

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

“The University in the Changing World: Re-envisioning Higher Education and Global Citizenship”

## Application Guidelines

May 2026

### 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

Universities have played vital roles in nation-building, the accumulation of knowledge, economic development, and social innovation throughout the world. At the same time, the relationships between universities and the state, industry, and civil society are profoundly complex, and in the 21st century, these issues are manifesting in diverse ways.

Under the overarching theme of "Migration and Refugees," this program brings together students from two institutions with distinct characteristics: the University of Tokyo (UTokyo) and the Asian University for Women (AUW) (\*1). Participants will engage in discussions to explore the history and current state of higher education globally, the social roles of universities in a changing world, diversity and inclusion in higher education, and the ideal form of the university in the modern era.

The program will feature active-learning sessions, including lectures, discussions, and workshops led by experts from within and outside UTokyo, as well as field trips. Topics will include:

- Universities in Modern States and Empires
- University and Gender
- University, Race, and Ethnicity
- Migration, Refugees, and Higher Education
- Study Abroad and International Exchange
- The Position and Role of Students in Universities

Besides the sessions above, the program will also offer lectures for UTokyo students focusing on Bangladeshi affairs and the Bengali language. (Simultaneously, AUW students will take Japanese language classes.)

At 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 the symposium, the program will also offer a one-day excursion around Tokyo, participation in cultural events, and a meeting and workshop with senior executives and staff members of the Fast Retailing Foundation. During the program, time outside of official sessions will be treated as free time, during which participants can explore the city, visit cultural facilities, and share meals with one another.

\*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 scholarship for women from Asian countries such as Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Myanmar, India, Bhutan, and Syria who have limited access to higher education due to poverty, war, political unrest, ethnic or gender discrimination, and provide them with liberal arts education.  
Website: <https://asian-university.org/>

**\*2 Prospective Lecturers (as of the release of the application guidelines):**

- Yujin Yaguchi (Vice President / Director, Center for Global Education / Professor, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, UTokyo)
- Yoshiyuki Kawazoe (Associate Professor, Institute of Industrial Science, UTokyo)
- Marie Nitta (Lecturer, School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Musashi University)
- Mayumi Murayama (Former Executive Vice President, Institute of Developing Economies Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO))
- Chelsea Szendi Schieder (Professor, College of Economics, Aoyama Gakuin University)
- Shigeki Uno (Professor, Institute of Social Science Division of Comparative Contemporary Politics, UTokyo)
- Madoka Nakano (Associate Professor, Center for Coproduction of Inclusion, Diversity and Equity, UTokyo)
- Rui Kohiyama (President, Ferris University)
- Fumiko Takahashi (Associate Professor, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, UTokyo)
- JungHyun Jasmine Ryu (Assistant Professor, Center for Global Education, UTokyo)
- Naonori Kusakabe (Associate Professor, Graduate School of Intercultural Communication, Rikkyo University)

**Program Coordinator:**

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

**2. Program Period**

July 27 (Mon) – August 6 (Thu), 2026 \*No lectures will be delivered on August 2 (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 19,000 (including costs for the one-day excursion, post-symposium reception, etc.)

- \* Participants will be notified of the payment methods later.
- \* Travel expenses between home and the Hongo Campus are to be borne by the participant. Student commuter passes will not be issued for this program.
- \* Any expenses incurred through activities outside the program are to be borne by the participant.
- \* 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.

June 1 (Mon), 5:00 p.m.	Inquiries to the International Education Promotion Group regarding the programs can be made until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 1.
June 3 (Wed), 5:00 p.m.	Deadline for application via UTAS Deadline for completion of GGG On-demand Online Course
mid to late-June	Announcement of selection results
July 1 (Wed), 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	A pre-program orientation session (in-person)
Early to mid-July	A pre-program interchange session with AUW students (online)
July 27 (Mon) – August 6 (Thu)	Program ◇ Sessions will generally be conducted from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, except for Sunday, August 2. Some evening activities may also be scheduled until around 8:00 p.m. The detailed program schedule will be shared with successful applicants in due course.
After the program	Submission of a post-program assignment Completion of this program is contingent upon the submission of the assignment. Application for GGG Certificate (if applicable)

