

2027 SGJS Study Abroad and Internship Programs (FALL) Application Guidelines

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School of Global Japanese Studies

SGJS Study Abroad and Internship Programs offer students the opportunity to study abroad for one semester or one academic year at one of the School of Global Japanese Studies' partner institutions around the world. To participate in these programs, students must be selected through the internal screening and nominated by SGJS. Please read both the "Application Guidelines" and the "2027 SGJS Study Abroad and Internship Programs (FALL) Admission Details" (here in after referred to as "Admission Details") thoroughly for details of the internal screening.

1. Applicable Partner Institutions

Universities listed in the "Admission Details"

2. Duration of Study Abroad

One semester or one academic year starting from August to October 2027.

- * Applicants must select the study period at the time of application for the SGJS internal screening. Changes cannot be made after the application period the application deadline.
- * Program start and end dates vary by host institution, and some institutions may impose restrictions on the study period. Applicants should carefully review both "2027 SGJS Study Abroad and Internship Programs (FALL) Admission Details" and the host institution's academic calendar before applying.
- * Applicants wishing to study abroad during the fall semester of their 4th year must consult the SGJS Office regarding their expected graduation date before applying.
- * Applicants who do not meet the language requirements for the regular undergraduate program but begin their study abroad in the English as a Second Language (ESL) Program must progress to the regular undergraduate program in the second term. Therefore, one-semester study abroad at institutions operating on a semester system is not permitted in such cases.

3. Number of Nominees

Refer to the "Admission Details."

4. Qualifications

All of the following 1-5 requirements must be met.

1 Applicants must be regular SGJS students (Audit students are not eligible).

Students on a leave of absence may apply, provided that they return to Meiji University for the semester in which their study abroad begins. All required procedures, including interviews*, orientations, and host institution applications, must be completed on time even while on leave of absence.

*Applicants for Disney Academic Internship are required to attend the WDW recruiter interview in person, which is scheduled to take place around February–March 2027 (tentative).

2 Applicants must be in good health and capable of living abroad for an extended period of time.

Applicants with chronic diseases or pre-existing conditions must obtain approval from their physician in advance and submit a medical certificate confirming that their condition is well-managed and that they are able to study abroad safely, along with their application documents.

3 Applicants must understand study abroad costs and secure sufficient financial support.

Successful applicants must be able to submit an English bank balance certificate issued by a financial institution if required by the host institution during the application process.

4 Both applicants and their guarantors must understand and agree to the "Program Agreement."

Applicants must obtain their guarantors' consent before applying for the internal screening.

5 Applicants must meet **all** preferred host institution requirements listed in the "Admission Details."

Note that the application requirements are subject to change. Any updates will be announced through Oh-o!Meiji.

GPA requirement

If preferred host institution has a GPA requirement, applicants must meet the required cumulative GPA based on their academic record through Spring Semester 2026.

*If selected as nominees, applicants must continue to meet the host institution's GPA requirement based on their cumulative GPA through Fall Semester 2026 (host institution application) and through Spring Semester 2027 (departure).

*If a nominee's GPA falls below the host institution's requirement after selection, they may become ineligible for nomination by SGJS and/or admission to the host institution.

Language requirement

Applicants must have a required TOEFL iBT / IELTS Academic Module score that meets the language requirement of their chosen institution(s) **by the time of submitting the online application**. Any institution for which the applicant does not meet the language requirement will be excluded from the screening process.

***Test scores must be from examinations taken in or after September 2025.**

*If you are using TOEFL iBT MyBest Scores, all section test dates must also be in or after September 2025. (MyBest Scores that include even one section from outside this period cannot be used.)

*Acceptance of TOEFL iBT MyBest Scores, TOEFL iBT Home Edition, IELTS One Skill Retake, and IELTS Online varies by host institution. Refer to the "Admission Details" for specific requirements.

5. Application Procedures and Period

Applicants must review these Application Guidelines and complete the following procedures by the designated deadline.

Application Procedures

Online application using Oh-o! Meiji questionnaire

Title of the questionnaire: "2027 SGJS Study Abroad and Internship Programs Application Form"

Application Period

9:00 Tuesday, September 1 to 9:00 Monday, October 19, 2026

***Applications and document submissions outside the application period will not be accepted.**

*The application form includes more than 40 questions in addition to the required document submissions. Please apply well in advance of the deadline.

