

UTokyo–Asian University for Women (AUW) Joint Winter Program at AUW “Education and Global Citizenship”

Application Guidelines

2026.10

NOTES:

- (1) Be sure to check the latest information on our website (shown below) as program details, FAQs, and information on application procedures may be updated without notice.
https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/go-global/en/program-list-short_auw-winter.html
- (2) This program is sponsored by the Fast Retailing Foundation.

1. Program Overview

This program, which is subsequent to the joint summer program held at UTokyo in July-August 2026, will be conducted at the Asian University for Women (AUW)^{*1} in February-March 2027^{*2}. The program brings together students from both universities to explore the role of education in the changing world and the forms of education that contribute to building a diverse and inclusive society. Many of the participants from AUW have lived as immigrants or refugees, often with limited access to education due to war, poverty, discrimination, thus their backgrounds and their motivations for higher education differ significantly from those of most students at UTokyo. This program offers opportunities for participants to spend time with students from different backgrounds, learning about and discussing the meaning of global citizenship to be cultivated through education.

In the program, participants will explore various aspects surrounding the theme through lectures by experts, primarily AUW faculty members, and discussions with other participants. In addition to the lectures, the program will offer a variety of off-campus activities including field trips and interactions with AUW students. This will be an active learning-based program, where students from diverse backgrounds engage in lively discussions and gain new insights that will contribute to their future careers.

^{*1} Asian University for Women (AUW) is located in Chittagong, 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} This winter program is held as a continuation of the summer program 2026. However, participation in the summer program is not a prerequisite for application.

2. Program Period

Friday, February 19 – Saturday, March 6, 2027
(Including the departure and arrival dates in Japan.)

3. Number of UTokyo students accepted

15 undergraduate students

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

*Refer to “9. Program Eligibility and Requirements” for details about the application.

4. Timeline from an application process to an end of the program (Japan Standard Time)

5:00 p.m., November 16 (Mon)	Inquiries to the International Education Promotion Group regarding the programs can be made until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 16.
5:00 p.m., November 18 (Wed)	Deadline for application via UTAS Deadline for completion of GGG On-demand Online Course
Early December	Announcement of selection results
January 18 (Mon), 2027 approx. 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Pre-program orientation session (1) (In-person held at Hongo campus)
February 12 (Fri) approx. 3:00 p.m.-6:45 p.m.	Pre-program orientation session (2) (In-person held at Hongo campus, partly online with AUW)
February 19 (Fri)	Departure from Tokyo (Haneda or Narita)
February 20 (Sat)	Arrival in Chittagong
February 21 (Sun)-March 4 (Thu)	Program
March 5 (Fri)	Departure from Chittagong
March 6 (Sat)	Arrival in Tokyo (Haneda or Narita)
After the program	Submission of a post-program assignment Application for the GGG Certificate (if applicable)

* This Program will be held at AUW in Chittagong, Bangladesh.

* Participants will be accompanied by UTokyo faculty members throughout the program.

* All participants are required to use the designated flight (departing from and arriving at Haneda or Narita), purchased collectively by UTokyo, and to meet and disperse at the airport. Throughout the program, all participants are required to stay at the designated accommodation. Partial attendance or separate travel for personal reasons, such as personal trips, is not permitted.

5. Program Fee

- This program is supported by the Fast Retailing Foundation, and airfare and accommodation fees will be covered by UTokyo. Further information will be shared with selected students.
- This program is NOT eligible for [GLP-I Global Experiences Scholarships](#) offered by UTokyo.

6. Scholarships

- If students accepted into the programs meet the designated criteria and wish to receive scholarships, they are eligible to receive non-refundable scholarships of JPY90,000. See each Attachment 1 “Guidelines on the Eligibility, Requirements and Awarding of Scholarships” for details.
- Those who wish to receive the scholarships are required to submit the Scholarship Application Survey described in “Attachment 1.” Those who do not submit it by the application deadline will be considered as not wishing to apply for the scholarship.

7. Accommodation during the Program

During the program, all students will stay at the same accommodation (scheduled to be the AUW dormitory), where each participant will have their own bedroom and bathroom, and three participants will be in an apartment unit with a shared living room, dining room, and a kitchen. If you have any special considerations regarding room assignments, indicate them in your application (“20. Gender and Special Considerations for Room Assignments”). The administrative office will take them into account as much as possible.

8. Credits

No academic credits will be awarded on completion of this program.