## 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 \(GGG\)](#). The estimated time required for completion is approximately 100 minutes.  
✓ On-demand Online Course: <https://forms.office.com/r/hJkNXSbYL2> \*Sign in with your UTokyo Account.
- (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.
  - ✧ Applications 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 wish to use an email address other than those listed in this section for communication regarding this program, indicate the address in “**15. Contact Email Address.**”
- ✧ 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 “**18. 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 “**20. Attachments.**”  
 Note: for students who enrolled in UTokyo in April 2026, 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 “**14. Statement of Purpose or Reason Why You Wish to Participate in this Program,**” clearly state your purpose or reason for application in around 800 characters in Japanese or 400 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 “**15. 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 “**20. 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 “ <b>7. Grading Coefficient</b> ” 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 “ <b>9. Language Proficiency</b> ” 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 “ <b>9. Language Proficiency</b> ” 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”: \*Sign in with your UTokyo Account.

[https://univtokyo.sharepoint.com/:f/s/msteams\\_8b031a-](https://univtokyo.sharepoint.com/:f/s/msteams_8b031a-)

[32/IgCSnOqBWPFRbtR7834BJ\\_WAU42Orr\\_1sy\\_Xj8ITYaT6H8?e=2EWvnT](https://univtokyo.sharepoint.com/:f/s/msteams_8b031a-32/IgCSnOqBWPFRbtR7834BJ_WAU42Orr_1sy_Xj8ITYaT6H8?e=2EWvnT)

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

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1kl4TU1jEPtLgGiagQGtVarah35BmZ0k?usp=sharing>

## 8. Application Deadline

**5:00 p.m., June 3 (Wed), 2026\* (JST)**

\* Inquiries to the International Education Promotion Group regarding the programs can be made until 5:00 p.m. on June 1 (Mon).

## 9. Selection Process

- (1) In principle, the selection will be based on a review of application documents. From the perspective of ensuring participant diversity, gender, academic year, and major may be considered in the selection process.
- (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. In cases where attendance is difficult due to unavoidable circumstances such as classes or examinations at UTokyo, participants should consult with the International Education Promotion Group in advance.
- (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](mailto: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 (online) held in July. An interactive session for UTokyo participants is scheduled for the morning of July 27 as well. Details will be provided to participants upon confirmation.

Date & Time	Event	Details
July 1 (Wed), 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.	Pre-program Orientation (in-person)	• Program overview • Documentary screening on AUW and group discussion
Early to mid-July	Interchange Session with AUW students (online)	Details will be announced upon confirmation *Duration: Approximately one hour
July 27 (Mon), Morning	Interactive Session for UTokyo students (in-person)	Details will be announced upon confirmation

## 12. Post-program Reports

- (1). Students must submit post-program assignments. Details including the submission deadline will be announced later.
- (2). Students are required to apply for the Go Global Gateway (GGG) certificate upon completion of this program (those who have already been certified or are currently applying do not need to reapply). Those who have not yet earned all the credits for foreign language courses required by the Junior Division should submit their application after completing all the credits.  
✓ GGG Certificate Application Form: <https://forms.office.com/r/bKvXBBemnD> \*Sign in with your UTokyo Account.
- (3). 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.
- (4). Participants may be asked to support the UTokyo's global initiatives after the program, such as attending debriefing sessions, promoting programs, advising students who wish to study abroad, and participating in surveys. Participants are expected to cooperate unless there are unavoidable circumstances.

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

## 14. Additional Information

Program reports for the AY 2025 UTokyo-AUW Joint Summer and Winter Programs are available on the UTokyo GlobE website.

- ◇ Summer Program AY2025 (July 28-August 7, 2025 at UTokyo):  
[https://globe.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/news/news\\_250807.html](https://globe.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/news/news_250807.html)
- ◇ Winter Program AY2025 (February 28-March 13, 2026 at AUW):  
[https://globe.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/news/news\\_260314.html](https://globe.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/news/news_260314.html)