*The online application and submission of documents must be completed by the applicant personally. **All** application documents listed in "**6. Application Documents**" must be uploaded through the online application form.

*The online application form can only be viewed, completed, and edited during the application period.

*After submitting the questionnaire, applicants are responsible for ensuring that all responses and attached files are complete and accurate. Corrections must be made by the applicants themselves within the application period. **No changes to responses or attached files will be accepted after the application period ends.**

[Registration to Oh-o!Meiji group]

Applicants whose online applications have been successfully received will be registered to the Oh-o! Meiji group page by Thursday, October 22, and a registration confirmation notice will be sent. If you do not receive the registration confirmation notice by Thursday, October 22, please contact the SGJS Office (goabroad@mics.meiji.ac.jp) by Friday, October 23.

*The registration confirmation notice is not a notification of the internal screening result. After registration, detailed information regarding the internal selection process, including notifications of the selection results, will be communicated through the Oh-o! Meiji group page.

6. Application Documents

- All required documents must be uploaded through the online application form. Applicants should prepare the required documents before beginning the online application.
- Applications with incomplete documentation **will not be considered in the screening process**.
- URL for designated forms: <https://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/english/undergraduate/nippon/studyabroad.html>
- Before submission, applicants must ensure that all PDF files are fully legible and contain no blurred or unreadable text, particularly in the case of scanned documents.

1 Program Agreement (SGJS Study Abroad and Internship Program) <Designated Form>

- Print **the designated form on A4 paper (double-sided)** and complete the required signature and seal. Then scan all pages and submit them as a single PDF file.
- Both the applicant and the guarantor must carefully read this Program Agreement and sign it in non-erasable black ink.
- Handwritten signature and seal of from the guarantor are required, even if the guarantor resides overseas or far from the applicant.
- The original Program Agreement will be collected at a later date. Keep the original document in a safe place and submit it as instructed.

2 Self-Introduction / Statement of Purpose (in English) <Designated Form>

- Prepare the document on a computer in accordance with the instructions specified in the designated form.
- **Use the designated form** and submit in Word format.

3 Copy of the Official Certificate of Language Proficiency Test

- The scores shown on the score report **must exactly match** those entered in the online application form.
- Refer to the "Admission Details" and submit a scanned (PDF) of the original certificate that meets the required criteria.
 - *TOEFL iBT: PDF version of the "Test Taker Score Report" (downloaded from ETS account page) is acceptable
 - *IELTS Computer-based / Online: PDF version of "electronic Test Report Form (eTRF)" is acceptable
- Submit TOEFL iBT or IELTS Academic Module test scores taken **in or after September 2025**.
 - *If you are using TOEFL iBT MyBest Scores, all section test dates must also be in or after September 2025. (MyBest Scores that include even one section from outside this period cannot be used.)

4 Copy of Passport

- Scan the passport photo page and upload it as a PDF file.
- Applicants with dual citizenship are required to submit copies of both passports.
- Upload a copy of a valid passport at the time of the internal screening.

[Applicants without a passport or with insufficient passport validity]

If you do not have a passport or if your passport will expire within six months of the expected end date of study abroad, apply for or renew your passport and upload a copy via the Oh-o!Meiji Group page **by the end of November 2026**.

7. Screening Process

Applicants who meet all requirements of their preferred partner institutions will be ranked based on a comprehensive score calculated from their Meiji University **GPA, application documents, and interview screening**. Applicants with higher scores will be selected as nominees for their preferred partner institutions in descending order of score.

- * For the selection process, cumulative GPA through Spring Semester 2026 will be verified through Meiji University's academic records.
- * Applicants who apply only to partner institutions other than the Disney Academic Internship Program may be exempt from the interview screening. Applicants will be notified whether an interview is required on Wednesday, November 11, 2026.
- * No inquiries will be accepted regarding the screening results or process.
- * The purpose of the internal screening is solely to select nominees to be recommended by the School of Global Japanese Studies. Passing the internal screening does not guarantee placement at the host institution, as the final admission decision rests with each partner institution.
- * Withdrawal from the program after passing the internal screening is not permitted (except in cases deemed justifiable by the School.)