9. 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.
✓ On-demand Online Course: <https://forms.office.com/r/hJkNXSbYL2> *Sign in with your UTokyo Account.
- (2) Applicants must have an intermediate or advanced command of the English language. (B1-B2 or above in [Common European Framework of Reference for Languages \[CEFR\]](#).)
- (3) Applicants must be students who are enrolled as full-time undergraduate students of UTokyo at the time of application and during the period of the program. (Those who are on temporary leave from UTokyo or those who will lose student status due to such reasons as graduation, during the time of the program are not eligible to apply.)
- (4) Before applying, applicants must make sure that the programs do not interfere with their semester courses by carefully checking examination dates and other important scheduled class events as well as their personal schedules. Applicants may apply to the programs only after they have confirmed that it is possible for them to participate throughout the entire period of the program. As the number of students that can go abroad on the programs from UTokyo is limited, cancelation after the selection means a loss of the chance of study abroad for other students. Make sure you do not need to cancel your application after submission.
- (5) The handling of absences from UTokyo's classes while participating in the program will be determined by the college or faculty with which the applicants are affiliated. Since special consideration may not necessarily be given for participating in this program, applicants are advised to check with their affiliated college or faculty to ensure they understand the conditions before applying.
*Depending on the college or faculty, not attending classes or exams due to participation in this program may simply be considered as an absence, and may not serve as an acceptable reason for make-up exams. Contact your affiliated college or faculty for details.
- (6) Students who already have a supervisor or equivalent at UTokyo must notify the supervisor of their application to the program in advance and receive an approval. They should note the date they received an 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 16. How to Apply and Application Documents (2)).
- (7) Students who are applying for this program must consult with the relevant section of the college or faculty with which they will be affiliated during the program in order to receive explanations on the points to be noted concerning the program. Students must note the affiliation, department, and the initial or full name of the person from whom they have been given the explanation, and the date and time they received the explanation in the designated section on UTAS application form and fully understand the points before submitting their application (See details in 16. How to Apply and Application Documents (2)). Application without the confirmation here will not be accepted. Follow the instructions from the relevant section of the college or faculty and receive the explanation well in advance of the deadline since requests on short notice may not be addressed for good reasons such as other duties. Note that there could be specific regulations regarding the program.
- (8) Participants are required to attend the pre-program orientation sessions (two sessions, held in-person at Hongo Campus). Refer to 13. Pre-program Orientation for the schedule and other details. Specific details will be provided to successful candidates after selection. Note that attendance at both sessions is in principle mandatory. In cases of unavoidable circumstances, such as overlapping classes or examinations at UTokyo, participants are required to consult with the International Education Promotion Group in advance.

- (9) Participants must be interested in attending lectures in a university overseas, learning English language, and intercultural experiences.
- (10) Participants must familiarize themselves with the safety management procedures and guidance provided by UTokyo. The Quarantine Information Office, Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare advises travelers to Bangladesh to receive vaccinations for Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Tetanus, Typhoid, (Rabies), and (Japanese Encephalitis) as of October 20, 2026. Some vaccines may require multiple doses with specific intervals, therefore make sure to plan the vaccination schedule accordingly. (Vaccination costs must be borne by the participant.)

(Reference) The Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare Quarantine Station:
<https://www.forth.go.jp/destinations/country/bangladesh.html> (in Japanese)

<< Insurance >>

After passing the selection process and being accepted into the program, students are required to take out the Japan Educational Exchanges and Services (JEES) “Futai Kaigaku” at their own expense (approximately JPY 6,000). Details of the insurance will be sent to students who are accepted into the programs after the screening results are announced.

<< Overseas Student Safety Management Assistance >>

After passing the internal selection process and being accepted into this program, students are required to take out “OSSMA” ([Overseas Student Safety Management Assistance](#)) provided by Emergency Assistance Japan Co., Ltd. as a means of safety management during the program, as their own expense (approximately JPY 3,630).

10. Application Deadline

5:00 p.m., November 18 (Wed), 2026 (Japan Standard Time)

*Inquiries to the International Education Promotion Group regarding the programs can be made until 5:00 p.m. on November 16 (Mon).

11. Selection Process

- (1) In principle, students will be screened and selected based on their application documents.
- (2) The decision for acceptance/non-acceptance to the programs will be sent out by e-mail. Make sure to check e-mails sent to the e-mail address registered on UTAS routinely after you apply. It is possible that e-mails with important information may be classified as spam or junk by your e-mail program, therefore check your spam or junk folder as well.
- (3) If students are applying for or have already been accepted to other study abroad programs when applying for this program, clearly note this in “Section 10. Applications to Other Programs” when applying via UTAS.
- (4) Results of the selection will be announced around early December. The results will be sent out to the students’ e-mail addresses directly as well as to the college or faculty with which students are affiliated.

