

# **Musashi University Summer Collaborative Learning Experience (MUSCLE) Program -Call for Applications 2026-**

## **Program Overview**

Musashi University is pleased to invite students from our partner universities to participate in the second-quarter courses (June-July) of the East Asian Studies (EAS) Program through a new initiative known as the **Musashi University Summer Collaborative Learning Experience (MUSCLE) Program**.

The MUSCLE Program will foster a diverse learning environment by mixing local Japanese students, resident semester and year-long international students, and short-term inbound students. The integration will leverage current courses, instructors, and syllabi, ensuring a seamless and enriching experience for all participants.

**Please note that all dates and times are shown in Japan Standard Time (JST).**

## **Program Period**

The program will take place from **June 1 (Mon) to July 31 (Fri)**. During this period, participants will attend the program orientation and classes.

Additionally, an optional faculty-led field trip will be organized in mid-June. Participants will explore iconic destinations in Tokyo.

- **June 2 (Tue)**: Move into the accommodation (if the participant is living in university-arranged housing).
- **June 3 (Wed) and June 4 (Thu)**: Orientation
- **June 5 (Fri)**: Courses start
- **By July 24 (Fri)**: Courses and examinations end
- **July 24 (Fri)**: Presentation on studying in Japan
- **By July 31 (Fri)**: Move out of the accommodation (if the participant is living in university-arranged housing).

## **Courses**

We will offer the following courses:

1. **Seminar in Entrepreneurship**
2. **Seminar in Visual Cultures**
3. **Fieldwork in Japan**

- Each course is worth **2 credits**.
- The **minimum credit load is 4 credits (two courses)**.

### **Important Notice Regarding Course Offerings**

While we intend to offer all three courses as scheduled, please note that offerings are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. If a course be cancelled, applicants will be notified immediately upon the announcement of admission results.

If a course is canceled:

- No registration fees will be charged for the cancelled course.
- Participants will have the option to withdraw from the entire program. Those wishing to do so must notify Musashi University by the cancellation deadline (**11:00 a.m. on April 17(Fri), JST, as specified on page 5**).

We kindly request your understanding and cooperation regarding these potential adjustments.

### **Eligibility**

The program is open to students who meet the following criteria:

1. Enrolled in a **partner university** of Musashi University.
2. Must have a **GPA of 2.5 or higher** on a 4.0 scale.
3. Proficient in English:
  - Applicants must submit a valid English language test score (IELTS 6.0 or higher, or an equivalent qualification).
  - **Exceptions:** The following applicants **do not** need to submit a test score:
    - Students enrolled in universities in **Australia, Canada, the UK, or the US**.
    - Students currently enrolled in a **university or faculty where English is the official language of instruction**.

### **Program Fees [Program payment due: April 17 (Fri)]**

Participants must pay a **program fee**, which includes:

- **Course registration fee:** 40,000JPY per course (*e.g.*,80,000 JPY for 2 courses, 120,000 JPY for 3 courses)
- **Program registration fee:** 115,000 JPY
- **Insurance fee:** Approximately 4,000 JPY

※All fees are listed in Japanese Yen (JPY).

## Payment Procedure

Upon confirmation of acceptance, Musashi University will issue an invoice. The total fee must be paid in full via the **designated international payment platform** prior to the program commencement.

### ⚠ The program registration fee includes the following;

1. Orientation arrangement
2. On-campus Facility access (Library, Gym and Study Room)
3. Wi-Fi access
4. Student Discount for specific off-campus facilities and services (e.g., art galleries and museums)

### Additional Costs (Not Included in the Program Fee):

- Travel expenses (flights, local transport)
- Accommodation
- Meals
- Textbooks and other personal expenses
- Housing Insurance fee: Approximately 4,000 JPY (payable in cash after arrival in Japan)

## Accommodation Fees

Participants will primarily be accommodated at Rikko Kaikan.

