



USTEP Webinar

Fri., August 28 PM3:00-4:00



USTEP Webinar Schedule

15:00 About today's webinar

Greeting (Prof. YAGUCHI Yujin)

15:05 USTEP (Applications for AY2021-2022)

- Impact of COVID-19
- Overview, how to apply
- Scholarships

15:30 Short break

15:40 Q&A

16:00 Closing



USTEP (Outbound)

AY2021-2022

Application Guidelines : <https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/go-global/en/application-tips-USTEP.html>

What are “Exchange Programs”?

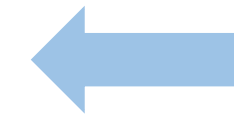
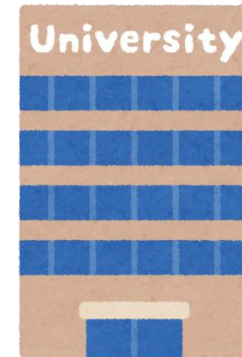
UTokyo
= Home University



Outbound



Partner University
= Host University



Inbound

- Universities “exchange” their own students
- You are called “outbound students” by UTokyo and “incoming students” by partner universities

Impact of COVID-19 on USTEPS

- Sending students for Autumn 2020 suspended. Sending students for Spring 2021 is currently under consideration
- A decision is expected to be made by the beginning of the semester prior to the semester you will start studying abroad
 - e.g. If starting an exchange program from the 2021 A Semester → the decision will be made by the beginning of April during the 2021 S Semester.
- The following conditions are the minimum requirement to run programs
 - Partner universities will run the exchange programs
 - The location of the partner university must be categorized below “Level 2: Avoid non-essential travel” by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
- ✂ The information above is as of August 2020 and subject to change

Overview 1. Partner Institutions

82 institutions worldwide!



As of August 2020

Outline 2. What is USTEP?

- UTokyo students from all faculties/graduate schools are eligible ⇔ Student Exchange Programs at Faculty/Graduate School level
- Course registration at partner universities
 - You only need to pay tuition fees to UTokyo, not to the partner university
(Payment of service fees, insurance fees, etc. to the host university may be required)
 - The credits obtained at the partner university may be approved as credits of UTokyo under some conditions
- Support from partner universities
 - Various support options such as visa application procedures, accommodation, buddy-programs, etc. may be available
- Students can apply for non-repayment type scholarships associated with the program

