UTokyo – Princeton University Joint Program:
"People and Culture of Japan in the United States -Rediscovering US-Japan Relations
Application Guidelines

November 2026

Note:
(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-list-short_princeton-winter.html
(2) This program is funded by The University of Tokyo New York Office (UTokyoNY) and Toshiaki Ogasawara Memorial Foundation. Additionally, successful applicants will receive a scholarship from JASSO (Japan Student Services Organization).

1. Outline

This joint program between the University of Tokyo (UTokyo) and Princeton University aims to explore the history and future of Japanese people in the United States. It is designed especially for highly motivated students with clear academic goals and limited prior overseas experience. Through academic and experiential learning in the U.S., the program encourages participants to broaden their international perspectives and reflect on their future studies and career paths.

The program will be held during UTokyo's spring break at the UTokyo New York Office, Rutgers University, Princeton University, and other partner institutions. It also aims to provide opportunities for students from both universities to deepen mutual understanding and build strong friendships.

This program is supported by the UTokyo New York Office, and the Toshiaki Ogasawara Memorial Foundation. As it is offered as an extracurricular educational activity, academic credit will not be awarded. All classes and activities are conducted in English.

2. Program Period

March 6 (Sat) – March 16 (Tue), 2027
(Including the departure and arrival dates in Japan.)

3. Number of UTokyo students accepted

8 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. Program Schedule: Application to Completion (Japan Standard Time)

5:00 p.m., December 1 (Tue)	Deadline for Inquiries (International Education Promotion Group)
5:00 p.m., December 7 (Mon)	Deadline for application via UTAS Deadline for completion of GGG On-demand Online Course
late December	Announcement of selection results
After the selection of participating students and before the program start date	Submission of required documents and completion of travel arrangements
6:00-7:00 p.m. February 10th (Wed), 2027	Pre-program orientation Session 1 (Mandatory)
Late February	Pre-program orientation Session2 (Mandatory)
March 6 (Sat)	Departure from Tokyo and arrival in New York
March 7 (Sun) – 14 (Sun)	Program Period
March 15 (Mon)	Departure from New York
March 16 (Tue)	Arrival in Tokyo

After the program	Post-program assignment submission GGG Certificate Application (if applicable)

* This Program will take place at the UTokyo New York Office and Princeton University, and Rutgers University.
* Participants will be accompanied by UTokyo faculty members throughout the program.
*All participants must travel on the designated group flight (round-trip from Tokyo) and assemble/disband at the airport. Participants must also stay at the designated accommodation for the full duration of the program. Late arrival, early departure, and separate travel for personal reasons are strictly prohibited.

5. Program Fee

- The program fee, airfare, and local accommodation costs will be covered by the University of Tokyo, with support from the Toshiaki Ogasawara Memorial Foundation. Further information will be shared with selected students.
- Students are responsible for their own daily expenses, including meals and other personal costs.
- This program is **NOT** eligible for GLP-I Global Experiences Scholarships offered by UTokyo.

6. Scholarships

- A non-repayable scholarship of JPY 120,000 will be provided to program participants who meet the designated criteria and wish to receive financial support. This scholarship is funded by the JASSO Study Abroad Support Program (Agreement-based Program) for AY2026 and/or by donations.
- For details regarding eligibility requirements (including the GPA requirement), please refer to Attachment 1: "Guidelines on Scholarship Eligibility, Requirements, and Awarding Procedures."
- All program applicants must complete the survey below regarding their scholarship preference, in addition to submitting their application through UTAS. Those who do not complete the survey by the application deadline will be regarded as not wishing to apply for the scholarship.
- Students receiving other scholarships during the Program period must provide details in the relevant section of the survey to verify eligibility for of concurrent scholarship awards.

Survey form: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/mAeby6Usbd (UTokyo Account login required)

【Scholarship requirements and obligations】

Scholarships for this Program are funded through donations from individuals, organizations, and scholarship foundations. If requested, recipients are expected to make reasonable efforts to attend donor meetings, submit activity reports, and participate with surveys.

7. Accommodation during the Program

During the program, all participating students will stay at the same accommodation (scheduled to be a hotel or dormitory). If you have any special considerations regarding room assignments, please indicate them in section "19. Gender and Special Considerations for Room Assignments" on the UTAS application form. The administrative office will take them into account as much as possible.

8. Credits, etc.

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

9. Program Eligibility and Requirements

All of the following criteria and requirements must be met:

(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 * UTokyo Account login required.

