

Overseas Short-Term Summer/Winter Programs AY 2021 Recruitment Guidelines

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
Academic Office

Recruitment Schedule

Short-Term Summer Programs	APU internal screening application deadline	Guidance sessions for participants
Programs which require applicants to delete their registration for APM required subjects or third year seminars for the 2021 Spring Semester	April 2, 2021 12:00	May 12, 2021
Programs which commence during the 2021 Spring Semester class term	May 5, 2021	May 12, 2021
Programs which commence after the 2021 Spring Semester class term	June 30, 2021	July 7, 2021

Short-Term Winter Programs	APU internal screening application deadline	Guidance sessions for participants
Programs which require applicants to delete their registration for APM required subjects or third year seminars for the 2021 Fall Semester	3 working days prior to course registration period B	November 3, 2021
Programs which commence during the 2021 Fall Semester class term	October 27, 2021	November 3, 2021
Programs which commence after the 2021 Fall Semester class term	January 6, 2022	January 13, 2022

Program Overview

You can participate in curricular summer/winter programs offered at APU's partner universities. All credits acquired during the exchange period will be reviewed by each college and the Division of Academic Affairs. If approved, these credits will be counted towards the student's graduation at APU. Because many summer/winter programs center on intensive courses in English, you must possess a high level of English proficiency prior to participation. In addition to attending all classes, you must actively participate in class activities. Studying and living abroad is an invaluable experience. However, it can also be difficult and stressful. In principle, you are responsible for dealing with any problems you might experience abroad on your own. We expect you to have a keen awareness of your surroundings and the ability to act responsibly to avoid any dangerous situations.

Universities for Recruitment

You can apply to any program offered by one of [APU's student exchange partner universities](#) and that begins and ends within the below time period. Furthermore, because there is no way to predict the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, you may apply to both in-person and online programs. However, if the start date is May of 2021 or earlier, you may only apply to online programs, as travel for outbound programs for that timeframe has already been cancelled. Please research program information, including eligibility, program content, program dates, language(s) of instruction, fees, the number of credits, and accommodation, before applying for the APU internal screening.

Summer Programs	April 1, 2021 – September 20, 2021
Winter Programs	September 21, 2021- March 31, 2022

Eligibility

Applicants must fulfill all of the following requirements.

- Applicants must meet the application criteria set by each host university.
- Students must be in or between their 1st and 7th semesters (students who are enrolled in the accelerated graduation program cannot participate during their final semester).
- Applicants must be APU undergraduate students. Graduate students cannot apply.
- Applicants must have a status of “regular” or “exchange” during the semester they participate.
- Applicants must not possess a passport for the country or region of the university they wish to apply to. If an applicant possesses a passport for the country or region of the university they wish to apply to, they must have received less than four years of education in that country or region from Junior High School onwards (beyond G7).
- If the program period overlaps with the class term of the APU course(s) which the applicant will take during the semester they plan to participate, applicants can receive no more than 6 credits. This includes not only credits obtained through this program, but also credits transferred in the same semester from the Ritsumeikan University Summer Session, The Open University of Japan, Curricular Exchange with Oita University, Oita University On-Demand, or credits transferred from the Oita Learning (Toyono Manabi) Consortium.
- (For Japanese basis students only) At the time of application, students must have completed Intermediate English A and B (or have been exempt from these courses).

Application Process/Pre-Departure Schedule

Step 1 [Online Survey](#)

- Please upload a copy of an English Proficiency Score (TOEFL etc.) if you have one.
- If you possess a passport for the country or region of the university, please upload a document that proves your educational history from Junior High School onwards (beyond G7).
- Incomplete applications will be rejected automatically.
- Upon completion of the online application, please click “Print Your Answers” to print out the application record. If you have specific questions about the content of your application, you must bring a printout of the application record with you to the Academic Office. We will be unable to answer specific questions without this record.
- For short-term programs requiring a home university nomination, we will nominate students in the order in which we receive their applications.

Step 2

Be notified of the results of the internal screening.

Step 3

- Apply to the host university. (Please consult with the Academic Office if you require a nomination from APU.)
- When you apply to the host university, apply not as an exchange student, but rather as a fee-paying student.
- The host university will make the final decision regarding your acceptance to the short-term program.

Step 4

After you are accepted by the host university, as a general rule, you will be responsible for all program preparations. In the case that your program requires travel, it will be necessary to make your travel arrangements such as your flight, entry permit (visa), etc. in accordance with the schedule designated by the host university.

