

Meiji University International Student Center  
2027 Fall University-wide Study Abroad Program [Exchange]  
Application Guidelines

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International Student Center

University-wide Study Abroad Program is a program in which students study abroad for one semester or one academic year at one of the partner universities of Meiji University all around the world. To participate in this program, students are required to apply to the internal screening and be nominated by Meiji University. Please read both "Application Guidelines" and "2027 Fall University-wide Study Abroad Program [Exchange] Admission Details"

URL for "2027 Fall University-wide Study Abroad Program [Exchange] Admission Details" To be published in late September

[https://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/recruitment/2027\\_exchange\\_fall.html](https://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/recruitment/2027_exchange_fall.html)

## 1. Applicable Partner Institutions

The Universities listed in the "2027 Fall University-wide Study Abroad Program [Exchange] Admission Details"

## 2. Duration of Study Abroad

One semester or one academic year starting from August/September, 2027.

- \* Applicants choose the period at the time of application to Meiji internal screening. Note that it cannot be changed once the application is completed.
- \* There may be a restriction on the period set by each university. Refer to "2027 Fall University-wide Study Abroad Program [Exchange] Admission Details" for details.

## 3. Number of Students

One to two students per university in general.

\*Refer to "2027 Fall University-wide Study Abroad Program [Exchange] Admission Details" for details.

## 4. Qualifications

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

### 1 Applicants must be regular Meiji University students (Audit students are not eligible).

Undergraduates: Must have completed at least one semester at Meiji University at the time of application to Meiji internal screening and have earned around 15 credits per semester which are counted as graduation requirement credits.

\*If you are in your 4th year of undergraduate at the time of application to Meiji internal screening and plan to enroll in a graduate school of Meiji in the semester of departure, there is a possibility that you cannot participate in this program. Consult with your school office and the office of the graduate school you plan to enter regarding the possibility of study abroad, and apply only if you can obtain permission from your supervisor at the graduate school you plan to enter by the deadline for submission of the application documents. ("指導教員許可書" (a permission letter by supervisor) must be submitted. Refer to "8. Application Documents".)

Alternatively, students who have consulted with their School and received an approval may apply in exceptional cases.

Graduates: Must have approval from their academic supervisors.

Students on leave of absence may apply under the condition that they will return to Meiji University for the semester in which study abroad period starts and are able to go through all of the necessary procedures such as taking an in-person interview, participating in orientations, application process for each university etc.

### 2 Applicants must be in physically and mentally good health and capable of studying abroad for the designated period.

Those who have chronic diseases or pre-existing conditions must get an approval of the physician in advance and submit a medical certificate along with the application documents.

### 3 Applicants must understand the required expenses of study abroad and have sufficient funds.

Students may be required to submit a bank statement to prove their financial capability as part of the application process to the host universities.

**4 Both applicant and guarantor must understand and agree to the "Program Agreement".**

Students must get their guarantors' permission before applying to the internal screening.

**5 Applicants must meet the criteria listed in "Admission Details" of the university/universities of their choice.**

**GPA requirement**

Must be met with the cumulative GPA of up to Spring Semester 2026. For the universities without their own GPA requirements, 2.0 is applied as the minimum. If successfully selected as candidates, students must keep their cumulative GPA above the host university's minimum requirement throughout Fall Semester 2026.

**Language requirement**

Applicants must have the required scores of the university/universities of their choice at the time of online application of the internal screening. (If there are more than one test listed in the "Admission Details" for one university, only one of them is required.) The universities that applicants fail to prove to have met the requirement will be excluded for screening. Make sure to check "Admission Details" carefully as some universities have different requirements depending on Schools/Departments.

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| English     | Must meet the requirement with a result of the TOEFL iBT, IELTS (Academic Module) or Duolingo English Test <b><u>taken in or after September 2025.</u></b> For partner universities without their own language requirements, TOEFL iBT 61/3.5, IELTS 5.5 are applied as the minimums. Whether or not TOEFL iBT MyBest scores, TOEFL iBT Home Edition, IELTS One Skill Retake and IELTS Online are accepted depends on each university. Refer to "Admission Details" for details.<br>*Note that when using MyBest Scores for the TOEFL iBT, the test date for each section must also be within the validity period. (MyBest Scores with even one invalid section score <b><u>cannot be used.</u></b> ) |
| Non-English | Must meet the requirement with a result of the test that is <b><u>valid until September 2027.</u></b> For partner universities without their own language requirements, CEFR B1 level is applied as the minimum. If the "Admission Details" states "評価表でも可", applicants may apply with a "Language Proficiency Assessment Sheet" (designated form) filled out by a professor of Meiji University in lieu of an official test certificate.<br><Note> Even in case of submitting "Language Proficiency Assessment Sheet", it must be obtained <u>at the time of online application</u> of the internal screening.                                                                                       |

