

## HOW TO APPLY

**STEP 1** Apply here: [https://admissions.apu.ac.jp/camp\\_program/](https://admissions.apu.ac.jp/camp_program/)  
 Deadline: **Friday, March 8, 2019**  
 We must receive your documents through email (aceapu@apu.ac.jp) by this date.



### Inquiries

If you are a resident of China, Indonesia, Korea, Taiwan, Thailand or Viet Nam, 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 2 SCREENING AND RESULT ANNOUNCEMENT**  
 The results will be announced on **Friday, March 29, 2019 by email.**

**STEP 3 PROGRAM FEE PAYMENT**  
 The program fee must be paid by wire transfer by **Friday, April 19, 2019.**  
 Detailed information on how to complete the payment will be sent with your screening result.  
**Program fee: 100,000 JPY** (Flights to and from Japan not included.)  
 APU does not provide any scholarships for this program.

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 the homestay fee
- Three meals per day (from lunch on the first day to breakfast on the last day)
- Travel insurance (You will be covered only while you are in Japan for the duration of the program. Therefore, you will NOT be covered on your way from your country to Japan or after the program.)

**STEP 4 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.

### 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 Option ①: May 31 and Option ②: July 5. Any fees resulting from the wire transfer will be charged to the participant. No refunds will be made after each 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 of transport facilities, exercises from government, 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.

For high school students (grade 10 and above)

# 2019 ACE (Academic and Cultural Experience) SUMMER PROGRAM IN JAPAN



**Option ① June 30 – July 7, 2019**      **Option ② August 4 – August 11, 2019**

- Spend a week at **Japan's most multicultural university**
- Learn about **Japanese culture and language**
- Experience **college life**
- Engage in **workshops and group work**
- Make **new friends from other countries**
- Enjoy a **homestay** in the local community



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

We invite you to join the 2019 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.

The program is conducted entirely in English. High school students between grades 10 and above at the time of this program are welcome to apply. We are holding the program twice this year, and you can choose Option ① or Option ② based on your availability.

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 homestay and other activities with the local community, where you will experience authentic traditions and the hospitality of Japan.

Participating in the ACE Program will allow you to make friends with people from other countries, while learning about the language and culture of Japan. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

### Comments from APU's Dean of Admissions

Professor  
Yuichi Kondo



In today's globalized society, a multicultural perspective is a key element to become 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 diverse 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. 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!

### Message from 2017 Participant

Dwithi  
from Trinidad and Tobago  
(Nationality: Barbados)



Being able to travel at a young age is a rewarding experience that can help shape your perspective on the real world outside home. When I signed up for the ACE camp, I thought I would only learn about Japanese culture and receive the renowned Japanese hospitality. However, being surrounded by the diverse and multicultural individuals that joined the camp with me enabled me to truly understand what it felt like to be part of a global society. Sharing experiences with these friends, many of whom I am still great friends with to this day, allowed me to experience Japan in a completely different way.

My favourite part of the camp was the homestay where I was able to discover new ways to interact with people whose language I could not speak. Visiting picturesque hot springs and driving through the countryside also made me fall in love with the landscape of Japan. The ACE camp played a great role in helping me choose to enroll at APU. Attending this camp was one of the most fulfilling experiences I have had so far, and I still fondly remember my time there. I hope that in the future, I, too, can become a TA for the ACE camp so that I can create the same memorable experience for participants that was once created for me.

### Participants should be interested in:

- Pursuing an international career in the future
- Collaborating with students from different countries, cultures and backgrounds
- Studying abroad as a university student
- Japanese traditions and culture



## Program Details:

**PROGRAM** Option ① Sunday, June 30 - Sunday, July 7, 2019 (8 days)  
Option ② Sunday, August 4 - Sunday, August 11, 2019 (8 days)

**ELIGIBILITY** Applicants must be high school students grade 10 and above at the time of this program (Because APU Admissions Office staff and APU students will guide the ACE participants through the program from arrival to departure, your own chaperone is not necessary).

**RECOMMENDED LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY** The program is conducted entirely in English, so 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
- TOEFL®PBT Test: 500 or above
- TOEIC: 700 or above
- TOEFL®ITP Test: 500 or above

\*You do not need to submit any English tests scores to apply. These numbers are only for your reference.

**CAPACITY Per Program** 40 students (20 minimum) from around the world

**LOCATION** Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU) 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 and two nights at a homestay.

**PROGRAM FEE** 100,000 JPY (Approx. 885 USD) \*Flights to and from Japan not included.

**SCHOLARSHIPS** APU does not provide any scholarships for this program.

### Itinerary (subject to change)

	ACTIVITY
Day 1	Arrival and check in to AP House <b>PM</b> Orientation
Day 2	<b>AM</b> Opening ceremony <b>PM</b> Japanese language lesson Activity with APU student clubs
Day 3	<b>AM</b> Wear yukata (traditional Japanese clothes) Lecture on Japanese culture <b>PM</b> Group project with Japanese high school students
Day 4	<b>AM</b> Sightseeing in Beppu and lunch at a sushi restaurant <b>PM</b> Leave for homestay in a nearby town
Day 5	Spend time with host families
Day 6	<b>AM</b> Farewell party with host families <b>PM</b> Tea ceremony Group project with APU students
Day 7	Shopping in Oita City <b>PM</b> Farewell dinner and ceremony
Day 8	Departure

