

Gunma University Summer Program 2014

As of April 30, 2014

1. Objectives:

The distinctive features of this program offered to undergraduate and graduate students from the Gunma University Exchange Partner Universities includes an intensive program in the Japanese language and culture. This program has been specifically designed by Gunma University in order to promote a deeper understanding and appreciation of Japanese society and culture.

2. Requirements and conditions for participation:

- 1) The program is open to students currently enrolled in an undergraduate program in any of the Gunma University Exchange Partner Universities and who have been recommended by their respective faculty.
- 2) The program is open to students currently enrolled in a graduate program in any of the Gunma University Exchange Partner Universities and who have been recommended by their respective graduate program.
- 3) The program is open to students who possess an intermediate level of Japanese language ability i.e., students who have completed over 400 hours of Japanese language study and/or, who have successfully passed the 2nd level of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT). Additionally, students who possess a high level of Japanese communicative skills and who are able to carry out project work using the Japanese language are also eligible to join the program.
- 4) Participant are required to complete and submit a written report (three A4 pages written either in Japanese or English) at the completion of the course.
- 5) Participants are to subscribe to an overseas travel insurance plan prior to their arrival in Japan and their insurance coverage should remain valid until one week after their return to their home countries.

3. General information:

- **Period:** August 17, 2014 ~ September 1, 2014 (16 days)
- **Number of participants:** Limited to 15 students
- **Participation fee:** 80,000JPY (includes accommodation, breakfast and research projects costs).

- **Additional expenses:** All travel expenses to and from Gunma University, lunch and dinner expenses, costs for any tourist activities, overseas travel insurance.
- ❖ Gunma University will assume the costs of tuition and required ground transportation related to the program's activities.

Scholarship funds: As the Japan Student Services Association (JASSO) has officially approved this program for Short-Term International Student Exchange Support, 11 participants are eligible for financial support amounting to a total of 80,000 JPY.

4. Program outline:

This program allows participants to experience Japanese culture by taking part in a variety of traditional Japanese arts such as calligraphy, tea ceremony, Japanese music, as well as intensive project work. Project work will include interviews and surveys corresponding to themes and topics determined by the participants. The results of these projects will be collected and presented at the end of the program.

5. Program Schedule:

		A.M.	P.M.
8/17	Sun	Arrive at JR Maebashi Station, Orientation(at the Hotel)	
18	Mon	Opening Ceremony	Japanese language project work
19	Tue	Japanese Cultural Experience (The tea ceremony)	Japanese language project work
20	Wed	Japanese Cultural Experience (The tea ceremony)	Japanese language project work
21	Thu	Japanese Cultural Experience (Traditional Japanese painting)	Japanese language project work
22	Fri	Japanese Cultural Experience	Japanese language project

		(Traditional Japanese painting)	work
23	Sat	Home stay	
24	Sun	Home stay	
25	Mon	Japanese Cultural Experience (Calligraphy)	Japanese language project work
26	Tue	Japanese Cultural Experience(Japanese art of archery)	
27	Wed	Japanese Cultural Experience (Traditional Japanese music)	Japanese language project work
28	Thu	Japanese Cultural Experience (Traditional Japanese music)	Japanese language project work
29	Fri	Japanese language project work	
30	Sat	Study tour	
31	Sun	Study tour	
9/1	Mon	Project work presentation	Closing ceremony, submit final report

* Certain changes may occur in the schedule.

6. Important note regarding Japanese language ability:

Through these and other activities, the participants will strive to improve their overall Japanese language ability. As an intermediate level of Japanese proficiency is required in order to effectively take part in the program, we kindly ask potential candidates to keep this important point in mind prior to submitting an application, as an insufficient level of Japanese proficiency (i.e., making it impossible for him/her to conduct interviews and/or surveys in Japanese), could significantly hinder and disrupt the progress of other participants.

7. How to apply:

How to apply: Fill out the application form, and submit it along with a copy of your academic transcript (in English) as well as letter of recommendation from your faculty adviser (either in Japanese or English).

Submit the application: Your application should reach this office by Friday, May 30, 2014

Notice of acceptance: Notice of acceptance will be sent to the persons in charge at the Gunma University Exchange Partner University in middle June.

*After receiving a notice of acceptance, participants should prepare

- 1) passport photographs
- 2) a copy of a flight plan “proof of purchase”
- 3) a copy of overseas travel insurance “proof of purchase ” policy for submission

We thank you for your interest in our program. And we invite you to contact us to obtain further information.

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