**5. Application Procedures and Period**

Please review all the information in this Application Guidelines and ensure that you complete the following procedures **within the designated period.**

**Application Procedures**

**Online application using Oh-o! Meiji questionnaire**

Title of the questionnaire: "国際教育センター主催 2027年秋出発 大学間協定留学【交換型】応募フォーム"

**Application Period**

**9:00 Wednesday, October 21 to 17:00 Thursday, October 29, 2026**

**Note:**

**\*Applications submitted outside the designated application period will not be accepted under any circumstances.**

\*The application must be completed by the applicant him/herself.

\*Access to viewing and submitting the online application is only available during the application period.

\*If any corrections are necessary, the applicant must modify their own responses within the application period.

**\*Submission of all required documents listed in "8. Application Documents" is required** via the online application system.

\*In addition to document submission, the online application includes over 70 questions, including the Study Abroad Statement of Purpose. Please make sure to prepare your responses in advance and ensure you apply well ahead of the deadline.

\*After completing the online application, applicants must take full responsibility for ensuring that there are no errors or omissions in their submission.

\*Applicants whose online applications have been confirmed will be registered to the Oh-o! Meiji "Group" page **by Thursday, November 5**, and a registration completion notice will be sent. If you do not receive this notice via Oh-o! Meiji by the above date, please contact the International Collaboration Office (kokusaik@meiji.ac.jp) **by Friday, November 6**. Please note that we cannot respond to individual inquiries regarding application status before the registration completion notice is sent.

## 6. Screening Process

### **Screening will be based on comprehensive evaluation of their Meiji University GPA and Interview.**

Given that all of the requirements of the universities of their choice have met, applicants with higher overall marks have the priorities to be assigned to the universities of their choice.

\*No inquiries concerning screening results and process will be answered.

\*Note that the internal screening is solely for selecting the "candidates" who will be officially nominated by Meiji University. Passing the internal screening does not guarantee the candidate's study abroad as the final decision will be made by each host university.

## 7. Interview

**Date: Saturday, November 28, 2026**

**Place: Surugadai Campus**

\*Please leave your schedule open until further notice.

\*Details of interview are to be announced via Oh-o! Meiji or Email in mid November.

\*Date and time of interview cannot be changed except for academic reasons such as attending classes or exams.

\*Interview will be conducted in Japanese. **\*If English assistance is required, please inform in advance.**

## 8. Application Documents

- Applicants must carefully review their documents before submission to ensure they are complete. Any application with errors or missing documents will be excluded from the selection process at the applicant's own responsibility.
- Website for the designated forms: [https://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/recruitment/2027\\_exchange\\_fall.html](https://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/recruitment/2027_exchange_fall.html)

### **1 Study Abroad Statement of Purpose (Answering via the Oh-o! Meiji Questionnaire)**

• Please answer the following questions within the online application questionnaire.

(1) **Motivation for studying abroad** (approx. 100-250 words)

Describe the reasons for studying abroad and the purpose(s) and goal(s) you wish to achieve through studying abroad mentioning how and why you came to think that way. (Include the meaning of studying abroad at one of the partner universities as a representative of Meiji University.)

(2) **Study area/Research theme during study abroad** (in 20 words or less)

Describe your study area/research theme other than studying languages.

(3) **Study plan during study abroad** (approx. 400-600 words)

Describe your study plan while studying abroad in concrete terms mentioning the courses you wish to take, your preferred study areas, etc. \*Make sure to mention all of the universities of your choice.

(4) **Adaptation to Different Cultures and New Environments** (approx. 200-300 words)

\*Please choose one of the following two themes (A or B) and provide your response.

(A) Describe your past experience where you felt difficulty in an unfamiliar environment or culture.

How did you handle the situation, and what did you learn from it?

(B) When facing confusion due to differences in culture or customs, language barriers, or feelings of loneliness and stress at your study abroad destination, how do you plan to overcome these challenges?

(5) **Motivated and Proactive Initiatives** (approx. 200-300 words)

Describe any activities or initiatives you are motivated by or proactively involved in, other than your preparations for studying abroad.

(6) **Utilization of study abroad outcome** (approx. 150-200 words)

Describe how you intend to utilize the outcome of the experience in your future career.

## 2 Program Agreement for the Study Abroad Programs

- Make a scanned copy (PDF) after signing on the designated form.
- Both applicant and guarantor must read thoroughly before signing.
- Handwritten signature of the guarantor is mandatory even if the guarantor lives away from Tokyo or Japan.

