

**UC Berkeley/Davis Programs**  
**Application Guidelines for Candidate Students (for AY2026-2027)**

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\* The information concerning application and related documents are subject to change. Useful information and FAQs may be added later. Make sure to check the latest information on the University of Tokyo Go Global website :<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/go-global/en/application-tips-UC.html>.

**Overview**

The University of Tokyo (UTokyo) is a partner university of the two programs described below. As such, UTokyo students are eligible to participate in these programs and in accordance with the guidelines below, they are invited to apply to the programs.

**(1) University of California, Berkeley, American and International Study Program (AISP) (Attachment 1)**

The American and International Study Program (AISP), hosted by the Charles and Louise Travers Department of Political Science at the University of California, Berkeley (UC Berkeley), provides students from partner universities with an opportunity to study American politics and international relations at UC Berkeley. Under UC Berkeley Extension’s Concurrent Enrollment program, students can enroll in regular UC Berkeley courses for one semester or one year. Participating students are responsible for paying the program fees specified by UC Berkeley, including tuition.

**(2) University of California, Davis, Global Study Program (Attachment 2)**

Organized by the Continuing and Professional Education, International at the University of California, Davis (UC Davis), the Global Study Program provides students from partner universities with an opportunity to take regular UC Davis courses or language courses for a period of at least one quarter, up to a maximum of three quarters. Participating students will enroll at UC Davis Extension and are responsible for paying the program fees specified by UC Davis, including tuition.

**Duration**

Students can choose one or multiple consecutive period(s). Up to two semesters for UC Berkeley and up to three quarters for UC Davis. See Attachments for further details.

UC Berkeley	UC Davis
1. Fall Semester: August –December, 2026	1. Fall Quarter: September – December, 2026
1. Spring Semester: January – May, 2027	1. Winter Quarter: January – March, 2027
	2. Spring Quarter: March – June, 2027

**Curriculum (See Attachments for further details)**

The host institution will contact students who have been selected for admission with information on the curriculum, the courses, and the procedure for course registration. Reports by students who participated in the program in the past are available on the Study Abroad Reports page of the UTokyo Go Global website (Japanese only):

### **Number of Students to be Accommodated**

UC Berkeley AISP: Up to five students per semester

UC Davis Global Study Program: No cap

### **Eligibility**

Participating students must meet all requirements listed below:

- (1) You must be enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student at UTokyo at the time of application and during the program period.

Note: The programs are designed for undergraduates. Graduate students participating in the program have no guarantee that they will be able to take graduate level courses.

- (2) You must complete the required procedures for “Study Abroad” or “Leave of Absence” before leaving Japan. (Please follow the instructions by your affiliated faculty/graduate school.)
- (3) If the applicant is planning to advance to a graduate school, such advancement should be completed before the start of the study-abroad period. It is not possible to advance to a graduate school (including advancement from Master’s to doctorate degree) while you are on a study abroad program. Applicants must read Appendix 1 if they are due to advance from the Junior Division to the Senior Division while they are studying abroad.
- (4) Undergraduate students must complete the on-demand course under the Go Global Gateway by the time they submit their internal application. The estimated time required for completion is approximately 100 minutes.

On-demand course: <https://globe.u-tokyo.ac.jp/ja/ggg.html>

- (5) When you apply, you must understand that attendance at the pre-departure orientation is obligatory. For students departing in Fall 2026, the orientation is scheduled to be held on Thursday, April 16, 2026, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The date and time of the orientation for students departing in Winter 2027 or later have not yet been decided, but it is tentatively planned for around October 2026. Except in cases where genuinely unavoidable circumstances are recognized, failure to attend the orientation will, in principle, result in disqualification from studying abroad.
- (6) Applicants must possess the level of English proficiency specified by each host institution, as outlined below. A certificate must be submitted to the International Education Promotion Group and to the host institution after the internal screening process. If the required certificate cannot be submitted within one week from the notification of the internal screening results, the applicant will not be nominated.

#### ◆ UC Berkeley:

- TOEFL iBT 90
- IELTS 7.0
- Cambridge Proficiency Exam: Pass
- Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English: Pass

Note: These scores are the minimum language requirements. UC Berkeley courses are extremely rigorous and require a heavy reading load; thus, only students who are ready to take on that level of work in English should

apply.

◆ UC Davis:

Coursework varies depending upon students' English proficiency. Students with mid-range scores would take ESL (English as a Second Language) courses. Students are placed in course schedule based on the score results submitted with their application.