Step 5

All participants must attend a guidance session. If you will participate in a program that requires travel, you must also participate in a risk management class. Specific times and dates will be announced to accepted students. Should you fail to attend these sessions, you will no longer be considered a valid program participant by APU. As such, you will not be eligible to transfer credits earned through your program.

Step 6

Submit your Consent Form and Pledge to the Academic Office.

Step 7

Credit transfer will take place as described in the “Short-Term Summer/Winter Program Credit Transfer Manual”. Please check the manual before beginning the designated processes.

Notes and Disclaimers

1. Fees

Participants are responsible for paying for program fees, flights, accommodation, food, VISA, textbooks, etc. In addition, they must continue paying tuition to APU as usual. In some cases, the program fee may be reduced. Please consult with the Academic Office after checking the host university website for more details.

Tuition	Program participation fees
APU Tuition	Short-term program fees, fees for textbooks and class materials, fees for any equipment necessary to take program courses (Programs that include travel only) In addition to the above program fees, you will also be responsible for travel fees, accommodation fees, passport fees, visa fees, travel insurance fees, and fees required to join the JCSOS Risk Management System (J-TAS).

2. Travel Cancellation Announcement Schedule

The travel cancellation announcements for each program will be made according to the below schedule. Please apply

with the understanding that, even if participation in in-person programs is allowed, depending on the development of the COVID-19 pandemic, there is a possibility that student travel will be cancelled. For details, please see “4. Program Cancellation or Change of Program Contents, Cancellation of Participation” of the “Items Common to All Programs” on page 5 and after.

Summer/Winter	Program Start Date	Travel Cancellation Announcement
Summer Programs	June	April 12, 2021(Mon.)
	Before the end of the APU class term	May 17, 2021(Mon.)
	After the end of the APU class term	June 14, 2021(Mon.)
Winter Programs	Before November	June 14, 2021(Mon.)
	December	October 18, 2021(Mon.)
	Before the end of the APU class term	November 15, 2021(Mon.)
	After the end of the APU class term	December 13, 2021(Mon.)

3. Notes Regarding Course Registration at APU

- In principal, students are responsible for cancelling their course registration for any APU courses that overlap with their short-term program period. The university will not delete a student’s course registration for required language courses, or any other courses even if it is impossible for students to cancel by themselves.
- As an exception, the university will cancel registration for APM required courses and third year seminar subjects if the applicant applies at least 3 working days prior to course registration period B (only in cases in which the program period overlaps with the class term of the courses to be cancelled).
- If, after a student is permitted to participate in the program, the participant no longer fulfills all of the stipulations outlined in the “Application Requirements” section due to changes in their enrollment status or course registration status, no credits will be transferred from this program.

Contact for Inquiries Related to Summer/Winter Programs

Academic Office (B Building 1st Floor)

TEL: 0977-78-1101 / FAX 0977-78-1102

Email: outbound@apu.ac.jp

Items Common to All Programs

1. Visa

It is the student's responsibility to verify the visa(s) that will be required from departure through return home and then to apply. The visa(s) required will differ depending on the student's nationality, the country/region of dispatch, and the length of stay. Students should check the website for each embassy to confirm the visa required (including transit visas) and the documents required. Further, because visa application requirements can change without notice, please be sure you have the most recent information in hand. For those getting a "Visa On Arrival" (also: "On-Arrival Visa"), according to the regulations of the country issuing the visa, generally speaking such visas are not recognized except in cases when a visa cannot be obtained prior to traveling.

In the unlikely event that you are unable to obtain your visa by the date set, your dispatch/study abroad program will be canceled. Also, the dispatch/start date of your study abroad program will not be changed. In that event, the participant will bear the cost of any cancellation fees. Cancellation fees to be borne and grades will be handled in accordance with the " Disclaimers and Notices ".

[International Students Only]

International students should review the renewal date for their Japanese residence permit and permission for reentry in addition to the visa requirements for the country where their program will be run. If there is anything you don't understand regarding the renewal date for your residence permit or permission for reentry, please check with the Student Office.

Note: Depending on the program, there are cases when your visa application will be handled by an agency. Please confirm the details with the program coordinator.

2. Insurance

Including cases where students have already individually taken out an insurance policy, program participants must take out domestic and overseas travel insurance as designated by APU and the host institution, join the JCSOS Crisis Management System (J-TAS), and so on. Details on taking out these insurance policies will be provided in the pre-program classes and at the guidance session for participants.