(2) Applicants must have an intermediate or advanced command of the English language. (B1-B2 or above in CEFR) Click the following links to learn about CEFR:
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)

(3) The applicant has no prior study-abroad experience or medium- to long-term residence overseas, and has had only limited experience abroad.

(4) The applicant must have strong motivation to participate in the program.

(5) The applicant must have an excellent academic record.
(6) Applicants must be enrolled as regular undergraduate students of UTokyo at the time of application and throughout the program period. (Students who are on a leave of absence, or who will lose their UTokyo student status due to graduation or other reasons during the program period, are not eligible to participate.)
(7) Before applying, applicants must understand that no special academic accommodation will be made regarding UTokyo coursework for participating in this program. Before applying, applicants must carefully check Utoko's class and examination schedules, as well as their personal schedules, and apply only if they can participate for the entire duration. Please note that the number of participants from UTokyo is limited. Because withdrawing after the selection deprives other students of the opportunity to study abroad, cancellation after application is, in principle, not permitted.)
(8) The handling of absences from UTokyo's classes or examinations while participating in the program will be determined by the faculty or college to which the applicant belongs. Because your affiliated faculty or college may not necessarily make special accommodation for your participation, you must thoroughly confirm the details and understand the conditions before applying.
Note: Depending on the faculty or college, missing classes or examinations due to participation in this program will not be given special consideration and may be treated as standard absences. Furthermore, it may not be accepted as a valid reason to apply for make-up examinations. Please check with your affiliated faculty or college for details.
(9) If you already know who your supervisor or equivalent at UTokyo will be during the program period, you must notify them of your application in advance, obtain their approval, and enter the date approval was received in the designated field on the UTAS application form. If you do not have a supervisor or equivalent, enter 'N/A' in the designated field (see 16. How to Apply and Application Documents (2) for details).
Before applying, students must consult with the relevant office of their affiliated faculty or college to which they will be affiliated during the program, to receive a thorough explanation of key points to note regarding program participation. Students must enter the affiliation, department, and the initial or full name of the person from whom they have been given the explanation, and the date/time of the explanation in the designated field on UTAS application form and submitting their application only after fully understanding and agreeing to the conditions (see 16. How to Apply and Application Documents (2). Application will not be accepted if these fields are left incomplete. Please ensure you receive this explanation well in advance of the deadline, as last-minute requests may not be accommodated due to administrative duties. Additionally, note that individual faculties or colleges may set specific conditions for program participation.
(10) Participants are required to attend both in-person pre-program orientation sessions held at Hongo Campus.
(11) Participants must be interested in attending lectures in an overseas university, learning English, and gaining intercultural experiences.
(12)Participants must understand and follow the safety-related procedures and instructions provided by the University of Tokyo before taking part in program activities.

<< Insurance >>
By applying for this program, applicants agree that, if accepted, they must enroll in the Japan Educational Exchanges and Services (JEES) "Futai Kaigaku" at their own expense. Detailed enrollment instructions will be provided for successful applicants later.

<< Overseas Student Safety Management Assistance >>
By applying for this program, applicants agree that, if accepted, they must subscribe to "OSSMA" (Overseas Student Safety Management Assistance) provided by Emergency Assistance Japan Co., Ltd. at their own expense as a mandatory risk management measure. Detailed enrollment instructions will be provided to successful applicants later.

10. Application Deadline

5:00 p.m., Monday, December 7, 2026

*Inquiries to the International Education Promotion Group regarding the programs must be made by 5:00 p.m. on December 1 (Tue),2026.

11. Selection Process

(1) In principle, selection will be based on document screening.
(2) Selection results and other program communications will be sent via e-mail. Please regularly check the e-mail address registered on UTAS after submitting your application. Be sure to monitor your spam or junk folder as well, as important messages may occasionally be filtered there.
(3) If you are currently applying for or have already been accepted to other study abroad programs when applying for this program, please clearly indicate this in "Section 10. Special Notes" when applying via UTAS.
(4) Selection results will be sent by email in late December to both the applicant and the relevant administrative office of their affiliated faculty or college.

12. Information for Successful Applicants

<< Program Participation and Travel Procedures>>

(1) Even if selected, applicants who do not actually participate in the program due to incomplete procedures or other reasons will not receive a scholarship.
(2) Participants must follow all instructions of the International Education Promotion Group of the UTokyo Administration Bureau on participation procedures, travel arrangements and visa applications. All associated costs are the responsibility of the student. If a student becomes unable to participate in the program due to incomplete documents, missed deadlines, or personal oversights, they are solely responsible, and any resulting financial losses must be borne by the student. Furthermore, no scholarship will be issued in such cases.
(3) Accepted participants must submit a copy of their passport by the specified deadline. Applicants who do not hold a passport at the time selection results are announced, or whose passport will have less than 90 days of validity remaining upon entry into the United States, must apply for or renew their passport immediately.