Coursework	English Proficiency
① Full-time Academic Credit	TOEFL iBT 80, PBT 550 IELTS 6.5
② Guided Full-Time Academic Credit	TOEFL iBT 71, PBT 530 IELTS 6.0
③ ESL Preparation Program (Academic courses are partly available)	TOEFL iBT 61, PBT 500 IELTS 5.5

- (7) Note that the American and International Study Program (AISP) is designed for students with an interest in taking courses in American politics and international relations. Students take three courses in AISP. While they are able to substitute one course per semester for something in another field, their core work will be in Politics. To be specific, students need to substitute two courses (8 units) in Political Science as mandatory courses per semester. Please apply only after making sure this point is clear and that you agree.
- (8) UC Davis Global Study Program requires a GPA of 3.0 or above (full points: 4.0). For the calculation of GPA, see the Japan-U.S. Educational Commission website (Japanese only):  
[https://educationusa.jp/steps/schedule\\_supplement.html#step04](https://educationusa.jp/steps/schedule_supplement.html#step04)  
Admission to the program will be determined by the host institution, based on the academic record(s) submitted.
- (9) You must carefully read and agree with the Attachments and relevant documents, before submitting your application.
- (10) You must apply only after confirming that participating in the program is possible and will not interfere with your courses at UTokyo, by thoroughly checking the class and examination dates at UTokyo as well as other necessary schedules. UTokyo can only nominate a limited number of students to the host institution, particularly UC Berkeley. Withdrawing an application after passing the internal screening means that another student has lost the opportunity to study abroad. Therefore, you are advised to avoid withdrawing your application after submission.
- (11) If in the case you cannot attend classes at UTokyo for a specific period of time, the faculty/graduate school with which you will be affiliated during your period of study abroad, will handle the matter. As you will not necessarily be given special consideration in terms of your participation in the study abroad program, you must consult with your affiliated faculty/graduate school before applying to the program.
- (12) If you already know who your academic supervisor at UTokyo will be during your participation in the program, you must obtain his/her authorization regarding your application for this program.
- (13) Before applying, you must consult with the relevant section of your affiliated faculty/graduate school to fully understand all important academic matters at UTokyo when studying abroad. Please understand that some faculties/graduate schools may have set their own rules regarding participating in this program.

(14) Students who successfully complete the program will receive credits or certificates from UC Berkeley/Davis. You must apply with an understanding that your affiliated faculty/graduate school will determine whether or not the credits you earn at UC can be transferred to UTokyo. You must confirm and consult with your affiliated faculty/graduate school about the credit approval procedure in advance.

**Expenses (See Attachments for further details)**

- (1) Please refer to the attached document for details. Please note that the fees shown are estimates and are subject to change.
- (2) Participating students are responsible for paying the expenses required for program participation, including tuition, housing, airfare, course materials and visas.

**Scholarship**

(1) Method of Determining Scholarship Recipients

In principle, priority will be given to those who meet the following conditions for receiving scholarships.

- ① Those who, due to financial reasons, find it difficult to participate in the exchange program on their own expenses alone.
- ② Those with excellent academic performance, with a GPA of 2.30 or higher (out of a possible 3.00) in the previous academic year at the time of selection by their current university. The GPA for the previous academic year can be confirmed on the UTAS application screen. For the definition of GPA, refer to the following document(Japanese): <https://x.gd/t1KuW>

After passing the internal screening, students can apply for a non-refundable scholarship (JPY 110,000 per month) by submitting an application for the program scholarship awarded through the UTokyo Globe. Details will be notified around the end of April 2026 (for applications submitted by the March deadline) or by the end of September (for applications submitted by the July deadline) after the announcement of the internal screening results. Please be aware that students who are awarded scholarship by other organization may not be eligible for the USTEP scholarships depending on the awarded amount or the policy of such organization.