12. Important Notes for Selected Participants Before the Program Starts

<< Participation procedures and travel arrangements >>

(1) Students are required to follow instructions provided by the International Education Promotion Group, including participation procedures, travel arrangements, and visa acquisition. All expenses related to these procedures will be borne by the student. If a student is unable to participate in the program due to reasons such as incomplete documentation or missed deadlines, the student will be solely responsible, and any resulting financial losses must be borne by the student.

(2) Those who do not have a passport or whose passport has expired are required to apply or renew it immediately after passing the selection.

<< Internal procedures >>

- (1) Students who are selected as program participants must confirm with their college or faculty to see if any study abroad procedures are necessary.
- (2) Students who are selected as program participants must contact their academic supervisor(s) and other faculty members before departure to avoid causing any trouble to others.
- (3) Students who are selected as program participants must attend two pre-program orientation sessions.
- (4) Students must ensure that they do not withdraw after applying. If they must decline the offer under unavoidable circumstances, they must immediately contact the International Educational Promotion Group (go-gateway.adm@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp) even before receiving the result of selection.
- (5) When a scholarship recipient is found not to satisfy the previously mentioned eligibility criteria or found to be inappropriate as a recipient, they will be ordered to return the scholarship amount already received, in whole or in part. If a scholarship recipient suspends their study abroad or takes a leave of absence, they may be ordered to return the already paid scholarship amount, in whole or in part.
- (6) Students must engage in activities with an understanding of the safety management procedures and guidance provided by UTokyo.
- (7) Students must follow other rules and notes given by UTokyo.

<< Information on Travel Abroad and Risk Management >>

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

13. Pre-program Orientation

All participants are required to attend the following two pre-program orientation sessions held in January and February. Further details about the sessions will be provided to the participants later. Attendance at the orientation is mandatory, unless there are unavoidable circumstances such as classes or exams.

1. January 18 (Mon), 2027, approx. 17:00-20:00 (In-person at Hongo Campus)
 - Instructions regarding program participation and travel
 - Preparatory study on Bangladesh (lecture, etc.)
2. February 12 (Fri), 2027, approx. 15:00-18:45 (In-person at Hongo Campus)
 - Documentary screening on AUW
 - Networking session among UTokyo participants
 - Introductory meeting with AUW participants (online with AUW)

14. Obligations for Participating in the Program

- (1) Participants must fully understand the purposes of the program and endeavor to complete the program.
- (2) Participants must be aware that they are representing UTokyo, and must comply with the laws, regulations, rules and manners of their host universities and countries.
- (3) Students must accept in advance that photos and videos taken during the program may be utilized as promotional or educational materials by the Center for Global Education (Globe), UTokyo, AUW, and the Fast Retailing Foundation.

15. Post-program Reports

- (1) Students must submit a post-program assignment by the designated deadline. Further details about the assignment will be provided to the participants 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) Scholarship recipients are required to submit the designated reporting documents, in addition to the above-mentioned items.
- (4) If there are any changes in personal information (addresses, phone numbers, email addresses) from the time of the application, contact the International Education Promotion Group (go-gateway.adm@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp) so that appropriate procedures can be undertaken. This information will be necessary for future communications regarding important matters.
- (5) Upon completing the program, students may be asked to cooperate in the internationalization efforts of UTokyo (advising students who wish to study abroad, promoting study abroad programs, and answering questionnaire surveys, etc.). Students are expected to participate unless there are unavoidable circumstances.