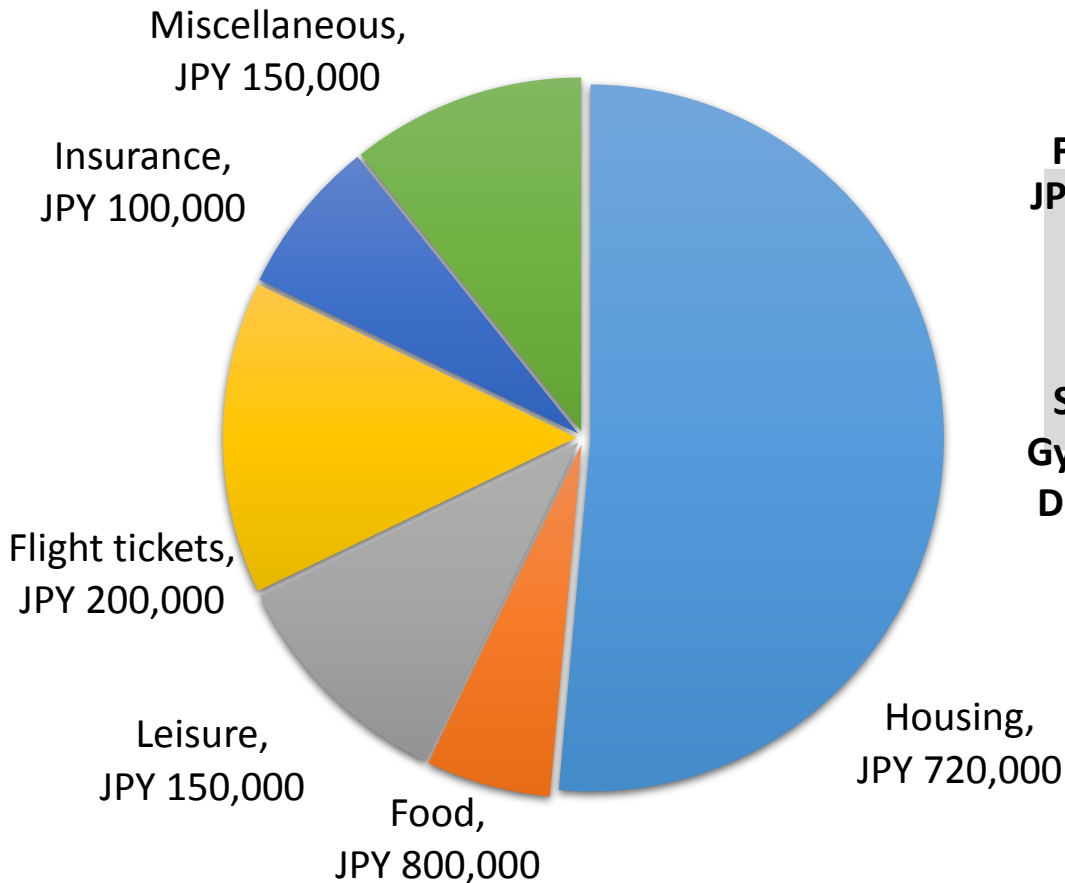


Outline 3. How much does it cost?

【Example】 University of Toronto (1 year: about 8 months)

Study abroad costs JPY 1,400,000

***Tuition fee to UTokyo excluded**



For example.....
JPY 150,000/month
* 8 months =
JPY 1,200,000



Scholarship from
Gyomu Super Japan
Dream Foundation

Payment by yourself

= JPY 200,000

Approx. JPY 25,000/month

Schedule 1. Application – Main screening

① Apply through UTAS (mid-Oct. to early Nov. 2020)

- **Deadline varies depending on the faculty/graduate school**
- Don't forget to submit a Letter of Assessment

② Internal screening (main screening)

Document screening + **interviews if considered necessary**

Interviews dates: Jan. 5 to 8, 2021

③ Notification of results of main screening
(late Jan. 2021)

Schedule 2. Additional screening

* If applicable

④ Internal screening (additional screenings)

In some case, those not selected by any of their three university choices during the main screening and had specified a wish to study at another university at the time of application, may be notified of partner universities that they may still be able to apply for

⑤ Notification of results of additional screenings (late Feb. 2021)

Schedule 3. Applying to partner universities – Commencement of study abroad

- ⑥ Application to partner universities
- ⑦ Selection by partner universities (May to July 2021)

- ⑧ Orientation session

Attendance to the orientation session for selected students is obligatory.

Hongo Campus: Thursday, Apr. 8, 2021

Komaba Campus: Saturday, Apr. 17, 2021

(exact dates and details to be announced in Jan. 2021)

- ⑨ Commencement of study abroad
(Autumn2021 to Spring 2022)

Points to Note 1. Eligibility

- Language requirements ***Please read the Application Guidelines carefully**
- Meet language requirements of the partner university
Note: Requirements may vary depending on the faculties/graduate schools.
- If the partner university does not set any language requirements.....
English: TOEFL iBT 79, IELTS 6.5, enrolled in degree courses/programs offered in English at UTokyo
Other languages: certificate of a proficiency test equivalent to CEFR B1 or higher
- Late submission of scores will be accepted for AY 2021-2022 applications

Points to Note 1. Eligibility

○ Academic requirements

- Grades
- School year, semesters completed at UTokyo
- Current major, affiliation

○ Others

- **Restricted semesters** e.g. wish to study only half year → cannot apply for some universities that only accept “full academic year” students
- **Nationality** e.g. Chinese nationals are not eligible for programs at Peking University, Tsinghua University, etc.
- **Some have restrictions of available departments** e.g. University of Washington, UCL, LSE etc.

Points to Note when Applying 2. How to choose a university

- Think what you want to do and choose where to go
 - Think what you really want to study and achieve from studying abroad
 - Select only partner universities that you are seriously willing to study at. Cancellation of applications after the internal screening is NOT accepted.

- Broaden your chances
 - Selecting only one partner university will NOT act in your favor during the internal screening
 - Fill out all three university choices and state “I wish to apply for the additional screening” on UTAS Form.

- You can still study in English even in non-English speaking countries
 - ex. Europe (University of Helsinki, ETH Zurich, University of Copenhagen, etc.), Asia (Tsinghua University, etc.), etc.

