

The University of Tokyo – Asian University for Women Joint Summer Program at the University of Tokyo

“Growing Up as/with Immigrants and Refugees ”

Application Guidelines

May 2025

NOTES:

(1) Be sure to check the latest information on our website (shown below) as program details, FAQs, and information about application procedures may be updated without notice.

<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/go-global/en/program-oncampus-utokyo-auw-summer.html>

(2) This program is conducted as part of the UTokyo Global Unit Courses*.

* UTokyo Global Unit Courses (UTokyo GUC) is a short-term program hosted by the [Center for Global Education, The University of Tokyo \(UTokyo GlobE\)](#). UTokyo GUC is designed primarily for overseas students with academic excellence, but regular UTokyo students are also eligible to participate in courses run as part of UTokyo GUC. Enrolled students will be awarded “Global Units” issued and accredited by UTokyo GlobE. (This program will not grant credits that will be accredited by colleges or faculties other than GlobE.) This program is exclusively for students of the Asian University for Women and UTokyo.

(3) This program is sponsored by the Fast Retailing Foundation.

1. Program Overview

The increase in immigrants and refugees due to war, civil strife, oppression, economic disparity, and climate change has caused a global crisis. This program brings together students from the University of Tokyo (UTokyo) and the Asian University for Women (AUW)*¹ to explore ways to build a society in which people of diverse backgrounds—including immigrants and refugees—live together peacefully. While discussions about migrants and refugees often revolve around labor, this program primarily focuses on the experience of children and youth who live and grow as/with immigrants and refugees through school education, local communities, culture, and media.

Many of the participants from AUW have lived as immigrants or refugees, and their backgrounds differ significantly from those of general students at UTokyo. This program offers opportunities for students to spend time together, learning about and discussing what it means to live and grow as/with immigrants and refugees, as well as the challenges involved. Students will actively engage in the lectures*², discussions, and off-campus field trips that explore such topics as:

- Immigrants and Refugees in/to/from Asia and Japan: Backgrounds, Structures, and Challenges
- Immigrants and Refugees in Schools and Universities: Acceptance and Coexistence in the Field of Education
- Family, Religion, and Community: Inheritance and Transformation of Immigrant and Refugee Identities
- Culture and Media: Representations and Discourses surrounding/by Immigrants and Refugees

Additionally, UTokyo students will attend classes on society, economy, language(s), and culture(s) of Bangladesh during the program while AUW students take Japanese language classes.

As the end of the program, students will share their learning outcomes at a symposium which will be open to attendees from both within and outside the university. Students will be awarded a certificate upon completion of the program.

In addition to lectures and discussions, the program also offers a one-day excursion around Tokyo, participation in cultural events, and a meeting with senior executives and staff members of Fast Retailing Foundation as well as a workshop at the Foundation. Students also have opportunities to explore the city, visit cultural sites, and share meals together in their free time.

*1 Asian University for Women (AUW) is located in Chattogram, Bangladesh. The university was established in 2008 to give educational opportunities to first generation women, who are the first in their family to enroll in a university, and nurture their leadership skills. The university offers liberal arts curricula to women from Asian countries such as Bangladesh, India, Bhutan, Afghanistan, Myanmar, and Syria.

Website: <https://asian-university.org/>

***2 Lecturers in Classes (in the order of scheduled appearance):**

- Takako Hikotani (Professor, Center for Global Education, UTokyo)
- Ayan Saha (Assistant Professor, AUW)
- Mayumi Murayama (Executive Vice President, Institute of Developing Economies Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO))
- Fumiko Takahashi (Associate Professor, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, UTokyo)
- Yujin Yaguchi (Vice President / Director, Center for Global Education / Professor, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, UTokyo)
- Iris Issen (Assistant Professor, Faculty of Core Research, Ochanomizu University)
- Hee Eun Kwon (Postdoctoral Fellow, Tokyo College, UTokyo)
- Kikuko Nagayoshi (Professor, Institute of Social Science, UTokyo)
- Yuki Ohara (Associate Professor, Center for Global Education, UTokyo)

Program Coordinators:

- Mari Yoshihara (Vice Director and Professor, Center for Global Education, UTokyo / Professor, Department of American Studies, University of Hawaii at Mānoa)
- Sho Shimoyamada (Project Lecturer, Centre for Global Education, UTokyo)

2. Program Period

July 28 (Mon) – August 7 (Thu), 2025 *No lectures will be delivered on August 3 (Sun).