[Rikko Kaikan] [https://rikkokai.or.jp/page/kaikan\\_ryou?language=english](https://rikkokai.or.jp/page/kaikan_ryou?language=english)

🔗 For more details, please refer to the reference documents on Google Forms.

You must pay the accommodation fees arranged by the university directly.

If you plan to arrange your own accommodation, please inform us in advance.

## How to Apply

Applications must be submitted online. Please follow the steps below:

1. Access the application form via Google Forms:

🔗 Application Link:

<https://forms.gle/svrM9UEE3p5cL2QK8>

2. Fill out the required information and upload the following documents:  
(Please prepare these documents before starting the application.)

### [Required Documents]

#### 📌 Photo

- Photo Requirements:
  - 4cm in height × 3 cm in width
  - Front view, without a hat
  - Taken within 3 months before submission

#### 📌 Passport Copy

- Must be valid until at least your return date.
- In principle, the passport should be valid for **at least 6 months** after program completion.



#### 📌 Recommendation Letter

<https://forms.gle/PxrqHRzP2sds9kjE7>

Applicants must enter the name and e-mail address of a reference who can write a recommendation letter for Applicants. An appropriate reference can be written by someone who has:

- **Supervised or is currently supervising the applicant academically.**
- **Taught or is currently teaching the applicant in a regular class.**
- ✗ Letters from study abroad coordinators are NOT accepted.

#### 📌 Academic Transcript

- **Latest transcript required.**
- If the transcript is **not issued in English**, an **English or Japanese translation** must be provided.
  - If the translation is **not officially issued by your university**, it must be **signed and stamped** by your home institution.
- The transcript must have been **issued within the last 3 months.**

### Application Deadline

- Application period is from **January 26 (Mon) to 4:00 p.m. on February 16 (Mon)**
- Early applications are encouraged, and the deadline will not be extended.  
⚠ **Incomplete or incorrect documents may result in automatic rejection. Please carefully check your submission.**

## Notification of Acceptance

Applicants will receive a **notification of acceptance via email** on **April 1 (Wed)**.

## Protection of Personal Information

Personal information provided during the application process will be used exclusively for the purposes for admission and student administration. We are committed to safeguarding your personal data and will not disclose it to any third parties without your prior consent, unless required by applicable law.

## Important Notes

✓ Students will enter Japan **under the visa waiver program**. For information on the visa exemption system, please refer to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs website:

📄 Visa Exemption Details - [https://www.mofa.go.jp/j\\_info/visit/visa/short/novisa.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/short/novisa.html)

Students from countries eligible for the **90-day visa waiver** may enter Japan without a visa. For details, please consult the Ministry of Foreign Affairs website. Students from non-eligible countries will be contacted individually following acceptance.

✓ The cancellation deadline is **11:00 a.m. on April 17 (JST)**. Please be advised that no refunds will be issued once the payment has been processed.

✓ Participants are **required** to arrange their own comprehensive travel and health insurance.

✓ Participants will be registered as an **auditing student**.

✓ Participants **cannot extend their enrollment**. They must leave Japan immediately after the program ends.

## Scholarship

Musashi University has applied for the JASSO scholarship program and is currently awaiting the results, which will be announced in late January.

If approved, we will offer this scholarship to eligible students. To apply, please check the appropriate box on the application form and provide your reason for applying.

Successful applicants will be selected through a screening process conducted by Musashi University faculty members.

This scholarship provides a monthly stipend of 80,000 JPY.

More details can be found here:

[https://www.jasso.go.jp/en/rvugaku/scholarship\\_j/ukeire.html](https://www.jasso.go.jp/en/rvugaku/scholarship_j/ukeire.html)

### **Eligibility Criteria**

1. Students who demonstrate financial need in covering the MUSCLE program fees independently.
2. Students who will return to their home university after the program to continue their studies toward their degree.

**Note: Students currently receiving other scholarships are ineligible to apply.**

### **Contact Information**

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