<< Internal UTokyo procedures >>

(1) Once accepted, participants must consult the relevant office of their affiliated college or faculty and complete all necessary study abroad procedures. (Note: Required procedures vary by college/faculty.).
(2) Once accepted, participants must inform their academic supervisor(s) and other relevant faculty members in advance to ensure their temporary overseas dispatch does not disrupt educational or research activities.
(3) Participants must attend both mandatory in-person orientation sessions
(4) Withdrawing after the application deadline disadvantages other applicants; therefore, applicants must ensure they are fully committed before applying. If withdrawal becomes unavoidable due to extenuating circumstances, applicants they must immediately notify the International Activities Support Team, International Education Promotion Group of UTokyo Administration Bureau (go-gateway.adm@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp) even if selection results have not yet been released.
(5) If a scholarship recipient is found to violate eligibility criteria or engage in inappropriate conduct, they will be required to repay the scholarship in full or in part. Furthermore, if a recipient suspends or withdraws from program participation midway, they may also be required to repay all or part of the disabused scholarship
(6) Participants must fully understand and comply with all safety management procedures and guidance provided by UTokyo while participating in program activities.
(7) Participants must adhere to all other instructions and guidelines issued by UTokyo.

<< Information on Travel Abroad and Risk Management >>

For general information on studying abroad and risk management, please refer to the UTokyo Go Global website (https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/go-global/en/voyage-index.html). In particular, all participants must thoroughly read the Risk Management Guidebook for Overseas Travel.

13. Pre-program orientation sessions

Selected participants are required to attend two mandatory pre-program orientation sessions in February. The tentative schedule is outlined below, with full details of the orientation to be provided to successful applicants later. If attendance is not possible due to unavoidable circumstances, such as official classes or

examinations, participants should consult with the International Education Promotion Group in advance.
Dates and Times:
- Wednesday, February 10, 2027, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Late February 2027, time to be determined
Location: Center for Global Education, Hongo Campus (1st Floor, East Wing, Faculty of Science Building 1)

14. Obligations for Participating in Programs

(1) Participants must fully understand the purposes of the program and endeavor to achieve sufficient learning outcomes and complete the program.
(2) Participants must be aware that they represent Tokyo, and must comply with the laws, regulations, rules and manners of their host universities and countries.
(3) Participants must understand in advance that videos and photos may be taken during the program and that they may be used in the future as promotional materials of UTokyo or Princeton University, as well as educational materials of UTokyo.

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). Students 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 required 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 items mentioned above.
(4) If there are any changes to the address, phone number, email address listed on UTAS application form, you must notify the International Education Promotion Group(go-gateway.adm@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp). Please note that this information will remain necessary for essential communications even after the program ends.
(5) Upon completing the program, students may be asked to participate in debriefing or0 information sessions, as well as contribute to UTokyo's internationalization initiatives (e.g., promoting study abroad programs, advising prospective students, and answering surveys). 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 before the deadline.
After the deadline, the online application system will close, and no applications will be accepted. Applications with significant deficiencies (especially those that do not follow the application guidelines or the blue instructions displayed on the UTAS screen) may not be accepted; please prepare and review your application documents well in advance.
Applications may still be returned for corrections even after deadline. If your application is returned, resubmit it by the specified deadlines. (Please closely monitor emails sent by the International Education Promotion Group, especially if you submit your application shortly before the deadline).
(2) **Please carefully read and follow the instructions in blue on the UTAS online application screen** (Pay particular attention to the following items):
    ✧ 2. Basic Information and 4. Emergency Contact Details of Next-of-Kin etc.: These sections cannot be filled out or be modified directly on the application screen. If you need to enter or update information, check the procedure with administrative office of your affiliated faculty or college at the time of application and ensure the correct details are reflected before applying.
    ✧ 3. Contact Details: All communications regarding this program will be sent to the e-mail address registered in this section. Please enter an easily accessible e-mail address that can receive file attachments. If you wish to use an email address other than the one listed here for communications regarding this

program, enter that address in “15. Contact Email Address”.