## 3 ID Photo Data (JPEG format)

- Must be taken within the last 3 months.
- Smartphone photos are accepted if they are clear, facing forward, without a hat, and against a plain background.
- For iPhone users: Please change your setting to "Settings" > "Camera" > "Formats" > "Most Compatible" before shooting to save in JPEG format.

## 4 Copy of the Official Certificate of language proficiency test

- The scores shown on the certificate must exactly match with the scores entered in the online application form.
- Please refer to the "Admission Details" and ensure that you submit either a scanned copy of the original language proficiency certificate that meets the requirements, or an official certificate (PDF data) downloadable from the testing organization's website.
- Only in cases where the official certificate does not arrive before the application deadline, a screenshot of the online results page will be accepted as a temporary measure, provided it **clearly includes the applicant's name, test date, and full score details**. In such cases, a copy of the official certificate must be submitted to the International Collaboration Office via email attachment as soon as it arrives.
- Pay attention to the validity of the scores.

**English :** TOEFL iBT, IELTS (Academic Module) or Duolingo English test **taken in or after September 2025**.  
\*Note that when using MyBest Scores for the TOEFL iBT, the test date for each section must also be within the validity period. (MyBest Scores with even one invalid section score cannot be used.)

**Non-English:** Scores which is **valid until September 2027**. \*Note that validity periods vary depending on the test; therefore, applicants must verify the expiration dates for their specific exams on their own.

- Since language proficiency tests for languages other than English are held on limited dates, please make sure to check the test schedule and prepare well in advance.

Please note that while certificates from Japan-based proficiency tests (e.g., 中国語検定、フランス語検定、ハンガール検定 etc.) are accepted for the internal selection process, they may not be recognized as official certificates when applying to partner universities after the internal selection.

## Language Proficiency Assessment Sheet by a professor of Meiji University

### 5 (Mandatory if you apply in a language other than English and cannot submit an official certificate of language proficiency test)

- Designated form (either English form or Japanese form). To be filled out by a professor of Meiji University.
- Applicants must arrange a professor by themselves. Any support by Meiji University is not applicable.
- Language Proficiency Assessment Sheet may only be used for non-English language applications where "評価表でも可" is indicated in the "Admission Details."
- In case that the student finds it difficult to receive the original copy of the document from the professor, submission via email to International Collaboration Office directly from the professor is also accepted. Email: kokusaik@meiji.ac.jp, Deadline: Same as online application deadline

## Permission Letter by a Supervisor of Meiji University

### 6 (Required only for 4th-year students who plan to be enrolled in a Meiji University graduate school during the study abroad period)

- Designated form (only in Japanese \*If English version is required, please inform in advance.) To be filled out by a supervisor at the graduate school of Meiji you plan to enter.
- In case that the student finds it difficult to receive the original copy of the document from the supervisor, submission via email to International Collaboration Office directly from the supervisor is also accepted. Email: kokusaik@meiji.ac.jp, Deadline: Same as online application deadline

### 7 Transcript with GPA (Japanese or English) (Required only for 1st-semester Graduate Students)

- If you are in your 1st semester of a Master's/Ph.D. program, upload a PDF transcript from your most recently completed degree:
  - 1st Semester Master's: Bachelor's Transcript
  - 1st Semester Ph.D.: Master's Transcript
- ※ If you graduated from a university other than Meiji University, submit a transcript issued by that institution.

## 9. Important Notes

### ■GPA requirement after Meiji internal screening

After the internal screening, students must keep their cumulative GPA above the host university's minimum requirement throughout Fall Semester 2026. Please continue your diligent studies.

### ■Acceptance at Host University

Note that the internal screening is solely for selecting the "candidates" who will be officially nominated by Meiji University. Passing the internal screening does not guarantee the candidate's study abroad as the final decision will be made by each host university. Each host university has its own screening procedures and requirements. Some host universities may consider the candidate's academic background in the desired field of study as an important factor in the screening process. In such cases, there is a possibility that a candidate may be declined due to a lack of academic background. Therefore, it is strongly recommended to take courses at Meiji University related to your desired field of study.

### ■Classes at Meiji University during study abroad

In principle, students are not allowed to take classes at Meiji University during the semester in which they participate in University-wide Study Abroad Program. Consult with the School/Graduate School office before applying as rules may differ depending on the School/Graduate School.

### ■Preparation for the study abroad

After the internal screening, it is each student's responsibility to follow the necessary procedures such as application to the host university, course registration, arranging accommodation, applying for visa, etc. Note that International Collaboration Office will NOT prepare for these on behalf of the students.