8. Interview Screening

Date: Saturday, November 14, 2026

Place: Nakano Campus

- * Please keep the entire day available as the exact schedule is yet to be determined.
- * Interview details will be announced via Oh-o! Meiji or email in November 11.
- * The interview date and time cannot be changed except for academic commitments. (e.g., classes or examinations)
- * The interview will be conducted entirely in English.

9. Important Notes

1) Meiji University Courses During Study Abroad

In principle, students are not permitted to take Meiji University courses (including online and on-demand courses) during the semester in which they participate in the SGJS Study Abroad and Internship Program. However, if the study abroad period does not overlap with the relevant quarter term, students may be able to take quarter-based courses under certain conditions. Details will be provided during the Pre-departure Orientation.

2) Preparation for Study Abroad

- All procedures following the internal screening, including application to the partner institution, course registration, housing arrangements, and obtaining a visa or residence permit, must be completed proactively at the student's own responsibility. Applicants must understand that the Meiji University will not act on their behalf in completing these procedures. Apply to this study abroad program only if you understand and are able to comply with this principle.
- Please note that, even after passing the internal screening, SGJS or the partner institution may cancel the study abroad program or change its format under the circumstances described below. This may occur regardless of whether it is before departure, after departure, or at any other stage of the program. In such cases, all costs incurred up to that point shall be borne by the student, and no refunds will be made by SGJS or the partner institution.
 - Failure to follow instructions provided by the SGJS Office or the partner institution, including those communicated by email, resulting in delays or incomplete procedures
 - Failure to meet document submission deadlines or complete required procedures
 - Failure to attend mandatory events such as orientations or guidance sessions

3) Information on Host Countries and Partner Institutions

- Always obtain the latest information from reliable sources. For information about the partner institutions, refer to each institution's official website. For information on local safety conditions and visa requirements, refer to the websites of the relevant embassies and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan's Overseas Safety Website.
URL for 「外務省海外安全ホームページ」: <https://www.anzen.mofa.go.jp/>
- Study Abroad Reports submitted by previous participants of the programs are available on the SGJS website.
URL for 「留学報告書 (Study abroad Reports)」: <https://www.meiji.ac.jp/nippon/study-abroad-report.html>

4) Selection of Partner Institutions

Applicants may select up to five preferred institutions, ranked from first to fifth choice. Note that applicants may be nominated to a lower-ranked choice depending on the results of the internal screening. Therefore, applicants should carefully consider their preferences when selecting partner institutions.

*Changes to partner institution or the order of preferences will not be permitted after the online application period.

*Withdrawal will not be permitted on the grounds that the applicants has been nominated to a lower-ranked preference.

5) Courses at the Host Institution

- Some partner institutions may impose course enrollment restrictions on exchange students. In addition, students may not be permitted to enroll in their preferred courses if they do not meet the course requirements or for other reasons. Applicants are therefore advised to consider multiple course options in advance.
- Applicants should understand that, even if they meet the language requirements specified in the "Admission Details", the partner institution may determine that they are not eligible to enroll in regular academic courses and may require them to take language courses instead.

6) Credit Transfer

Credits earned at the host institution may be transferred toward SGJS graduation requirements upon completion of the prescribed procedures and approval process. Up to 24 credits per semester may be recognized. For foreign language courses, up to 8 credits per language may be transferred during enrollment at Meiji University. Details will be provided during the Pre-departure orientation.

*Credits are recognized based on course content and contact hours. As a result, the number of credits transferred by SGJS may be lower than the number of credits earned at the host institution.

*Not all credits earned at the host institution may be transferred by SGJS.

*Credit transfer after returning to Japan is mandatory for participants in the Disney Academic Internship Program.

7) Estimated Study Abroad Expenses

Expenses vary depending on factors such as the host country or region, accommodation type (student residence/apartment), lifestyle (self-catering/dining out), and exchange rates. One semester in the Study Abroad and Internship Program may cost JYP 1.5 million to 5.5 million, excluding Meiji University tuition fees. As exchange rate fluctuations and inflation may increase these cost, applicants should make financial plans with a sufficient financial margin.