<p>◆Scholarships awarded through the UTokyo Globe for USTEP students in AY 2025-2026</p> <p>For your reference, students who participated in USTEP during AY 2025-2026 received the scholarships listed below. However, there is no guarantee that the same amount of scholarships will be provided in AY 2026-2027.</p>				
Resources	(1)The Scholarships for AY2024 Study Abroad by JASSO (specified for the exchange program based on the agreement) (*1)	(2)The Fung Scholarships (*2)	(3) Go Global Scholarships (The University of Tokyo Study Abroad Scholarship Program)	(4) The Tokyo Club Scholarship (*3)

Description	Based on JASSO Study Abroad Support Program (specified for the exchange program based on the agreement)	Victor and William Fung Foundation provides support so that students gain a deeper understanding of their chosen fields of study and are exposed to different cultures and environments.	UTokyo recommends that students broaden their cosmopolitan understanding and aims to contribute to the nurturing of globally minded students who will excel at the international level, by financially supporting the opportunities of undergraduate and postgraduate students studying abroad through this scholarship scheme.	The Tokyo Club Scholarship is a scholarship for undergraduate and postgraduate students of UTokyo studying abroad. The Tokyo Club is a general incorporated association that promotes projects for public benefit.
Target	Those who fulfill eligibility and requirements (students must have a minimum of 2.30 Grading Coefficient from the previous academic year, etc.)		Some of those who cannot satisfy the eligibility and requirements stated in the left table.	Some of those who cannot satisfy the eligibility and requirements stated in the left table.
Scholarship Amount	JPY 110,000 per month (varies depending on the region of travel)			

\*1: [https://www.jasso.go.jp/ryugaku/scholarship\\_a/haken/index.html](https://www.jasso.go.jp/ryugaku/scholarship_a/haken/index.html)

\*2: <https://www.fungfoundation.org/>

\*3: <https://www.tokyoclub.or.jp/en/index.html>

◆ Other scholarship programs reference (in Japanese only)

It is also possible to apply for scholarships from various scholarship organizations with better conditions. For more details, please refer to Past students' reports and contact the contact listed on each scholarship page.

● Past students' reports  
<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/go-global/en/report-list.html>

● Japan Student Services Organization Overseas Study Information Site "Overseas Study Scholarship Search"  
[https://ryugaku.jasso.go.jp/form/search.php?f=scholarship\\_abroad.html](https://ryugaku.jasso.go.jp/form/search.php?f=scholarship_abroad.html)

● Go Global Website "Scholarships"  
<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/go-global/ja/scholarship-index.html>

● UTokyo Official Website "Scholarships Index"  
<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/ja/students/welfare/h02.html>

● Ito Foundation U.S.A.-FUTI Scholarship (For those who apply for universities in the U.S.)  
<https://www.friendsofutokyo.org/scholarships-for-mid-to-long-term-studies/>

### Deadline for Applications

UC Berkeley Application Deadline: Monday, March 16, 2026, noon

UC Davis Application Deadlines: Fall Quarter start: Monday, March 16, 2026, noon.

Winter Quarter • Spring Quarter start: Friday, July 31, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

(1) The online application needs to be completed via the form by the deadlines above.

URL: <https://forms.office.com/r/4Fz97XXcnq>

(2) Note that the deadline set for the internal selection process is different from the deadlines stated in the host institutions' application forms or other documents.

## **How to Apply and Application Documents**

- (1) Make sure to complete the online application via the form.
- (2) In item “Confirmation on the points to be noted concerning study-abroad” of the application form, write down the affiliation, department and the initials of the person from whom you received the explanation, and the date you received the explanation. Application without the confirmation here will not be accepted.
- (3) In the items “Reason Why You Wish to Study Abroad” and “Study Plan for Study Abroad” on the application form, write statements that meet the instructions provided in the form. Applications that do not meet the requirements will not be accepted.
- (4) Although applicants can select both UC Berkeley and UC Davis on the form, they will be nominated by UTokyo only for one university. Since cancellation of application after internal screening is not accepted in principle, select only universities that you are seriously willing to study at. Regarding UC Davis, there is no limit on the number of students who may be nominated. Therefore, it is not necessary to list a second choice.
- (5) The documents to be uploaded to the application form are as follows:
  - ①Written Oath  
A PDF file scanned after completing and signing the designated form.  
The signature of a guarantor is also required.  
The designated form must be downloaded from the Go Global website:  
<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/go-global/ja/application-tips-UC.html>
  - ②Points to Note regarding Advancing from the Junior Division to the Senior Division during Study-abroad  
(Applicable only to relevant applicants; see Appendix 1.)  
This document must be submitted via a separate Microsoft Forms, not through the application form.
  - ③Official Academic Transcript from UTokyo  
(in English; required only for applicants to UC Berkeley)  
※The transcript must include an explanation of the grading system (e.g., grading scale).  
※Applicants who have not earned any grades at UTokyo must submit an English academic transcript from another higher education institution from which they have obtained a degree.

