



# Fall 2023 OVERSEAS STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

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# Program Purpose and Outline (p.2)

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The Student Exchange Program is a program in which students can spend either **a semester or an academic year** at one of APU's partner universities **without paying additional tuition fees** except for APU tuition. The aim of the Student Exchange Program is not only for improving one's language ability but also for students to further **deepen their knowledge**, and **develop the skills** they have acquired at APU's respective colleges through taking curricular courses at partner universities.

# Timeline from Screening to Departure

	1 <sup>st</sup> year		2 <sup>nd</sup> year		3 <sup>rd</sup> year		4 <sup>th</sup> year	
	1st semester	2nd semester	3rd semester	4th semester	5th semester	6th semester	7th semester	8th semester
Option 1		Screening	Guidance Sessions	Exchange (1 semester)	Exchange (1 year)			
Option 2			Screening	Guidance Sessions	Exchange (1 semester)	Exchange (1 year)		
Option 3				Screening	Guidance Sessions	Exchange (1 semester)	Exchange (1 year)	
Option 4					Screening	Guidance Sessions	Exchange (1 semester)	

# 1<sup>st</sup> Round Recruitment Schedule (p.1)

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**Application Deadline**

**November 3 (Thur.) 14:00**

Interview Announcement

November 17 (Thur.)

Interview Dates

Nov. 29 (Tue.), 30 (Wed.), Dec. 1 (Thu.)

Announcement of Final  
Selection Result

December 6 (Tue.)

Guidance Session for  
Participants (required)

December 7 (Wed.) 5<sup>th</sup> period  
January 25 (Wed.) 6<sup>th</sup> period

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Recruitment Schedule (p.1)

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**Application Period**

**Dec. 6 (Tue.)~ 23 (Fri.) 14:00**

Interview Announcement

January 13 (Fri.)

Interview Dates

Jan. 17 (Tue.), 18 (Wed.), 19 (Thu.)

Announcement of Final  
Selection Result

January 24 (Tues.)

Guidance Session for  
Participants (required)

January. 25 (Wed.) 5<sup>th</sup> period  
January. 25 (Wed.) 6<sup>th</sup> period

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# Application Requirements (P.2)

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- i. Language Requirements
- ii. GPA Requirements (Semester and Cumulative)
  - Semester GPA must be 2.00 or higher
  - Cumulative GPA: “Host University’s Requirements”
- iii. 2nd semester to 5th semester
- iv. Applicants must not possess a passport for the country or region of the university they wish to apply to
- v. Required student status: “Enrolled,” “Exchange,” or “Leave of Absence” / NOT “Suspended”

# Selection Criteria (p.2)

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Comprehensive Screening: Academic record at APU, English proficiency, Reasons for applying

- Must have a **clearly defined study plan and purpose for undertaking overseas exchange**
- Must possess the **ability to adapt culturally and socially in your host country**, as well as the **psychological resolve** to deal with and overcome problems that you may face during the program
- Must have a **clear awareness of your future career plans**

# Selection Methods/ University Assignments (p.2)

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## Selection Methods

- Document-based screening
- Interviews will be conducted only as needed

## University Assignments

List **one to three preferences**

APU strongly recommends that you list **three preferences**



# Conditional Acceptance (p.3)

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A - pass APU's internal screening process **without fulfilling the language requirements** at the time of applying to the host university.

B - pass APU's internal screening process **with a score which will expire** by the host university's application deadline.

C - Pass APU's internal screening **with a GSE score from APU English classes**

Final Submission Deadline:

One week prior to the "Host University Nomination Deadline"

# Alternate List (p. 3)

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One student will be chosen as an alternate for each host university where the number of applicants exceeds the number of placements available. If the accepted or conditionally-accepted students for that university have their acceptance revoked, the alternate will be accepted in their place.

Eligible students: Students who were not accepted for any of their university choices (1 to 3)

# Post-Screening Schedule (p.4)

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## ● Acceptance — July 2023

Mandatory Sessions: A total of five guidance sessions and a Risk Management Class

Submission of pledge etc. to APU, insurance procedures, vaccinations, application to the host university, visa application, travel arrangements etc.

## ● August — October 2023

Departure to host university/start of overseas exchange

**Please be aware that you are responsible for arranging your own accommodations, visa, and travel.**

# Revocation of Acceptance (p.4)

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- Failure to meet language requirements
- Failure to maintain 2.00 semester GPA
- Failure to maintain host university's cumulative GPA requirements
- Failure to obtain the required visa seven days prior to the start of the AY2023 Fall Semester Course Registration Period A

# Exchange Period:

## ① One semester Exchange (p. 4)

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<b>Semester</b>	<b>Fall Semester</b>		
<b>Quarter</b>	<b>1Q</b>	<b>2Q</b>	<b>Session</b>
<b>Status at APU</b>	<b>Exchange</b>		
<b>Course Registration at APU</b>	<b>Not Possible</b>		
<b>Host University</b>	<b>Exchange (One Semester)</b>		