<Example of Required Expenses>

- Meiji University tuition and fees
- Host institution tuition (waived for Exchange Programs)
- Mandatory fees charged by the host institution (e.g., facility fees, registration fees, and student fees)
- Airfare, visa or residence permit application fees, books and supplies, communication expenses, and other miscellaneous expenses
- Accommodation and meal expenses
- Overseas travel insurance
- Vaccination costs, etc.

!! IMPORTANT !!

Fee-Paying programs require applicants to pay both **"Meiji University tuition and fees" AND "host institutions tuition"** during study abroad. As the cost is significantly higher than that of Exchange programs, applicants should research the tuition and fees of their preferred host institutions and consult their financial sponsor (e.g., parent or guardian) before applying.

8) SGJS-Designated Overseas Travel Insurance

Students participating in this program are required to enroll in the SGJS-designated overseas travel insurance plan for risk management purposes. Applicants should apply only if they understand and accept that they may be required to enroll in both the SGJS-designated insurance plan and any insurance plan required by the host institution or host SGJS-Designated Overseas Travel Insurance: Approx. JPY 120,000 (for one academic year abroad)

9) Accommodation

Students are responsible for arranging their own accommodation. Although the host institution may provide information on student residences or apartments, availability is not guaranteed due to limited space and allocation procedures. In particular, one-semester students may face greater difficulty securing accommodation, as priority is often given to longer-term students. Meiji University does not provide accommodation support. Applicants should apply only if they understand and accept these conditions.

10) Visa Application, Residence Permit or Travel Authorization

Students are responsible for obtaining any visa, residence permit, travel authorization, or other required immigration documents for their study abroad. Once the required documents are issued by the host institution, students should complete the necessary procedures on their own. Meiji University does not provide support for these procedures. Applicants should apply only if they understand and accept these conditions.

11) Impact on Job Hunting

Studying abroad may affect job hunting depending on the academic year and timing of the study abroad. Applicants are encouraged to consult the Career Support Center (就職キャリアセンター) at an early stage.

12) Study Abroad While Enrolled in a Certification Program

Study abroad may make it difficult to graduate within the standard period of study due to required coursework and practicum requirements. As courses required for certification programs cannot be taken at the host institution, students must consult the Certification Courses Office (資格課程事務室) before applying.

13) Study Abroad in the Final Year

Students wishing to study abroad during the final semester of their fourth year must consult the SGJS Office before applying to confirm that they will be able to meet all graduation requirements by their intended graduation date.

14) Meiji University Study Abroad Encouragement Subsidy

Participants in the SGJS Study Abroad and Internship Programs may apply for the following three university subsidies, provided they meet the eligibility requirements.

(1) SGJS Study Abroad Encouragement Subsidy

Available to eligible participants in fee-paying programs only.

Application guidelines (eligibility requirements, subsidy amounts etc.) will be announced around April–May 2027.

See the previous year's guidelines at the URL below for reference.

URL for the Application Guidelines: <https://www.meiji.ac.jp/nippon/mkmt000000hu7uf.html>

(2) Meiji University Study Abroad Encouragement Subsidy (Expenses Subsidy)

Available to all eligible participants in the SGJS Study Abroad and Internship Programs.

*Not available to students holding a Student residence status in Japan.

Application guidelines (eligibility requirements, subsidy amounts etc.) will be announced around June–July 2027.

See the previous year's guidelines at the URL below for reference.

URL for the Application Guidelines: <https://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/financial/jyosei.html>

(3) Meiji University Study Abroad Subsidy for Top Universities

Available to eligible participants studying at National University of Singapore (NUS) [Grant B].

*NUS will become eligible institution from AY2027. / Not available to students holding a Student residence status in Japan.

Application guidelines (eligibility requirements, subsidy amounts etc.) is scheduled to be released on September 9, 2026.

See the previous year's guidelines at the URL below for reference.

URL for the Application Guidelines: <https://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/financial/topugrant.html>

15) Concurrent Applications to Other Study Abroad Program

Concurrent application with the University-wide Study Abroad Program (including the Top University Study Abroad Program) is permitted. Applicants must indicate the program(s) they are applying for concurrently in the online application form. Before applying, review the conditions below and carefully consider their order of preference.