Points to Note for Applying 3. How to Write Application Forms

- Clear vision for studying abroad
Study/research/activity plans, motivation, purpose,
- Detailed study/research plans for every partner university you are applying to

CHECK the Go Global Website

*some contents are only available in Japanese

<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/go-global/en/index.html>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the University of Tokyo's Go Global Website. The header includes the text 'The University of Tokyo Go Global Website' and a navigation menu with 'TOP PAGE', 'PLANNING', 'PROGRAM', 'SCHOLARSHIPS', 'PREPARATION', and 'CONTACT'. The main banner features the slogan 'from UTokyo to the World' and 'GLOBAL WEBSITE'. A sidebar on the left lists categories: 'TOP PAGE' (Latest Information), 'PLANNING' (UTokyo's Internationalization), 'PROGRAM' (Programs Search & List), 'SCHOLARSHIPS' (Information and Preparation), and 'PREPARATION' (What to Know & What to Do). A central blue box contains the 'GO GLOBAL GATEWAY' logo and the text 'The ability to live and work together with all kinds of people throughout the world'. A 'NEWS' section is visible below. Callouts highlight 'Study abroad reports' (top right), 'Information about partner universities' (left), 'Scholarships' (bottom left), and 'Application Guidelines' (bottom right).

Study abroad reports

Information about partner universities

Scholarships

Application Guidelines

FYI: Peer study abroad advisers B1, 21 KOMCEE West

- Advising sessions by previous study abroad students
Mon-Fri during semesters: Lunchtime and 3rd period

<https://www.globalkomaba.c.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/event/20200930-00001642.html>

- Peer study abroad advisers created a website on learning languages, questions for studying abroad etc. (restricted to ECCS account holders)

<https://sites.google.com/g.ecc.u-tokyo.ac.jp/peer-study-abroad-advisors/>



Contacts

- Inquiries are to be made to the international exchange section of the faculty/graduate school that you belong to
- Inquiries should NOT be made directly to the partner universities (however, we recommend that graduate students contact a professor of the partner university who they would like to be supervised by in advance)
- For contact details of past USTEP participants, contact the International Exchange Group
: studyabroad.adm[at]gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp



Scholarships

- 1. Scholarships through the Division for Global Campus Initiative**
- 2. Scholarships from other organizations (through recommendation by UTokyo)**
- 3. Scholarships from other organizations (Direct application)**

1 . Scholarships through the Division for Global Campus Initiative

- You can apply for scholarships through the Division for Global Campus Initiatives (= program attached scholarship)
 - Non repayment type
 - JPY 50,000 ~ 100,000 / month. The actual amount of the scholarship depends on your destination and your academic achievement.
 - For undergraduates studying abroad for 1 year, there is a possibility to be selected for the Fung Scholarships and receive travel expenses up to JPY 200,000 according to your academic excellence and ranking in the internal selection process.
- ✂ Potential changes to the amount of scholarship and requirements depends on the yearly fiscal budget.
- Apply from USTEP application form on UTAS
- Result will be announced around June 2021

2. Scholarships from other organizations (through recommendation by UTokyo)

- Apply for Scholarships from other organizations!!
- Some scholarship need to be applied through UToyko with its recommendation.

【Scholarships that have been recommended and adopted in the past (pick up)】

- Scholarships with no restrictions on eligibility
 - ・ 官民協働海外留学支援制度トビタテ！留学JAPAN日本代表プログラム (※ The next call is not yet confirmed) *1
 - ・ (公財)業務スーパージャパンドリーム財団派遣留学奨学金*2
 - ・ (公財)阪和育英会海外留学奨学金*2
- Scholarships with restrictions on eligibility (destination, academic field, etc.)
 - ・ UTokyo-TOYOTA Study Abroad Scholarships for the study and research in the field of Artificial Intelligence
 - ・ 百賢亞洲研究院 AFLSP日本人学生交換留学奨学金*3
 - ・ (公財)みずほ国際交流奨学財団*2
 - ・ (公財)佐藤陽国際奨学財団派遣留学奨学金*2

and so on

*1 Japanese-passport holders and permanent residents only *2 Japanese-passport holders only *3 “Japanese” only

2. Scholarships from other organizations (through recommendation by UTokyo)

○ How to Apply

- ① Check the requirements: eligibility, deadlines, etc...
- ② Submission of required documents to your faculty/graduate school
※ Deadline may differ for each faculty/graduate school
- ③ Selection by the Division for Global Campus Initiatives
- ④ Recommendation to each scholarship organization