- ✧ 6. Academic Affiliation and Year at Time of the program period: Regarding the name of your academic supervisor (or equivalent), enter “N/A” in “Name of Academic Advisor” in “6. Academic Affiliation and Year at Time of the program period”. If you do have a supervisor, enter the date you received their approval in “17. Contact with Academic Advisor”.
- ✧ 13. Profile, Personality, Skills etc.: If you have any past overseas experience or any upcoming plans such as living, studying, traveling abroad, or participating in USTEP (University-wide Student Exchange Program), specify the country, period, and purpose.
- ✧ 14. Statement of Purpose or Reason Why You Wish to Participate in this Program: State your reason for applying in approximately 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.
- ✧ 15. Contact Email Address & 16. Confirmation: Read and complete these sections according to the instructions on the UTAS screen.
- ✧ **18. Confirmation of Points to Note from Affiliated Faculty/Graduate School During Program: After receiving an explanation regarding points to note from the office of the faculty you will belong to during the program, enter: ① Department name, ② Staff member's name (initials or full name), and ③ Date and time of the explanation. Applications without this information will not be accepted (e.g., ① Faculty of Arts and Sciences, XX Team, ② H.T., ③ Nov 22, 2:30 p.m.).**

(3) Please refer to the following table for “20. Attachment” when applying.

Application Documents	Target	Notes
- Written Oath	**All**	**- Complete and sign the specified form (download), then attach the scanned PDF to “20. 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.**
- Documents to certify language proficiency		**If you have documents to certify your language proficiency, please submit them on UTAS.**
TOEFL iBT, IELTS	Those who have scores	If you enter your scores in “9. Language Proficiency” on UTAS, you must submit the relevant certificate. **Refer to *1.** If you have scanned multiple pages of your certificate, you must convert them into a single PDF file before submitting.
Other than TOEFL iBT, IELTS	Those who have scores	If you enter your scores in “9. Language Proficiency” on UTAS, you must submit the relevant certificate. **Refer to *2.** If you have scanned multiple pages of your certificate, you must convert them into a single PDF file before submitting.
No English proficiency tests **(Refer to *3)**	Only for those whom this applies to	Write the details in “9. Language Proficiency”.

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.

***1 Documents to certify 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 website.)

One of the following must be submitted.

・A copy of your TOEFL iBT or IELTS (Academic Module) score (an unofficial copy of your TOEFL score, taken from online, is acceptable)

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

If you do not have TOEFL iBT or IELTS scores but have other scores, the following can be submitted:

・A copy of your TOEFL ITP, TOEIC, or Eiken score

・If you plan on submitting English test results from other exams/tests, submit a copy of your results and a description of the test. The description should include the content of the exam, and conversion table for the tests (A4-sized, no specific format is required).

・Copy of language proficiency scores other than English

[Online Application]

Apply from the "Study Abroad" tab on the Academic Affairs System website (UTAS).
(Please 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 / Log in with UTokyo Account): https://univtokyo.sharepoint.com/:f:/s/msteams_8b031a-32/Evav86pIceZEnMPQKTIVreQB94w-ngE8ssT0vwK-ulwvpg?e=AFwPNu

[Application Documents]

Download application documents on the **Go Global website**:
https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/go-global/en/program-list-short_princeton-winter.html

17. Contact Information

Note: When inquiring by email, please be sure to include the subject line, your name, affiliation, academic year, and telephone number.

(1) Program content, application procedures, and scholarships International Activities Support Team, International Education Promotion Group (go-gateway.adm@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp)

(2) How to fill out or modify "2. Basic Information" and "4. Emergency Contact Details of Next-of-Kin etc." on the UTAS online application:
Relevant office of college/faculty to which you belong at the time of application (*)

(3) UTokyo academic affairs:
Relevant office of college/faculty to which you belong during the program period (*)
* List of contact offices for each college/faculty:
https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/go-global/en/contact-department.html

<Reference> Program Details (as of the time of the application announcement)

Overview of the Program Schedule

Date	Place	Content
March 7(Sun) – 10(Wed)	The University of Tokyo New York Office	- Introduction - Welcome lunch - Lectures -Visits to the United Nations Headquarters and The New York Times

March 11 (Thu)	Rutgers University	- Visit to Rutgers University (Lectures and Activities)
March 12 (Fri) – 14 (Sun)	Princeton University	- Lectures - Reflection session - Farewell lunch - Theater performances, museum visits, etc.

● **2025 Program Highlights**

Departure from Japan: Saturday, March 7, 2026
Return to Japan: Tuesday, March 17, 2026
Destinations and Activities:
★ UTokyo New York Office
Visit to New York University (Neuroscience Lab)
Opera performance: Madama Butterfly at the Metropolitan Opera
Visit to United Nations Headquarters
★ Rutgers University
★ Princeton University
Panel Discussion with UTokyo Alumni
★ Other
Exchange sessions conducted in Japanese

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