language Proficiency" ① or ② when applying through UTAS.

## \*4 Confirmation of notification for applying for Study Abroad Programs

- Complete the specified form (download) to be the same as the online application form on UTAS. Obtain the signature or seal of the coordinator of your academic affiliation (faculties) at time of the program and upload the scanned PDF through UTAS. When you ask the coordinator to sign this sheet, you must print and show the all pages of your online application form on UTAS to the coordinator.
- The application without the signature of the coordinator of your faculty will not be accepted due to the document being incomplete.
- If you modify the electronic form after you have obtained the signature of your academic affiliation at time of the program, you will be rejected from the program.

#### \*5 Registration Form

- Please leave the following section on the "Applicant's Academic Information" (page. 2) blank. They will be filled out by the International Exchange Group after the internal selection process.
  - Contact person at Home University
  - > Contact
  - Mailing Address

#### [Online Application]

Apply from the "Study Abroad" tab on the Academic Affairs System website (UTAS, ITC-LMS). (Please follow the instructions given in "Applying for Study Abroad Programs via UTAS").

- Academic Affairs System (UTAS, ITC-LMS): <a href="https://utas.adm.u-tokyo.ac.jp/campusweb/">https://utas.adm.u-tokyo.ac.jp/campusweb/</a>
- Location for the application guidelines and the application documents:
  <a href="https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/go-global/ja/program-list-short-AUA-UAEU.html">https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/go-global/ja/program-list-short-AUA-UAEU.html</a>
- "Applying for Study Abroad Programs via UTAS": https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/content/400096401.pdf