3. Scholarships from other organizations (Direct application)

○ You can also apply to scholarship organizations directly by yourself

【Scholarships have been adapted (pick up)】

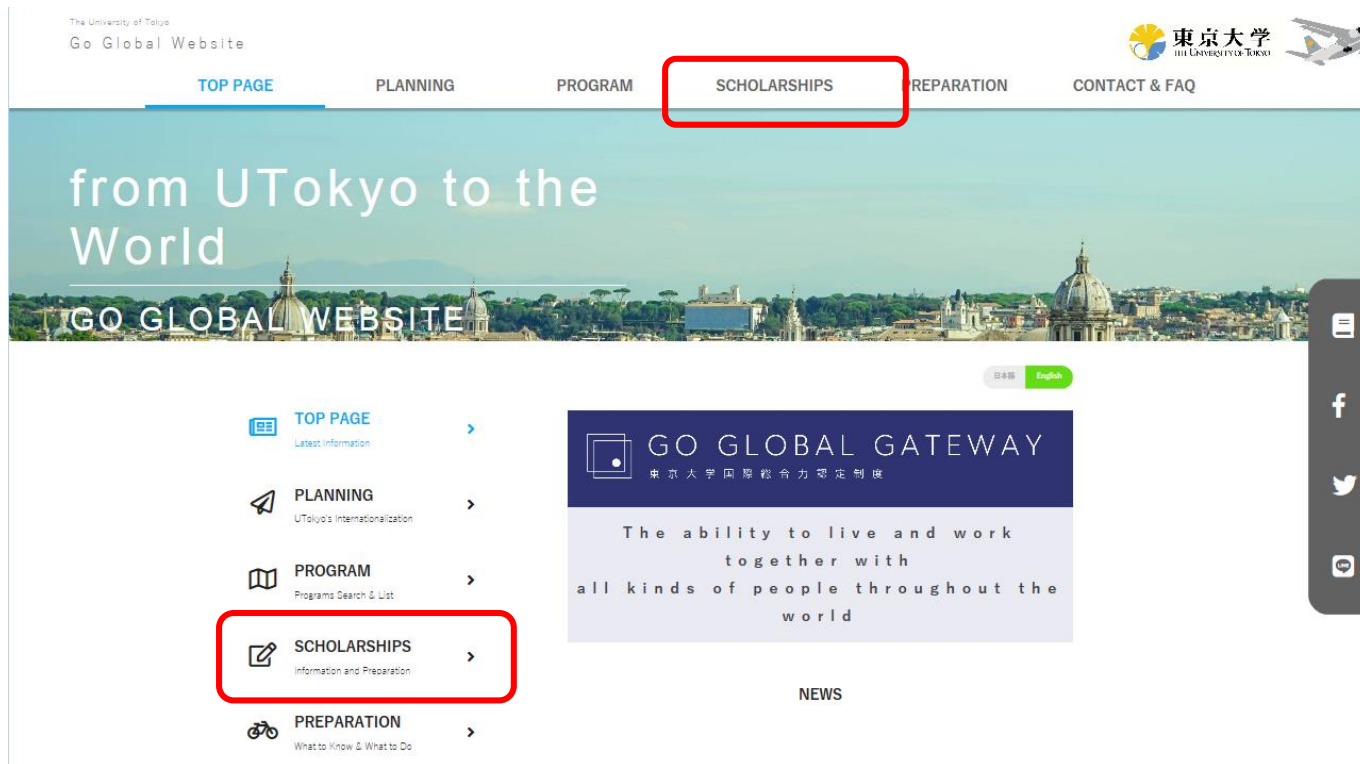
- FUTI Scholarship
- Ito Foundation U.S.A.-FUTI Scholarship
This was established mainly by UTokyo alumni as an NPO and is based on donations from UTokyo alumni/related companies to support studying abroad of UTokyo and American university students.
- British Council Japan IELTS Award
- (公財)経団連国際教育交流財団経団連グローバル人材育成スカラシップ*1
- 「埼玉発世界行き」奨学金*1 and so on

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How to find Scholarships

○ You can refer to the Go Global website:
<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/go-global/en/scholarship-index.html>

○ Search other websites as well!



Points to Note

○ Points to note when you apply...

- Application requirements, eligibilities
- Academic criteria, language proficiency (TOEFL, IELTS scores)
- Restrictions on multiple receipt of/applications to scholarships
- Risk management policy

○ Points to note after you are accepted to the scholarships

- Documents to be submitted (Certificate of enrollment every month, notification of change of status, reports of achievement etc...)
- Participation in gathering events etc.

○ Impact of COVID-19

Useful Links

○ Go Global Website

<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/go-global/en/index.html>

○ USTEP AY2021-2022 Application ▪ FAQ

<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/go-global/en/application-tips-USTEP.html>

○ Factsheet of Partner Universities

<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/go-global/ja/program-list-USTEP-list.html>

○ Student Reports *Some reports are in English

<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/go-global/ja/report-list-USTEP.html>

○ Study Abroad Online Advising

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○ Peer Study Abroad Advisors (Restricted to ECCS account holders)

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