- **If selected as a nominee for the Disney Academic Internship Program or the SGJS Exchange Program**

Participation in these programs **will take priority, and withdrawal is not permitted in general.**

Applicants who have also applied for the University-wide Study Abroad Program must notify the International Collaboration Office (kokusaik@meiji.ac.jp) of their withdrawal from the program immediately upon being selected through the SGJS internal screening.

- **If the University-wide Study Abroad Program is the applicant's first choice**

Applicants who are selected through the University-Wide Exchange Program must immediately notify the SGJS Office (goabroad@mics.meiji.ac.jp) of your withdrawal from SGJS Fee-Paying Study Abroad Program. Withdrawal from Disney Academic Internship Program or SGJS Exchange Program on the grounds of selection for the University-Wide Exchange Program is not permitted.

- **If the SGJS Fee-Paying Study Abroad the applicant's first choice**

Upon being selected through the SGJS internal screening, applicants must immediately notify the International Collaboration Office (kokusaik@meiji.ac.jp) of their withdrawal from University-wide Study Abroad Program.

16) Withdrawal

Once selected as a nominee through the internal screening, applicants may not withdraw without a valid reason.

Withdrawal after selection may also deprive other applicants of the opportunity to study abroad at the same institution. Applicants should carefully consider their decision and apply only after fully understanding the preparation, costs, risks and other commitments involved.

17) Decisions on the Implementations of Study Abroad

SGJS study abroad programs are, in principle, conducted only in countries or regions designated as Level 1 or below under the travel advisories issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. In addition to these travel advisories, the School may decide to cancel or postpone a program, or advise students to return to Japan, depending on the safety conditions in the country or region where the host institution is located.

18) Disney Academic Internship

In addition to the internal screening, applicants must attend an in-person English interview conducted by recruiters from the Walt Disney World Company (WDW) (held at Nakano Campus) and an online English interview with representatives from FSU.

(The dates and times are scheduled to be determined around December 2026 to January 2027.)

For applicants who are not selected following the interview with the WDW recruiter, SGJS may conduct additional recruitment round for Academic Study Abroad Programs with available openings at that time.

10. Schedule after the Online Application & Submission of the Application Documents

2026	~Early November	Document Screening
	November 11 (Wed)	Notification of Document Screening Results and Interview Details
	November 14 (Sat)	Interview Screening
	November 25 (Wed)	Notification of Internal Screening Results
2027	Late December to mid-January	Orientation for Selected Nominees !!Mandatory for All Nominees!!
	December to March	Nomination to the Host Institution
	February to March	<For Disney Academic Internship Program Nominees Only> Presentation and Interview with FSU representatives (Zoom) Lecture and Interview with WDW Recruiters in person at Nakano Campus
	January to May	Application to the Host Institution
	March to July	Admission Decision from the Host Institution Arrangements for Visa or Residence Permit, Accommodation, Overseas Travel Insurance, Airfare etc. Pre-Departure Procedures at SGJS
	Late June	Pre-Departure Orientation !!Mandatory for All Nominees!!
	August to October	Departure
	December to March, 2027	Return (One-Semester Program) !!Must return to Japan within one month of the final examination date!!
	December to March, 2027	Return (One-Semester Program) !!Must return to Japan within one month of the final examination date!!
2028	May to August	Return (One-Year Program) !!Must return to Japan within one month of the final examination date!!

* The schedule above is tentative. Application period, admission decisions, and departure/return schedules vary by host institution.

* Refer to each institution's official website for its academic calendars.

11. Inquiries

Meiji University School of Global Japanese Studies Office (Study Abroad Team)

<No.4 Counter at the 3rd floor, Low-rise Wing, Nakano Campus>

Office Hours: Weekdays 9:00-11:30, 12:30-17:00 Saturdays 9:00-12:00

Phone: 03-5343-8057

Email: goabroad@mics.meiji.ac.jp

* Closed on Sundays and holidays (excluding the designated class day on holidays).

* Note that the office hours change during Summer, Winter and Spring Breaks.

* Make sure to identify yourself (school, year and name) when contacting via email/phone.