# Exchange Period:

## ② One Year Exchange (Regular) (P. 5)

<b>Semester</b>	<b>Fall Semester</b>			<b>Spring Semester</b>		
<b>Quarter</b>	<b>1Q</b>	<b>2Q</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>1Q</b>	<b>2Q</b>	<b>Session</b>
<b>Status at APU</b>	<b>Exchange</b>			<b>Exchange</b>		
<b>Course Registration at APU</b>	<b>Not Possible</b>					
<b>Host University</b>	<b>Exchange (1st Semester)</b>			<b>Exchange (2nd Semester)</b>		

# Exchange Period:

## ③ One Year Exchange (2Q Return) (P. 5)

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Semester	Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
Quarter	1Q	2Q	Session	1Q	2Q	Session
Status at APU	Exchange			Enrolled		
Course Registration at APU	Not Possible			Possible		
Host University	Exchange (1st Semester)		Exchange (2nd Semester)		Return	

# Credit Transfer (p. 5)

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- 60 Credits maximum
- Evaluation by Academic Affairs and APS/APM
- “T” for Transfer
- Course Contents

## Important Notes Curriculum

- APM: AACSB, EQUIS, EPAS
- APS: 10 Credits maximum for Area of Study



# Program Fees (p.6)

Tuition Fees	Accommodation / Meals	Others
Pay to APU as usual	Responsibility of the student	TOEFL/IELTS Test Fees, Passport/Visa Application Fees, Overseas Travel Insurance*, Travel Expenses, Textbooks, other fees incurred through Participant's private activities

\*Mandatory Overseas Travel Insurance and Risk Management Support System (J-TAS)

Duration	Insurance (Plan S)	J-TAS	Total (approximate)
1 Semester (approx. 4 month)	JPY 43,610	JPY 9,052	JPY 52,662
1 Year (approx. 10 month)	JPY 114,460	JPY 22,630	JPY 137,090



# Application Procedures (p.7-9)

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**STEP 1** Prepare the following documents

- ① **Digital Photo** Photo\_11111111\_RITSUMEIHanako.jpeg
- ② **Statement of Financial Support** Financial\_Support\_11111111\_RITSUMEIHanako.pdf
- ③ **Copy of English Proficiency Score** Score\_11111111\_RITSUMEIHanako.pdf
- ④ Documentary Evidence of Academic History from grade 7 (Junior High)

**STEP 2** Online Application (Lime Survey / English Only)

Print your answers!!

# Special Measures for GSE Benchmark Test

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## **<APU Internal Screening>**

If you are not sure how to view your GSE score, please contact the Academic Office <outbound@apu.ac.jp> well in advance of the application deadline.

## **<Applying to the Host University>**

You must submit a valid English score that fulfills the host university's requirements by the "Final Score Submission Deadline."

# Essay Questions

- Your goals and what you would like to accomplish by participating in the student exchange program
- Reasons why you chose each university
- Necessary preparation
- Future plans
- (Conditional Acceptance) TOEFL/IELTS Study Plan
- (APM Students) Reasons for not choosing one or more universities accredited by AACSB, EQUIS or EPAS.

# JASSO Exchange Program Scholarship

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## [Target Population]

- Japanese nationals or permanent residents of Japan.
- Individuals currently receiving other scholarships whose monthly payment amounts (or total monthly payment amounts, if receiving several other scholarships) do not exceed monthly payment amounts as set by the JASSO Scholarship
- ✂ 1 The above includes scholarships received from both the home and host universities.
- ✂ 2 The above does not include: loan-based scholarships requiring repayment, travel expenses reimbursements, or loans covering academic expenses.

**[Monthly Disbursement Amount Criteria]** Amounts will vary depending on the exchange destination

10万 : London, New York, Singapore    8万 : North America, Europe

7万 : Seoul, Prague, Bangkok, etc.    6万 : Asia, Central and South America

# Things to watch out for when filling in the online application survey

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- **Make sure to complete the application well before the deadline**
- Save drafts of your essays in Word
- If you can't attach your score/photo/etc.
  - ✓ Check the size of your photo.
  - ✓ Check the type of file you're using.
  - ✓ Clear your cache.
  - ✓ Use another browser.

# Study Abroad Support

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## Student Exchange Café

Student Exchange Cafes are casual talks and events, each with a specific theme. You can learn about the appeal of going on exchange and the necessary preparations from APU students who previously went on exchange and from presentations given by faculty members. The purpose of a Cafe is not only to provide you with information, but also to give you an opportunity to connect with other participants. This event is also recommended for students who want to find new friends and acquaintances who share their goals.



## Student Exchange Fair

You can visit the booths to get answers to your questions about each university. This is an opportunity for you to learn about the strengths of each university, the courses offered there, the learning environment, and local life in that country. Please join us at the Fair if you would like real, pertinent information about host countries and universities to aid you in choosing an exchange destination!



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