3. Number of UTokyo Students Accepted

12 undergraduate students

* Students must complete the On-demand Online Course under the [Go Global Gateway](#).

4. Program Fee

JPY 18,000 (including costs for the one-day excursion, post-symposium reception, etc.)

*Participants will be notified of the payment methods later.

*Expenses for activities outside of the program, such as transportation costs, are to be covered by participants.

*Program fees are non-refundable, even if a participant is unable to attend any of the lectures or excursions.

5. Program Schedules (TBA) *This program will be held on Hongo Campus, UTokyo, etc.

5:00 p.m., June 2 (Mon)	Inquiries to the International Education Promotion Group regarding the programs can be made until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 2.
5:00 p.m., June 4 (Wed)	Deadline for application via UTAS Deadline for completion of GGG On-demand Online Course
mid to late June	Announcement of selection results
from June to July	A pre-program orientation session (in-person)
from June to July	A pre-program interchange session with AUW students (hybrid format)
July 28 (Mon) – August 7 (Thu)	Program* ¹
After the program	Submission of a post-program assignment* ²

*¹ For the tentative timetable during the program, see the “Appendix” at the end of the application guidelines.

*² Completion of this program will be counted as “4. Global Experiences,” one of the certification requirements for [Go Global Gateway \(GGG\)](#). Students who have already met or are expected to meet the other requirements are encouraged to apply for the GGG Certificate after the program.

6. Program Eligibility and Requirements

Applicants must meet **all** the following requirements:

- (1) Applicants must complete the On-demand Online Course under the [Go Global Gateway](#). The estimated time required for completion is approximately 100 minutes.
- (2) Applicants must be undergraduate students with an intermediate level of English proficiency (equivalent to B1–B2 on the [CEFR, Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#)).
- (3) Applicants must be enrolled as full-time undergraduate students at UTokyo at the time of application and during the entire period of the program. (Those who will lose their student status due to graduation during the time of the program are not eligible to apply.)
- (4) Before applying, applicants must carefully review their academic schedules (including semester courses, examination dates, and other important scheduled class events) as well as their personal schedules to ensure the program does not conflict with them. **Applicants may only apply after confirming their availability for the entire program period.** As the program has a limited capacity, cancellation after the selection deprives other students of a precious opportunity. **Be sure to thoroughly confirm your availability before applying in order to avoid cancellation after submission.**
- (5) The handling of absences from UTokyo courses while participating in the program will be determined by the college or faculty with which applicants are affiliated. The college or faculty may not necessarily give special consideration to students' participation in the program. Therefore, consult with your college or faculty before applying for the program.
- (6) Students who already have a supervisor or equivalent at UTokyo must notify them of their application for the program in advance and receive approval. They should note the date they received approval in the application on UTAS as specified. If a student does not have a supervisor or equivalent, write 'N/A' in the space specified (see details in 7. How to Apply and Application Documents (3)).
- (7) Applicants must have a strong interest in taking classes with students from overseas universities, learning English, and experiencing different cultures.

7. How to Apply and Application Documents

- (1) Although this program is not held overseas, applications must be submitted via the “Overseas Study” system on UTAS. Make sure to complete the application before the deadline.
 - ✧ Application with significant errors (especially entries that do not follow the application guidelines and instructions on the UTAS online application screen (highlighted in blue)) will not be accepted even if students complete the application before the deadline.
- (2) This program is conducted as part of the [UTokyo Global Unit Courses \(GUC\)](#). Therefore, applicants are required to review the following documents for the GUC application process. Download the documents from the link provided in the Go Global website or from “Application Documents” at the end of this section (7. How to Apply and Application Documents).
 - ✧ **Consent Form (PDF format):**
Read the document carefully. Then, indicate your consent and fill in your name and date in “**15. Consent Form**” on UTAS.
 - ✧ **Terms and Conditions (PDF format):**
Read the document carefully. Then, fill in “Yes” in “**16. Confirmation**” on UTAS.
- (3) Follow the instruction shown in blue text on the UTAS online application screen. The following sections require particular attention:

- ✧ “**2. Basic Information**” and “**4. Emergency Contact Details of Next-of-Kin etc.**” on UTAS cannot be edited on the application screen. If you need to fill in or update these sections, contact your college or faculty. Ensure that all the information is accurate and up to date at the time of application.
- ✧ All notifications regarding your application will be sent to the e-mail address registered in “**3. Contact Details.**” Enter an e-mail address that can receive files as attachments and check your e-mail inbox regularly after submitting your application.
- ✧ If you do not have a supervisor or equivalent at UTokyo, enter “N/A” in the “Name of Academic Advisor” field in “**6. Academic Affiliation and Year at Time of the program period.**” If you have a supervisor or equivalent, enter the date on which you obtained their approval in “**17. Approval of your academic supervisor.**”
- ✧ If you have earned credits from universities or institutions of higher education other than UTokyo, submit a copy of academic transcripts from each of those institutions (including grading criteria) in “**18. Attachments.**”
Note: for students who enrolled in UTokyo in April 2025, the grading points shown in “**7. Grading Coefficient**” will initially display as “0.00.” These points will be updated once the International Education Promotion Group receives and reviews the application.
- ✧ In “**13. Statement of Purpose or Reason Why You Wish to Participate in this Program,**” clearly state your purpose or reason for application in around 400 characters in Japanese or 250 words in English. Count the number of characters (in Japanese) or words (in English) and indicate the count in parentheses at the end of your statement.
- ✧ For “**14. Contact Email Address,**” follow the instructions displayed on the screen and enter “Yes” in the designated field after confirming the details.

(4) Refer to the following table for “**18. Attachments.**”

Application Documents	Target	Notes
Copy of academic transcripts from institutions other than UTokyo for all semesters since enrollment in higher education (including grading criteria) <i>*PDF format</i>	For those whom this applies to	If you have credits from universities/institutions of higher education other than UTokyo, enter the credits in “ 7. Grading Coefficient ” based on the original transcripts.
Certificate of language proficiency <i>*PDF format</i>	If you have documents to certify your language proficiency, submit them on UTAS.	
TOEFL iBT, IELTS	For those who have scores	If you enter your scores in “ 9. Language Proficiency ” on UTAS, submit the corresponding certificate. (See notes *1 and *2 below.) If your certificate consists of multiple pages, combine them into a single PDF file before submission.
Other than TOEFL iBT, IELTS		
No English proficiency tests	For those whom this applies to	Specify in “ 9. Language Proficiency ” on UTAS.

***1 Certificate of language proficiency (TOEFL iBT, IELTS)** (Certificates must be valid as of the application deadline. For expiration date, refer to the official information on each organization’s website.)

One of the following must be submitted:

- A copy of the TOEFL iBT or IELTS (Academic Module) score report (A copy of the score report available online after taking the test is also acceptable.)

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

Applicants who do not possess TOEFL iBT or IELTS scores or have additional language proficiency certificates besides TOEFL iBT or IELTS may submit any of the following:

- A copy of the score report for TOEFL ITP, TOEIC, or Eiken
- If submitting score reports from another English proficiency test, submit a copy of the score report and an explanatory document (in any format). The document should include a test overview and score conversion tables to the English proficiency tests listed above.
- A copy of the score report for a language proficiency test for a language other than English

[Online Application]

Apply from the “Study Abroad” tab on the Academic Affairs System (UTAS).

(Follow the instructions given in “Applying for Programs via UTAS”).

- ✧ Academic Affairs System (UTAS) : <https://utas.adm.u-tokyo.ac.jp/campusweb/>
- ✧ “Applying for Programs via UTAS”: https://univtokyo.sharepoint.com/:f:/s/msteams_8b031a-32/Eo0DCi4LuCVAmZ8HRts2mP0BpNeQ1AQfBovXs_p37ATBsw (Log in with UTokyo Account.)

[Application Documents] *Download the designated files from the following link.

https://univtokyo.sharepoint.com/:f:/s/msteams_8b031a-32/EsmQvkIm28dQjh8DXiPGT20BZDkd3BSVTI6knk14Bkizhg (Log in with UTokyo Account.)

8. Application Deadline

5:00 p.m., June 4 (Wed), 2025* (JST)

* Inquiries to the International Education Promotion Group regarding the programs can be made until 5:00 p.m. on June 2 (Mon).

