School of Global Japanese Studies
Application Guidelines for
Study Abroad Program 2021 (FALL)

1. **List of Study Abroad Programs**
   Please refer to the separate list of the Study Abroad Program for the academic year 2021.

2. **Program Period**
   One semester/ two quarters to a maximum of one academic year starting between August 2021 and October 2021
   
   Departure or return dates differ according to the academic calendar of each institution. Please refer to the list of the Study Abroad Program for the academic year 2021 (separate sheet) for each program schedule.

**NOTES**

- For students who are in their 4th year and considering to participate in the Study Abroad and Internship Program in the fall semester must consider carefully about their graduation requirements and their job hunting schedule. 4th year students might not be able to satisfy their graduation requirements by participating in the program in the fall semester. If they wish to participate in the program in their 4th year period, they must contact the Nakano Academic Affairs Office (SGJS office) before they apply for the program.

- There are some programs that 4th year students cannot participate in due to the differences between academic calendar of host institutions and Meiji University. Please check the List of Study Abroad Program for the academic year 2021 (separate sheet) for more details.

3. **Program Fees**
   Students must pay all fees at their own expense
   
   Students must pay tuition fees for both Meiji University and their host institutions to participate in the Study Abroad and Internship Program.
   
   The List of Study Abroad Programs for the academic year 2021 (separate sheet) shows fees for 2020. The program fees are subject to change.
   
   Please note that participants need to pay fees for visa application, travel expenses, international travel insurance and other fees designated by each host institution, as well as their living expenses. These fees vary depending on foreign exchange rate and lifestyle of the participant.

4. **Grant**
   The School of Global Japanese Studies offers a grant called “SGJS Study Abroad Grant” to assist participants of the Study Abroad and Internship Program with their payment for the partial tuition fees for SGJS. This grant will partially subsidize their tuition fees for SGJS depending on the duration and the cost of their participating programs. (Application periods scheduled to be announced in April, 2021.)
Application Requirements:
Applicants must meet the following three criteria.
   a. Applicants must have GPA 2.0 or above.
   b. Applicants must earn 80% or more of the maximum allowed credits by the end of the previous academic year.
   c. Applicants must pay the tuition and other fees for the spring semester by the designated deadline in the academic year which they participate in the Study Abroad Program.

NOTES
- Candidates are to be selected according to the overall evaluation of academic records and an interview. Please note that all candidates do not always receive the grant. Also, the total amount of the grant will differ depending on the program period and the program fees.
- Recipients of the Meiji University Special Scholarship cannot receive this grant.

5. [Credit Transfer]
Program participants can apply for credit transfer to SGJS from their overseas host institutions. **Those who entered in academic year 2013 or after can be approved to transfer a maximum of 24 Meiji credits per semester.**

NOTE
- Credits participants earn at their host institution will be approved as credits of SGJS, based on to the contents and total number of lecture hours. The number of approved credits may not be the same as the credits which participants earned at their overseas host institutions.

6. [Application Requirements]
Applicants must meet the following six criteria.
(1) Applicants must meet all criteria, including language requirements, designated by the host institutions.

NOTES
- Applicants must have a valid TOEFL iBT or IELTS score which is valid when they arrive at their host institutions between August 2021 and October 2021. Please note that those who wish to use their TOEFL iBT My Best Score as their language requirement, please make sure that each section’s test date is valid. TOEFL iBT and IELTS scores are valid for two years after their test date.

(2) Applicants must be in good health and have no problem to study abroad during the program.

NOTE
- Those who have chronic diseases or any pre-existing conditions must get an approval of their physician before applying for the program.
(3) Applicants must understand required expenses for the program and have enough funds.

NOTE
- Applicants who successfully pass the SGJS internal screening will be required to submit their financial statement when applying for their host institutions.

(4) Applicants must understand and agree to the term and conditions indicated on the “Program Agreement (School of Global Japanese Studies) Study Abroad Program” and get an approval of their guarantor.

(5) Applicants with non-Japanese citizenship may not be allowed to join programs in their home countries.

7. **How to Apply**

Both of the following procedures must be completed during the application period.

1. **Online application**

2. **Submission of all the application documents by post mail**

**Application Period**

**Monday, October 26, 2020 to Wednesday, November 11, 2020**

*Online application can only be submitted by 5:30pm of Wednesday, November 11, 2020.

*Submission of application documents **must reach on or before 4pm of Wednesday, November 11, 2020.**

*Submission of application documents at the office cannot be received. We only receive the documents by mail.

(1) **Online application (Due 5:30pm of Wednesday, November 11, 2020)**

Please submit the online application through the questionnaires on Oh-o!Meiji during the application period.

Visit the Meiji University official website and login to Oh-o! Meiji System
- Click the “HOME” tab
- Click “Questionnaires” titled “2021 Study Abroad Program (FALL)"
- Answer questions
(2) Application Documents

Please mail the following ① to ⑦ to the address listed below. The application documents must reach on or before 4pm of Wednesday, November 11.

