Meiji University International Student Center

2027 Summer/Fall University-wide Study Abroad Program [Fee-Paying] 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 Summer/Fall University-wide Study Abroad Program [Fee-Paying] Admission Details" thoroughly for the details of the internal screening.

URL for "2027 Summer/Fall University-wide Study Abroad Program [Fee-Paying] Admission Details"
https://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/recruitment/2027_feepaying_fall.html

1. Applicable Partner Institutions

The Universities listed in the "2027 Summer/Fall University-wide Study Abroad Program [Fee-Paying] Admission Details"

2. Duration of Study Abroad

[Summer Program] *Study abroad during Spring Semester 2027 at Meiji University
Designated period starting from May/June 2027.
[Fall Program]
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 Summer/Fall University-wide Study Abroad Program [Fee-Paying] Admission Details" for details.

3. Number of Students

Varies depending on agreements with each institution.
* Refer to "2027 Summer/Fall University-wide Study Abroad Program [Fee-Paying] 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 their 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 "7. 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 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.

Summer Program	
English	Must meet the requirement with a result of the TOEFL iBT, IELTS (Academic Module), Duolingo English Test or TOEIC **taken in or after June 2025**.
Fall Program	
English	Must meet the requirement with a result of the TOEFL iBT, IELTS (Academic Module) or Duolingo English Test **taken in or after September 2025**. For partner universities without their own language requirements, TOEFL iBT 61/3.5, IELTS 5.5 are applied as the minimums.
Non-English	Must meet the requirement with a result of the test that is **valid until September 2027**. 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. <Note> Even in case of submitting "Language Proficiency Assessment Sheet", it must be obtained at the time of online application of the internal screening.

＜For Applications Requiring English Proficiency＞

*Whether or not TOEFL iBT MyBest scores, TOEFL iBT Home Edition, IELTS One Skill Retake, IELTS Online, TOEIC IP and TOEIC IP Online are accepted depends on each university. Refer to "Admission Details" for details.

*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**.)

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年夏・秋出発 大学間協定留学【授業料負担型】応募フォーム"

Application Period

9:00 Wednesday, December 16 to 17:00 Tuesday, December 22, 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 "7. Application Documents" is required** via the online application system.

*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 Wednesday, January 13**, 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, January 15. Please note that we cannot respond to individual inquiries regarding application status before the registration completion notice is sent.

6. Screening Process

Applicants will be ranked according to the **overall evaluation of their Meiji University GPA and Application documents**. Given that all of the requirements of the universities of their choice have met, applicants with higher overall marks have the higher priorities to be assigned to the universities of their choice.

* Applicants may be called in for an interview in mid January according to the document screeing results. In such cases applicants will be informed via Oh-o! Meiji or Email.
* 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. 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_feepaying_fall.html

1 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.

2 Study Abroad Statement of Purpose *English version is solely for English Track

- To be filled in electronically using the designated form. (Write your name in the designated space on all pages.)
- Following the instruction on the designated form, applicants must write the Statement of Purpose in English.
- Must be submitted in PDF format.

3 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.

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Fall Program	
English	Must meet the requirement with a result of the TOEFL iBT, IELTS (Academic Module) or Duolingo English Test **taken in or after September 2025**.
Non-English	Must meet the requirement with a result of the test that is **valid until September 2027**. 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., フランス語検定 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.

＜For Applications Requiring English Proficiency＞

*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**.)

4 Language Proficiency Assessment Sheet by a professor of Meiji University (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

5 (Required only for 4th-year students who plan to be enrolled in a Meiji University graduate school during the study abroad period)
Permission Letter by a Supervisor of Meiji University

- 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

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

- 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.

8. 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 it 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. (In principle, students who participate in Summer Program are not allowed to take classes at Meiji University during Spring Semester 2027.) Depending on the School/Graduate School, students who participate in Summer Program may take First Half Intensive Course or students may be required to register courses and attend the courses from April in case of unforeseen circumstances. **Consult with the School/Graduate School office before applying and follow the instructions 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

■Participation in multiple programs

It is possible to apply for and continue to participate in more than one program (Summer Program + Fall Proram 2027 of this program) whose study period do not overlap.

■ Choosing the universities

Applicants may choose up to eight universities including both Summer Program and Fall Program at the time of application to the internal screening. However, make sure to choose carefully, keeping in mind that the applicants may be selected as candidates of any of their 1st to 8th choices. No change will be allowed to the choice of universites or to the order of choices after the online application period. Also, no withdrawal will be allowed once selected as candidates.

■ 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 [Fee-Paying] program is considered to be approx. 3,000,000-5,500,000 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
- Tuition of the host 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.

!! IMPORTANT !!
Students participating in University-wide Study Abroad Program [Fee-Paying] are required to pay **both "Tuition and fee of Meiji University" AND "Tuition of the host university"** while studying abroad. Make sure to discuss with the guarantor in advance of application as the financial burden is much greater compared to that of University-wide Study Abroad Program [Exchange].

■ 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 "⑨ 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).

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

■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 January 20*, 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 January 20, 2027. 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 January 20.

■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.

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

[Summer Program]

2027	～Mid-January	Document screening
	Mid-January	Interview *Only for those informed individually
	January 26 (TBD)	Announcement of the internal screening results
	February 3 (TBD)	Orientation for the successful applicants !!Mandatory to attend!!
	Early February	Nomination of the candidates to the host universities
	Early February to March	Application to the host universities
	Late March	Pre-workshop !!Mandatory to attend!!
	March to May	Admission from the host university/ application for visa, accommodation, airplane ticket, etc./ procedure required by the school
	Late April	Pre-departure Orientation !!Mandatory to attend!!
	May to June	Departure
	August to September	Return to Japan !!Must return within one month of the last exam!!
	Late September	Post-workshop !!Mandatory to attend!!

[Fall Program]

2027	～Mid-January	Document screening
	Mid-January	Interview *Only for those informed individually
	January 26 (TBD)	Announcement of the internal screening results
	February 3 (TBD)	Orientation for the successful applicants !!Mandatory to attend!!
	Early-February	Nomination of the candidates to the host universities
	Early February 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	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	Return to Japan (for one academic 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.

10. Inquiries

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

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