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August 6

HOW TO APPLY

Visit the following link to download the application and detailed instructions:

http://admissions.apu.ac.jp/camp_program/

Application Period: **February 1 through March 31, 2017**

Note: We must receive your documents through email by March 31, 2017

Send your completed application and the following required documents by email to APU at aceapu@apu.ac.jp

Inquiries

If you are a resident of Viet Nam, Indonesia, Thailand, China, Taiwan or Korea, please contact your local APU office. For all other interested students, please contact APU directly if you have any questions about the ACE Program.

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STEP 1

SCREENING AND RESULT ANNOUNCEMENT

The results will be announced on **Thursday, April 20, 2017 by email.**

STEP 2

PROGRAM FEE PAYMENT

The program fee must be paid by wire transfer by the due date stated below.

Detailed information on how to complete the payment will be sent with your screening result.

Program fee: 100,000 JPY

Payment Deadline: Wednesday, May 31, 2017

Program fee includes:

- Round-trip transportation between Fukuoka International Airport or Oita Airport and APU
- Travel within Japan over the duration of the program
- Accommodation costs during the program, including home stay fee
- Three meals per day (from lunch on July 30 to breakfast on August 6)
- Travel insurance (You will be covered from July 30 to August 6 and only while you are in Japan.)

Other expenses not listed in the above items will be the responsibility of each participant.

STEP 3

APPLYING FOR A VISA (if applicable)

After receiving your program payment, APU will send additional documents by post to participants who need to apply for a visa to enter Japan. Once you receive the documents, please apply for the visa at your nearest Japanese embassy or consulate.

STEP 4

Cancellation Policy

APU will refund 50% of the program fee plus the total cost of the insurance premium by wire transfer in the case of cancellations made by July 1. (Any fees resulting from the wire transfer will be charged to the participant). No refunds will be made after this date under any circumstances.

In cases where unusual and unforeseen circumstances arise due to reasons beyond our control, including but not limited to natural disasters, acts of war, civil commotion, suspension and/or closure of program services such as transport and accommodation facilities, exercises and/or orders from government and other public agencies and other such circumstances that affect the safe and smooth implementation of this program, APU reserves the right to cancel the entire program. In this instance, APU will refund the full amount of the program fee to the applicants.

2017 ACE (Academic and Cultural Experience) Summer Program in Japan

For high school students



- Experience college life and interact with APU students at Japan's most multicultural university
- Learn about the Japanese culture and language
- Enjoy home stay in a local community
- Engage in workshops and group work focused on the themes of language and culture



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

We invite you to join the 2017 ACE (Academic and Cultural Experience) Program, an exciting and unique study abroad experience at Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU), an international university in Beppu, Japan. High school students between grades 10 and 12 at the time of this program are welcome to apply.

As a participant in this program, you will engage in workshops and group work focused on the themes of language and culture while being fully immersed in APU's diverse environment. Through these activities, you will develop your multicultural understanding and intercultural communication skills. This program also includes a home stay and other activities with the local community, where you will experience authentic traditions and the hospitality of Oita Prefecture.

Participating in the ACE Program will allow you to make friends with people from other countries, while learning about the language and culture. This will undoubtedly be an important accomplishment that will contribute to your future. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

Comments from APU's Dean of Admissions

In today's globalized society, a multicultural perspective is a key element to becoming an effective leader. At APU, we aim to create such leaders through our unique international learning environment. This is only possible because APU has an extremely international student body, with approximately half of its students coming from 90 countries and regions.

ACE is a special opportunity for you as a high school student to become a part of this international community firsthand. You will not only interact with students from different backgrounds, but also learn to appreciate the complexities in various cultures more while experiencing a taste of APU's college life. We look forward to seeing you this summer!



**Professor
Yuichi Kondo**

Message from 2015 Participant

Within one week, APU managed to amaze me in every way they possibly could. I was deeply impressed by the open-minded environment—something I've never seen before and never expected, especially in a mostly homogenous country like Japan. Just by looking at the seven Teacher Assistants (TAs) for the camp, each with a different nationality, I saw the diversity in this university from the beginning.

Because APU students are surrounded by diversity, they have empathy and appreciation for all cultures. As a result, the students I met were extremely understanding and knew how to cope with cultural differences. The world needs more places like APU, where anyone of any nationality can express themselves freely and still be able to hold a civilized conversation with those of other nationalities, a place where people are less judging and more accepting. Personally, I think APU is something like a utopia.

Aside from university-related activities, my group had fun going to onsen (hot spring) every day with our host father and making cakes with our host mother. Not only did we enjoy local activities, but we also learned basic Japanese, dressed in traditional Japanese costumes, and learned the art of Japanese sword fighting! The ACE Camp gave me the opportunity to experience local life in Beppu city and opened my eyes to the appeal of Japan.

The diversity of APU and the curious culture of Japan are two of the many reasons I decided to enroll in APU in the first place. September 2016, I entered the university again, this time as a student. I treasured every single moment in the ACE Camp, and I hope that someday I can also contribute to the camp too, maybe as a TA.



**Thitikamon Modhuang
("Mint")
from Thailand**

Participants should:

- Be interested in pursuing an international career in the future
- Be interested in collaborating with students from different countries, cultures and backgrounds
- Be interested in studying abroad as a university student
- Be interested in Japanese traditions and culture
- Have a good command of English

Program Details:

PROGRAM: Sunday, July 30 – Sunday, August 6, 2017 (eight days)

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must be high school students between grades 10 and 12 at the time of this program

RECOMMENDED LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY*: It is recommended that applicants who are non-native English speakers have a level of English proficiency equivalent to one of the following:

- TOEFL iBT® Test: 61 or above
- IELTS: 5.5 or above

*You do not need to submit any English tests scores to apply. This is only for your reference.

CAPACITY: 40 students (20 minimum)

LOCATION: APU (Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University) and other locations around Oita Prefecture, Japan

ACCOMMODATION: Five nights in AP House (APU's on-campus dormitory) in a shared room with up to eight people, two nights in home stay residence

PROGRAM FEE: 100,000 JPY

Itinerary (subject to change)

DATE	ACTIVITY
July 30	Arrival and check into AP House PM: Orientation
July 31	AM: Opening ceremony PM: Japanese language lesson and activity with APU student clubs
August 1	AM: Lecture on Japanese culture PM: Wear traditional Japanese clothes; group work with APU students
August 2	AM: Sightseeing in Beppu and lunch at a sushi restaurant PM: Leave for home stay in a nearby town
August 3	Spend time with host family
August 4	AM: Farewell party with host families PM: Tea ceremony
August 5	Shopping in Oita City Evening: Farewell dinner and ceremony
August 6	Departure