### ■Information on the countries and the partner universities

Make sure to always gather up-to-date information from the original sources (i.e., Study abroad program search site of Meiji University, official websites of each university, websites of the embassies, etc.). 「海外安全ホームページ」 provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan has useful information on different countries. 「留学報告書 (Study abroad reports)」 of Meiji students who studied abroad in the previous years are available in Meiji University website for reference.

URL for 「Study abroad program search site」

<https://meijinow.jp/global/program/>

URL for 「外務省海外安全ホームページ」

<https://www.anzen.mofa.go.jp/>

URL for 「留学報告書 (Study abroad reports)」

<https://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/report/report.html>

### ■Choosing the universities

Applicants may choose up to eight universities at the time of application to the internal screening. However, keeping in mind that the applicants may be selected as candidates of any of their 1st to 8th choices, make sure to choose carefully as no withdrawal will be allowed once selected as candidates. Chosen universities and the order of the chosen universities cannot be changed after the online application period.

### ■Choosing the language

University-wide Study Abroad Program is NOT for language learning. Whether the submission of the certificate is required or not, students must be capable of taking university level regular academic courses in that language. Note that the scores listed in the "Admission Details" are the minimum requirements of each university. As higher scores may be required by the school/department where the applicant wishes to study, continuous efforts to improve language skills are highly recommended.

### ■Study abroad in non-English-speaking countries

The study areas and courses offered in English may be limited at universities in non-English-speaking countries. Check each university's website carefully before applying. Once selected as a candidate, students are not allowed to withdraw from the study abroad program on the ground that there is no course you wish to take.

### ■Academic Information

At some universities, incoming international students belong to one of the schools/departments and take most/all of the courses from that school/department, while other universities let incoming international students take courses freely from different schools/departments without belonging to a specific school/department. Refer to "Admission Details" as well as the official website of each university for the academic information. Note that some universities have restrictions on taking certain courses/areas of study for incoming students. It is therefore highly recommended for students to always have alternative options as it is not guaranteed that they are able to take the courses of their preference. Furthermore, the host university may judge the student's language ability as not sufficient to take regular courses and request to take language support courses instead. Regarding the credit transfer of language courses, consult with the School/Graduate School office.

## ■Credit transfer

Credits earned at the host university MAY be transferred to that of Meiji University by going through the necessary procedure designated by the Schools/Graduate Schools. However, it is often the case that the number of approved credits is smaller than the credits students usually earn at Meiji University. Applicants should consult with their School/Graduate School office in advance as there is no guarantee of being able to graduate within the designated study period.

## ■Cost of Study Abroad

It varies depending on the host university, country, type of accommodation (dormitory/apartment), lifestyle (self-catering/dining out), etc. The average cost for one year [Exchange] program is considered to be approx. 1,500,000-3,000,000 JPY (tuition and fee of Meiji University are excluded). Note that careful planning and budgeting are absolute necessities, as costs may be higher than this depending on exchange rates and higher prices.

<Example of the necessary fees >

- Tuition and fee of Meiji University
- Mandatory fees of the host university other than tuition (Facility fee, Registration fee, Student fee, etc.)
- Airfare, Visa application fee, Books & Supplies, Phone & Internet, other miscellaneous expenses, etc.
- Accommodation fee and meals
- Overseas Travel Insurance fee, etc.

## ■Mandatory Overseas Travel Insurance

It is mandatory for every student who participates in "University-wide Study Abroad Program" to purchase the overseas travel insurance designated by Meiji University for safety management reasons. If the host university/country also has a mandatory insurance, students must purchase both insurances. (Estimated cost of the mandatory Overseas Travel Insurance of Meiji University: approx. 120,000-200,000 JPY for one year program)

## ■Accommodation

Students are responsible for finding their own accommodation during study abroad. Some universities have student dormitories or provide information on apartments but they are not necessarily guaranteed. In recent years, it is getting more difficult to secure housing, and even if it is possible to apply for student dormitories, rooms may be filled up quickly on a first-come, first-served basis, or applicants may be rejected in a lottery. In particular, for one-semester study abroad, students with longer stays tend to be given priority, making it difficult to secure housing. Please check the housing conditions of each partner university in advance from "◎ Info Sheet" in the "Admission Details". Note that International Collaboration Office does not take part in finding students' accommodation.

## ■Visa application

Students are responsible for obtaining the necessary visa to study abroad. In general, they can apply for visa at the embassy/consulate/visa application center of each country. Note that International Collaboration Office does not take part in visa application.