3. Vaccinations

The APU Health Clinic will provide information on the types of vaccinations it recommends at the pre-program classes and the guidance session for participants. Because the vaccinations recommended by the Health Clinic are not mandatory, each student should decide for themselves about whether to get the vaccination(s) or not. Students wishing to get the vaccination(s) should contact the health clinic and make an appointment for themselves.

Please note that some vaccinations may be mandatory depending on the dispatch destination, so please follow the instructions given during the guidance session.

4. Program Cancellation or Change of Program Contents, Cancellation of Participation

① Programs may be cancelled or program contents may be changed in the event that any of the following apply. Students should put together a reasonable registration plan having taken these possibilities into consideration.

- A) In the event the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Travel Advice and Warning on Infectious Diseases is Level 2 or above for the country or region of dispatch
- B) In the event a program cannot be operated safely in view of social conditions
When making the decision to cancel a program, we take into consideration the projection that any of the following will occur in the program destination: natural disasters; accidents; strikes; infectious disease; political unrest in the program country or region; disruptions to the normal operation of public transportation or medical services; war; terrorism; injury to, or sudden hospitalization of, faculty coordinators; or other unforeseen circumstances.
- C) In the event a host institution decides to cancel acceptance of students from APU which involves overseas travel
- D) In the event APU decides to cancel a program or change program contents due to safety-related issues in the region of dispatch

② In the event any of the following apply, a participant's participation in a program may be cancelled even after the announcement of acceptance. Further, with the exception of Overseas Student Exchange Program, Double Degree Program, and Short-Term Summer/Winter Program, in the event a participant's

participation in a program is cancelled, as a rule a grade of "F" will be assigned.

- A) In the event a participant's course participation is judged inappropriate, taking into consideration the participant's behavior and attendance
- B) In the event the participant becomes subject to disciplinary action after the announcement of screening results
- C) In the event the designated overseas travel and accident insurance is not taken out, and/or in the event that university instructions concerning the submission of documents, attendance at required guidance sessions, etc. are not followed
- D) In the event that the university determines study abroad is not suitable due to injury, illness, etc.
- E) In the event of misconduct
- F) In the event of other violations of the participant's duty as a student

- ③ The student will be required to pay for costs already incurred at the point in time when their program participation is canceled.

5. Withdrawal After the Announcement of Screening Results

The university undertakes screening on the assumption that, at the time of application, everyone who applies to a program wishes to participate. Therefore, as a general rule, withdrawal after the announcement of screening results is not permitted.

When applying, students should carefully review the program contents in advance and make their preparations assuming they will not withdraw. Furthermore, if a student fails to pay the cost set by the university by the deadline, this will be treated as a withdrawal. Please see Item **"6. Cancellation Fees"** below regarding cancellation fees.

In the case of credit-granting programs, as a general rule students who withdraw will be assigned a grade of "F".

6. Cancellation Fees

In cases where a participant is forced to withdraw after announcement of the screening results, the withdrawing student must pay costs incurred up until that point in time. The cancellation fee also includes bank fees (overseas wire fees, etc.).

In the case that the costs required by the program have already been remitted to the university, the cancellation fees will be deducted and the difference will be refunded. The refund procedures require a certain amount of time.

7. Registration Plan

Students should thoroughly review their registration plan and number of credits to be earned through the program and confirm that this plan will not cause any problems with their registration plan for graduation. No special consideration will be given in the event that problems are identified after the screening results have been announced and also that an item listed in **"4. Program Cancellation or Change of Program Contents, Cancellation of Participation"** has arisen. Students should assume personal responsibility when applying to any program.

Note: It is not possible to participate multiple times in a program having the same lecture content.

If it is not clear whether or not the program you wish to apply for has the same content as a program you have already completed, please inquire with the Academic Office before applying.

8. Handling of Personal Information

Please see the pledge for details.

9. On Participating in a Program

- 1_Whether or not a program experience is rewarding depends greatly on the attitude and effort of the participants themselves. Participants need to have the flexibility to accept the different cultures found abroad and a positive attitude towards learning. Each participant should firmly set goals for participating in the program. Further, attendance at the guidance session and the pre-/post-classes held before and after dispatch is mandatory. Absences without notice are not permitted. Also, students should be sure to submit all documents and assignments by their deadlines.
- 2_During program participation, participants should comply with the "Off-Campus Study Programs Requirements for Participation (Pledge)" and the "Risk Management Guidelines for Off-campus Study Programs Participants

AY2021 Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University Off-campus Study Programs
Requirements for Participation in Off-Campus Study Programs (Overseas Student Exchange, Double Degree Program,
Overseas Short-Term Summer / Winter Program)

1. Required Attitude

All participants in Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University Off-campus Study Programs (hereinafter referred as to Programs) must abide by the following conditions.