16. How to Apply and Application Documents

- (1) Make sure to complete the online application via UTAS by the deadline.
 - ✧ Applications with significant irregularities (especially those that do not follow the application guidelines or the instructions displayed in blue on the UTAS online application screen) may not be accepted. Bear in mind that applications with irregularities may be "Returned." In such cases, submit the corrected "Returned" application documents by the specified deadlines.
- (2) **Follow the instruction in blue on the UTAS online application screen (the following sections require particular attention).**
 - ✧ The "2. Basic Information" and "4. Emergency Contact Details of Next-of-Kin etc." on UTAS cannot be filled out or be changed on the application screen. If students wish to fill in or change these sections, please contact your college or faculty/graduate school (the procedure may take time, so it is recommended that you get an early start in consideration of office hours). Make sure that the correct information is in all the sections by the time of application.
 - ✧ All notifications regarding your application will be sent to the registered email address in "3. Contact Details" on UTAS. Enter an e-mail address that can receive files as attachments and check the e-mail inbox regularly following your submission. If you wish to use an email address other than those listed in this section for communication regarding this program, indicate the address in "16. Contact Email Address."
 - ✧ Applicants who do not have a supervisor or equivalent at UTokyo are required to fill in "N/A" in the "Name of Academic Advisor" field in "6. Academic Affiliation and Year at Time of the program period." If you have one, enter the date you obtained their approval in "18. Approval of your academic advisor."
 - ✧ If you have any overseas experience such as living, studying or traveling abroad, specify the country, period, and purpose in the section "13. Profile, Personality, Skills etc."
 - ✧ In the section "14. Statement of Purpose or Reason Why You Wish to Participate in this Program", state the purpose or reason 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.
 - ✧ With regards to "16. Contact Email Address" and "17. Confirmation" on UTAS, make sure to follow the instructions and enter "Yes" to the following box upon confirmation.
 - ✧ Applicants must consult with the college or faculty they are affiliated with at the time of application and during the program period, in order to receive explanations on the points to be noted concerning participating in the program and write down the affiliation, department, initials or name of the person

from whom you received the explanation, and the date and time you received the explanation in "18. Confirmation on the points to be noted concerning participating in the program" (e.g., ●●Team, Faculty of △△, TODAI Hanako, 2:30 p.m. on November 11st). Applications without this confirmation will not be accepted.

(3) Refer to the following table for "21. Attachment" when applying.

Application Documents	Target	Notes
Written Oath	<u>All</u>	- Complete and sign the specified form (download), then attach the scanned PDF to "21. Attachment." Digital sign/seal is acceptable. - In "Parents/Guardians' Guarantee," provide the signature of a person who can take responsibility on behalf of the applicant, such as a family member.
Copy of pages from your passport showing your personal information	<u>Those who hold a passport</u>	Obtain or renew your passport after passing the selection (if you do not have a valid one).
Copy of academic transcripts from high schools	Those who are applying for a scholarship and are in their first semester of the first year of undergraduate studies without grades from the previous semester.	High school report cards and transcripts with a five-point grading scale. They are used for scholarship selection.

[Online Application]

Apply from the "Study Abroad" tab on the Academic Affairs System website (UTAS).

(Follow the instructions given in "Applying for Study Abroad Programs via UTAS").

- ✧ Academic Affairs System (UTAS): <https://utas.adm.u-tokyo.ac.jp/campusweb/>
- ✧ "Applying for Study Abroad Programs via UTAS" (PDF):
https://univtokyo.sharepoint.com/:f/s/msteams_8b031a-32/IgCHgrp9GYIORbasB-8WfWidAf7xYOPrlWw3Y0zFZo2GFFw?e=HgvmkMW *Sign in with your UTokyo Account.

[Application Documents]

Download application documents from the Go Global website:

https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/go-global/en/program-list-short_auw-winter.html

17. Inquiry

Note: When contacting via email, make sure to state the subject, your name, affiliation, academic year, and telephone number.

- (1) Inquiries about the program content, application procedures, and scholarship:
International Activities Support Team, International Education Promotion Group
(go-gateway.adm@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp)
- (2) Inquiries about "2. Basic Information" and "4. Emergency Contact Details of Next-of-Kin etc." on the UTAS online application: College or faculty with which you are affiliated*
- (3) Inquiries about academic affairs including credits: College or faculty with which you are affiliated*

*To find out an appropriate contact, visit [this page](#).

18. Reference

The program schedule and report of the AY2025 UTokyo–AUW Joint Winter Program (held from February to March 2026), along with documentaries about AUW and the AY2023 program, are available at the following links.

- Program Overview and Schedule:
https://univtokyo.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/msteams_8b031a-32/IQDX_Gup-sm4QZtfeLERRI7cAX8XtNB5cj7jUtTduPxSkro?e=URpAIh *Sign in with your UTokyo Account.
- Program Report (GlobE website):
https://globe.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/news/news_260314.html
- Documentary (1): "Lighting the Future: The Asian University for Women" (NHK WORLD, release period TBD)
<https://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/en/shows/3026052/>
- Documentary (2): AY2023 Winter Program
https://globe.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/news/news_240705.html

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