

## HOW TO APPLY

**STEP 1** Apply here: [https://admissions.apu.ac.jp/camp\\_program/](https://admissions.apu.ac.jp/camp_program/)

Deadline: **Friday, March 6, 2020**

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 27, 2020 by email.**

## STEP 3 PROGRAM FEE PAYMENT

The program fee must be paid by wire transfer by **Friday, April 17, 2020.**

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: June 5 and Option ②: July 3. 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)

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# 2020 ACE (Academic and Cultural Experience) SUMMER PROGRAM IN JAPAN



Option ① July 5 – July 12, 2020\*

Option ② August 2 – August 9, 2020\*

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

\*Please note that depending on the number of applications, one of these options might be cancelled. In this case, you will be notified by the end of March.

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

We invite you to join the 2020 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/Current APU Student

Dwithi  
from Trinidad and Tobago  
(Nationality: Barbados)



I came to Japan in 2017 for the first time through the ACE camp. I always loved travelling and learning about new cultures, but participating with international students around my age enabled me to learn not only about Japanese culture, but to experience how different cultures interact with each other. Learning about Japanese tea ceremony, wearing traditional yukata, experiencing a homestay with people whose language I could not speak, and simply just touring around Beppu and tasting new foods were made special by my new friends, the affectionate TAs, and the warm staff.

This camp played a major role in my choice to attend APU as a university student because it showed me how much I would enjoy the multicultural environment that was provided. Since I was introduced to many of my current friends through this camp and still use the experiences I had even now in my university life, I became a TA for the ACE camp in 2018. This way, I would be able to help create even better experiences for the campers and help them fall in love with Japan the same way I did. Travelling with the participants and seeing how they were able to create these lifelong experiences through their interactions with fellow participants, us TAs, and Japanese people proved that this is an experience from which everyone involved can benefit.

### 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, July 5 - Sunday, July 12, 2020 (8 days)\*  
Option ② Sunday, August 2 - Sunday, August 9, 2020 (8 days)\*

\*Please note that depending on the number of applications, one of these options might be cancelled. In this case, you will be notified by the end of March.

**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
- TOEIC: 700 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. 900 USD) \*Flights to and from Japan not included.

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



## Itinerary (subject to change)

|       | ACTIVITY  |
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| Day 1 | Arrival and check in to AP House<br><b>PM</b> Orientation   |
| Day 2 | <b>AM</b> Opening ceremony<br>Campus tour<br>Self-evaluation time – Goal setting<br><b>PM</b> Japanese language lesson<br>Japanese drums and dance performance and lesson |
| Day 3 | <b>AM</b> Wear yukata (traditional Japanese clothes)<br>Interact with Japanese high school students<br><b>PM</b> Group work and discussions with APU students             |
| Day 4 | <b>AM</b> Sightseeing in Beppu and lunch at a sushi restaurant<br><b>PM</b> Leave for homestay in a nearby town   |
| Day 5 | Spend time with host families   |
| Day 6 | <b>AM</b> Farewell to host families<br><b>PM</b> Mock lectures<br>Tea ceremony<br>Hot spring or Karaoke   |
| Day 7 | <b>AM</b> Shopping in Oita City<br><b>PM</b> Self-evaluation time - Reflection<br>Farewell dinner and ceremony  |
| Day 8 | Departure   |