- (1) Participants must understand the aim and the purpose of their chosen program, and should actively participate in the program and take their studies seriously.
- (2) Participants must conduct themselves in a dignified and honorable manner while maintaining the good name of Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (Hereinafter referred to as “APU”) and the host institution (Hereinafter referred to as “Host Institution”).
- (3) Participants must act in accordance with the regulations of APU, the rules of the Host Institution, Japanese law and the laws and regulations of the host country or region for the full duration of the program. Participants are also expected to follow all instructions from staff and faculty at both APU and the Host Institution
- (4) Participants must not protest in the case that he or she was commanded to cancel his or her participation in a program or commanded to return to Japan due to breach of ‘Requirements for Program Participation’.

2. Health Management

- (1) Participants will be responsible for their own personal health.
- (2) Prior to departure, participants will be required to enroll in the overseas travel insurance designated by APU that covers the entire duration of their travel period, from the date of their departure from Japan until the date of their re-entry to Japan, regardless of the duration of the program. In addition, participants will also be required to enroll in JCSOS Risk Management System (J-TAS) that covers the period designated by APU including the period of the program.
- (3) Participants must inform APU if they have any pre-existing medical conditions.
- (4) Participants must submit “Off-campus Program Participants Self-report of Health Condition and necessary support in studies”.
- (5) Should a participant require hospitalization or medical treatment, the student must immediately inform APU and the host institution and follow staff and faculty instructions. The participant will be responsible for any medical expenses above that which is covered by their insurance.
- (6) Should the participant require emergency medical treatment or surgery at a time when it is impossible to obtain their permission (or that of his/her guarantor’s), the participant agrees to be treated according to the judgment of the staff and faculty members from APU, the ones from host institutions, or a doctor on site.
- (7) In the event that APU, Host Institution faculty, or Host Institution staff deem that the participant requires medical treatment, and the participant makes an independent decision to forgo said treatment, neither APU nor the Host Institution shall be held liable for any issues which may arise as a result.

3. Costs or Compensation

- (1) Necessary costs related to the program (program fee, accommodation fee, transportation fee, insurance, etc.) must be paid within the designated time frame.
- (2) Should a participant withdraw from the program, or become unable to join or continue with the program owing to injury, disciplinary action, or any other reason, the participant alone will be responsible for all costs incurred, including any costs that APU is required to pay to the host institution.
- (3) In the event that the program is cancelled or changed as a result of natural disasters; accidents; strikes; infectious disease; political unrest in the program country or region; disruptions to the normal operation of public transportation or medical services; war; terrorism; injury to, or sudden hospitalization of, faculty coordinators; or other unforeseen circumstances, the participant will not seek compensation from either APU or the Host Institution for any and all costs incurred. In this situation, as in term 3. (2), the participant will be responsible for all costs incurred.
- (4) Neither APU nor the Host Institution will be held financially or otherwise responsible for accidents, sickness, or death that occurs as a result of participant negligence which are beyond the control of either institution.
- (5) Participants will be responsible for any damage or theft of personal belongings, traffic accidents or criminal events that occur and are deemed to be beyond the control of both APU and the Host Institution.
- (6) Participants will be liable for compensation of any damages APU suffers as a result of their grave negligence or wrongful intention.
- (7) The parties involved with program administration such as APU, host universities and/or local institutions, do not represent or act as an agent for any accidents and damages brought by unlawful acts caused by third parties e.g. organizations, individuals, homestay families. Students are responsible for taking any legal action and other related matters. The parties involved with program administration such as APU, host universities and/or local institutions shall not be liable for these incidents.
- (8) Any actions outside the period of the participants’ departure from Japan until their re-entry to Japan notified to APU in advance will be the participants’ sole responsibility. APU will not be responsible for participants’ actions outside this period.

4. Immigration and Departure

- (1) Participants will be required to submit a travel itinerary to APU in advance which covers the date from their departure from Japan to the date of their re-entry to Japan.
- (2) Participants must not make any changes to the itinerary previously submitted to APU without any reason. In the case of change,