## **Internal screening**

- (1) Internal screening to select candidate students is conducted by documentary examination.
- (2) The results will be notified within one month after the application deadline to the email address provided in the application form. The applicant’s affiliated faculty or graduate school at the time of application and at the time of study abroad will also be notified separately.
- (3) Important notices and communications will be sent to the email address provided in the application form. Therefore, please check your email regularly after applying. Since there are cases where emails may be filtered into the spam folder, please also check your spam folder regularly.

## **Matters to be noted if you are selected as a candidate**

- (1) Students who pass the internal selection process will be nominated to each university by the International Education Promotion Group. After that, each university will send instructions on the application procedures directly to the students, who should follow the provided guidance and proceed with their applications accordingly.

Before receiving the instructions, students should prepare their application documents in advance by referring to each university's website and other relevant sources. The acceptance will be officially confirmed once the university completes the review of the application and issues an admission notice.

- (2) Completing the procedures for enrollment, travel, and acquisition of visa, etc., is your own responsibility and so follow the instructions given by the host university and obtain the latest travel information from the US Embassy and other reliable sources. Cost for these procedures are your responsibility.
- (3) Even if you are selected as a candidate, you may not be sent in the event of any of the cases below.
  - ① When the acceptable number of students by the host university is reduced.
  - ② When admission by the host university is not obtained.
  - ③ When it is discovered that you do not satisfy the requirements of "6. Eligibility".
  - ④ In any other situation where studying abroad is deemed inappropriate by the Center for Global Education.
- (4) If there is a possibility that you may fail to satisfy the qualifications required for studying abroad, immediately contact the Division for Global Campus Initiatives via the relevant section of the affiliation you currently belong to. It is the responsibility of individual students to notify UC Berkeley and/or UC Davis of their withdrawal as well as to go through the process of obtaining a refund of any fees already paid in the manner according to their rules and regulations. Please be aware that refunds may not be allowed or in some cases charges may be incurred. Please check the Attachments and relevant websites for more details.
- (5) For general information about studying abroad and risk management, see the Go Global website. (<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/go-global/en/voyage-index.html>) In particular, you must read the Risk Management Guidebook thoroughly.
- (6) As stated in the oath, you must enroll in both the JEES "Futai Kaigaku" and the Overseas Student Safety Management Assistance (OSSMA) from Emergency Assistance Japan Co., Ltd. at their own expense.
- (7) Students must proceed with "Study-Abroad" or "Leave of Absence" according to the instructions of the faculty with which the student is affiliated. (For these procedures, you must consult in advance with the office of the faculty/graduate school to which you will belong during study-abroad.)
- (8) Students must follow other warnings and/or notes specified by UTokyo.

### **Obligations for Participating in Programs**

- (1) Participants must fully comprehend the purposes of the program and strive to complete the courses with high academic achievements.
- (2) Selected students should understand that they are representatives of UTokyo. and thus must comply with the laws, rules, regulations, and manners of the host institution and country/region.

### **Post-Program Reporting**

- (1) As for documents to submit, described before departure, students must submit them within two weeks after completion of the program.
- (2) If you were receiving a scholarship, submit the designated reporting documents in addition to the above.
- (3) Credits or certificates will be issued after a successful completion of the course by the host institution; however, whether or not they are transferrable to UTokyo is subject to the approval of the faculty/graduate school with which the student is affiliated.

(4) Upon completing the program, students may be asked to cooperate in the internationalization efforts of the UTokyo (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.

### **Others**

The names, contacts and other personal information that the relevant affiliation and the International Education Promotion group obtained in relation to the application process shall be used only for the purpose of selecting/deciding the candidate students, procedures for host universities and requesting cooperation with initiatives aimed at the internationalization of UTokyo.

### **Contacts**

When contacting via email, be sure to include the program name in the subject line and your full name, faculty/graduate school, and year in the body of the message.

Regarding the overall program:

Student Mobility Team, International Education Promotion Group, University of Tokyo

Email: [studyabroad.adm@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp](mailto:studyabroad.adm@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp)

Regarding the Go Global Gateway:

International Activities Support Team, International Education Promotion Group, University of Tokyo

(In charge of the Go Global Gateway)

Email: [go-gateway.adm@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp](mailto:go-gateway.adm@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp)

Regarding credit recognition or other academic matters at UTokyo:

The relevant office of the faculty or graduate school to which you belong at the time of program participation

List of contact offices for each faculty/graduate school:

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