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| ① 2021 SGJS Study Abroad and Internship Program (FALL) Application Form (Designated form) | ・ Type and print double sided on A4 size paper.  
・ Please have your signature and complete the checklist by handwriting after printing it out (in black ink).  
・ Erasable pen is not acceptable. |
| ② Self-introduction (in English) | ・ Type and print double sided on A4 size paper  
Font: Times New Roman  
Font size: 12 point  
Number of words: 900-1100 words  
Essay must include the following items:  
1) Your experience until now, 2) Your intention when tackling issues, 3) Your thoughts about studying abroad, 4) Others  
*Describe your name and student ID number on the top-right corner of the paper.  
*Describe the total number of words at the end of the essay.  
*Include the title, “Statement of Purpose to Study Abroad”. |
| ③ Statement of Purpose to Study Abroad (in English) | ・ Type and print double sided on A4 size paper  
Font: Times New Roman  
Font size: 12 point  
Number of words: 900-1100 words  
Essay must include the following items:  
1) What made you apply for this program  
2) Study/ Research plan at your host institution  
3) Your future goal/ career plan  
*Describe your name and student ID number on the top-right corner of the paper.  
*Describe the total number of words at the end of the essay.  
*Include the title, “Statement of Purpose to Study Abroad”. |
| ④ A photocopy of Passport ID page | ・ Photocopy of the passport must be printed on A4 size paper.  
・ This must include the applicant’s name, date of birth, passport number, and photo.  
・ Applicants with dual citizenship must submit photocopies of both passports.  
・ Passport must be valid at the time of the SGJS internal screening.  
【Applicants who do not have their valid passports OR Applicants with passports expiring within six months after the program end date】  
Please prepare valid passport for the participating program by the middle of February 2021. |
### Program Agreement (Designated form)
- Type and print double sided on A4 size paper
- Applicants' guarantor must sign the agreement.
- Applicants are recommended to prepare this document well in advance.
- Erasable pen is not acceptable.

### Most Recent Academic Report
- It can be downloaded from the Oh-o! Meiji portal site.
- Please note that an official transcript issued by the automated certificate issuing machine cannot be accepted.

### TOEFL iBT Test Taker Score Report or IELTS Test Report Form (Original Copy)
- Please submit the TOEFL iBT Test Taker Score Report (original copy) OR IELTS Test Report Form (original copy).
- It cannot be returned nor change it after submission.
- Only if you cannot submit the original TOEFL iBT Test Taker Report during the application period, we will accept a screenshot of the My TOEFL Home in ETS Account, which shows your score. **However you must submit the original TOEFL iBT Test Taker Score Report by Friday, December 11, 2020 (must reach on or before 4pm of Friday, December 11, 2020).** Delay on submitting the original TOEFL iBT Test Taker Score Report by Friday, December 11, 2020 (must reach on or before 4pm of Friday, December 11, 2020) will be considered as failure of application. If the original TOEFL iBT Test Taker Score Report submitted after the application period differs from a screenshot of the My TOEFL Home in ETS Account, this will also be considered as failure of application.
- Please note that for those who would like to use IELTS score must submit the IELTS Test Report Form (original copy) by the application deadline, Wednesday, November 11, 2020 (must reach on or before 4pm of Wednesday, November 11, 2020). The online IELTS Test Report Form is not acceptable.

**IMPORTANT NOTES REGARDING APPLICATION**
- Must reach on or before 4pm of Wednesday, November 11, 2020. Submission after the deadline will not be accepted.
- Changes cannot be made on the documents after submission.
- Please check carefully that you have completed all the required documents, and to mail all the documents by the deadline.
- Submission status, such as delay or failure to complete, will also be included when examining your document.
- Submitting all the documents at the office will not be accepted. We only accept documents by mail.

8. **Place to mail documents**
   Nakano Research and Educational Support Office (Nakano International Team), Nakano Campus Division, Meiji University
   4-21-1, Nakano, Nakano-ku, Tokyo 164-8525
   TEL : 03-5343-8057

Please make sure to use the mailing method which the delivery status can be tracked such as registered mail.
9. **[Screening Method]**

   At the SGJS internal screening, for the Academic Study Abroad Program, candidates are selected according to the overall evaluation of their GPA, application documents.

   Although Meiji University will recommend all candidates to their host institutions, the final decision of acceptance is made by the host institutions.

10. **[Important dates for the program]**

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<td>Mid-December</td>
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11. **[Other Important Notes]**

   (1) Although students can apply for both the Meiji University Student Exchange Program and the SGJS Study Abroad Program, please do not withdraw from the Meiji University Student Exchange Program once you are chosen as a candidate. If students are selected as candidates for the SGJS Study Abroad Program, then decide to participate in the Meiji University Student Exchange Program, students must inform the Nakano administrative office and withdraw their applications for the SGJS Study Abroad Program as soon as possible.

   (2) The original copy of TOEFL iBT Test Taker Report/ IELTS Test Report Form cannot be returned once they are submitted. The language test score document will only be kept for three years from the day of submission. Make sure to keep a copy for future use.

   (3) Students must follow the necessary procedures for their study abroad programs on their own through online application or by making contact with the host institution directly via email, or telephone calls.

   (4) Students must consider carefully about joining the program before they apply, because they are not allowed to withdraw from the program nor change the length of study at the host institution without an unavoidable reason once they are chosen as a participant.

   (5) If a host institution asks participants from SGJS to travel as a group, they must depart (return) from (to) Japan, using the flight designated by SGJS. In that case, **they are not allowed to change the flight**.

   (6) Since all important information regarding the study abroad programs will be posted on students’ Oh-o! Meiji portal site, students are recommended to check their Oh-o! Meiji portal site regularly.
(7) Orientations will be held for successful candidates. Attendance for orientations are compulsory for them.

(8) Applicants must complete their application procedures by each deadline date. Late application or submission may cause trouble for other successful applicants.

(9) Study Abroad Program is not an individual trip but an official program of SGJS. Therefore, students must concentrate on their study during the program period and must not join dangerous activities such as ones that are not covered by the international travel insurance including driving a car/motorbike.

(10) In case of an accident, SGJS will try to do its best to support its students. However, if students become involved in an accident, it is their responsibility. Students are recommended to gather safety information and other necessary information for daily life regarding the city they are staying to prevent an accident.

Contact:
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Nakano Campus 3rd floor office, number 4 counter.
E-mail: goabroad@mics.meiji.ac.jp
Tel: 03-5343-8057