9. Selection Process

- (1) In principle, the selection will be based on a review of application documents.
- (2) Notifications regarding selection results and other important information will be sent via e-mail. Be sure to regularly check the inbox of your e-mail address registered on UTAS after application. Check the spam or junk mail folder as well, as important messages may occasionally be filtered there.
- (3) If you are applying for or have already been accepted into other study abroad programs at the time of this application, clearly note this in “**10. Applications to Other Programs**” on UTAS.

10. Post-Selection

- (1) Students selected as program participants must inform their academic supervisor(s) and other faculty members in advance of the program.
- (2) All successful applicants are required to attend both the pre-program orientation session and the interchange session with AUW students.
- (3) If you need to withdraw from the program due to unavoidable circumstances, contact the International Activities Support Team, International Education Promotion Group (go-gateway.adm@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp) immediately, even before the selection results are announced.
- (4) Participants must fully understand the program’s purposes and endeavor to complete the program.
- (5) Participants must agree that videos and photos taken during the program may be used as promotional materials for UTokyo GlobE and educational materials for UTokyo.

11. Pre-program Orientation Session and Interchange Session with AUW students

All participants are required to attend an orientation session (in-person) and an interchange session with AUW students (hybrid format*) held in June or July. Details including dates and locations of these sessions will be provided to successful applicants after the selection process.

*UTokyo students will gather in a designated room on Hongo campus and interact with AUW students online.

12. Post-program Reports

- (1). Students must submit post-program assignments. Details including the submission deadline will be announced later.
- (2). If there are any changes to your personal information (addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses) entered during the UTAS application process, contact the International Activities Support Team. Note that the information will be necessary for communications even after the program.

- (3). Participants may be asked to support the UTokyo's global initiatives after the program, such as attending debriefing sessions, promoting study abroad programs, advising students who wish to study abroad, and participating in surveys. Participants are expected to cooperate unless there are unavoidable circumstances.
- (4). Completion of this program will be counted as "4. Global Experiences," one of the certification requirements for Go Global Gateway (GGG). Students who have already met or are expected to meet the other requirements are encouraged to apply for the GGG Certificate through the [Go Global Gateway website](#) after the program.

13. Inquiry

Note: When making inquiries via e-mail, be sure to **state the subject line, your name, student ID number, affiliation, year of study, and phone number.**

International Activities Support Team, International Education Promotion Group
go-gateway.adm@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp

14. Additional Information

Articles about the UTokyo-AUW Joint Summer Program in AY2024 are available on the UTokyo GlobE website.

- ✧ Summer Program AY2024 (July 29-August 8, 2024 at UTokyo)
- Program report: https://globe.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/news/news_240809.html
 - Article regarding the program featured in the media:
https://globe.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/news/news_240813.html
https://globe.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/news/news_240801.html

(Appendix)**Program Timetable (As of May 9, 2025)**

Detailed information of the program including lecturers and titles of lectures will be updated once confirmed.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	July 28	July 29	July 30	July 31	August 1	August 2	August 3
8:30 - 10:00		Class 1	9:00-10:30 Class 3	9:00-12:00 Field trip to Everest	Class 5	Excursion	No classes
10:30 - 12:00		Class 2		International School Japan	Class 6		
13:00 - 14:30*	15:00-16:00 Orientation	AUW: Japanese Class 1	12:00-17:00 Visit to Fast Retailing Co., Ltd.	AUW: Japanese Class 2	AUW: Japanese Class 3		
	16:00-17:00 Campus Tour	UTokyo: Lecture on AUW & Bangladesh			UTokyo: Lecture on Bangladesh		
	17:00-18:30 Welcome Party	17:00-20:00 Film Night		14:45-16:15 Class 4	Activities with AUW students		
	August 4	August 5	August 6	August 7			
8:30 - 10:00	Class 7	Class 9	Preparation for the Symposium	Preparation for the symposium			
10:30 - 12:00	Class 8	Class 10					
13:00 - 14:30*	AUW: Japanese Class 4	AUW: Japanese Class 5		Symposium & Farewell Party (Reception)			
	17:00-20:00 Film Night						

* Japanese Classes 1-5: AUW students will attend the classes from 13:00 to 14:30.

* Lectures on (AUW&) Bangladesh: UTokyo students will attend the classes related to AUW and Bangladesh.