## ■Impact on Job Hunting

Studying abroad may affect the job hunting depending on the year and timing of the study abroad. It is highly recommended to consult with the Employment/Career Support Center (就職キャリア支援センター) at an early stage.

## ■Study abroad while taking Special Certification Program Course

Due to the nature of the course, there is a high possibility of not being able to graduate within the designated study period. Students must consult with the Certification Courses Office (資格課程事務室) before applying.

## ■Study abroad in the last year at Meiji University

Students must consult with the School/Graduate School office before applying as each school has different rules.

## ■Meiji University Study Abroad Encouragement Subsidy

Participants of "University-wide Study Abroad Program" are eligible to apply for "Meiji University Study Abroad Encouragement Subsidy". Refer to the Application Guidelines published in June/July each year for the details of the eligibilities, amount of subsidy, etc.

(Guidelines for the previous year is available for reference for the time being).

<Application Guidelines Website>

明治大学外国留学奨励助成金 : <https://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/financial/jyosei.html>

海外トップユニバーシティ留学奨学金 : <https://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/financial/topugrant.html>

\*Note: Students with "Student" visa status in Japan are not eligible to apply.

If you wish to apply for the "2027年度出発対象海外トップユニバーシティ留学奨学金【奨学金B対象】", please ensure that you submit a separate application to the "海外トップユニバーシティ留学奨学金(Applicaiton period: October 6 - 12, 2026)". Please note that being selected as a candidate for the exchange program does not guarantee receipt of this scholarship.

### ■Application to another study abroad program at the same time

Applicants are generally not allowed to apply to another study abroad program such as the programs organized by their schools at the same time. However, as long as applicants can decide which program to join before the interview date\*, applicants are allowed to apply to another program. Applicants must specify the details of the other program in the online application form and inform the International Collaboration Office as soon as its result is out. Note that it is obligatory to choose this program if the result of the other program is to be announced after the interview date.

Applicants must consult with the program organizer (school, study abroad agency, etc.) in advance for an approval.

\* Examples of the cases that applicants are allowed to apply to another study abroad program

- 1) This program is your 1st choice, and you withdraw another program's application after being selected as candidates of this program.
- 2) Another program is your 1st choice, and its result is out before the interview date of this program.

### ■Withdrawal

Once selected as candidates, students are not allowed to withdraw from the study abroad program without a reasonable ground. Keeping in mind that one's withdrawal may result in taking away another student's study abroad opportunity, applicants must do well enough research on the study abroad process, necessary funds, risks and consequences of the study abroad, etc. before applying.

### ■Possibility of Cancellation of Study Abroad Program

In principle, International Student Center sends students to only countries and regions where the Ministry of Foreign Affairs overseas safety information is at a "Level 1" or lower. In addition to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs overseas safety information, depending on the safety condition in the country or region where the host university is located, Meiji University may decide to cancel or postpone the study abroad program or request an early return.

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

|      |                       |                                                                                                                                  |
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| 2026 | Mid November          | Announcement for the details of the interview                                                                                    |
|      | November 28           | Interview                                                                                                                        |
|      | December 10 (TBD)     | Announcement of the internal screening results                                                                                   |
| 2027 | January 14 (TBD)      | Orientation for the successful applicants !!Mandatory to attend!!                                                                |
|      | Late January to March | Nomination of the candidates to the host universities                                                                            |
|      | Late January to May   | Application to the host universities                                                                                             |
|      | Late March            | Pre-workshop !!Mandatory to attend!!                                                                                             |
|      | March to July         | Admission from the host university/ application for visa, accommodation, airplane ticket, etc./ procedure required by the school |
|      | Late June             | Pre-departure Orientation !!Mandatory to attend!!                                                                                |
|      | August to September   | Departure                                                                                                                        |
|      | December to February  | Return to Japan (for one semester study abroad) !!Must return within one month of the last exam!!                                |
| 2028 | Late March            | Post-workshop (for one semester study abroad) !!Mandatory to attend!!                                                            |
|      | May to August         | Return to Japan (for one year study abroad) !!Must return within one month of the last exam!!                                    |
|      | Late September        | Post-workshop (for one academic year study abroad) !!Mandatory to attend!!                                                       |

\* Above schedule is "provisional" and the timings for the application, admission, departure/return, etc. vary depending on the host universities.

\* Refer to the official websites of each university for their Academic Calendars.

## 11. Inquiries

### Meiji University International Collaboration Office (Study Abroad) [Izumi Campus]

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

Phone: 03-5300-1542

Email: [kokusaik@meiji.ac.jp](mailto:kokusaik@meiji.ac.jp)

- \* Closed on Saturdays, 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, student number and name) when contacting via email/phone.