

Global Liberal Arts (Global Collaboration Exercise)
Tokyo Forum Japan-Korea Student Exchange Program
for Global Collaboration Exercise (2026 A Semester)
Application Guidelines

April 2026

- * This program will be implemented as a “Global Liberal Arts Courses” offered by the Center for Global Education. Recruitment and selection for this program will take place during the 2026 S semester, and its implementation will span the S Semester and A Semesters of 2026. Participating students are required to register for the designated course in 2026 A Semester.
- * Be sure to check for the latest information on our website as parts of the program details, application forms or other relevant documents may change without notice.
<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/go-global/en/program-list-short-TFSS.html>

1. Outline

The purpose of these application guidelines is to invite students to participate in the program indicated in the title.

- 1) This program aims to provide an opportunity for UTokyo students and Korean students representing their generation to ask themselves what they can do as problem-solvers for the world's major social issues ("Declaration of Leadership as a Party to Solving Social Issues") through in-person and online exchanges of ideas and opinions.
- 2) Through reciprocal visits to Seoul and Tokyo by students from the University of Tokyo (UTokyo) and South Korea, the program will offer lectures and feedback from mentors with the support of Tokyo Forum community companies in order to enhance the students' understanding of the essence of the social issues in question.
- 3) In addition to the on-site program during the visit to both countries, there will be an orientation/lecture for advance preparation and an online program for participating students. Students will also present their final outcome at Tokyo Forum 2026 (November 20–21). The final presentations from the previous year are available at
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E1KAaeCeD90>

The following topic is selected for AY 2026 program.

“How can we shape the future of society with AI? ”

About Tokyo Forum:

Tokyo Forum is an annual international conference, which is co-hosted by the University of Tokyo and Chey Institute for Advanced Studies. This forum shall provide a meeting place of people, including, but not limited to, those in academia, government, business, NPOs, from all over the world. The two institutions will cooperate to encourage the participants to freely shape and sharpen information and

opinions on the solutions to the problems faced by the current world and on the shape of the world and human society in the future.

Official website: <https://www.tokyoforum.tc.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/index.html>

2. Registration, Credits, etc.

This program is part of the Global Liberal Arts Courses for the 2026 A Semester. Students who are selected to participate in this program must register for the following course during the registration period of the 2026 A Semester. The registration period differs from students' affiliated College, Faculty, or Graduate School. Please note that activities conducted before the course registration period will also be an integral part of the course evaluation.

- Course title: Global Liberal Arts (Global Collaboration Exercise)
- Course code: 7V0101083-PF (This is a course that is graded on a Pass/Fail basis.)

Students who are selected to participate in this program by internal selection and who successfully complete the program contents will receive 2 credits. Grading distribution is as follows

- Attendance + Class Contribution (30%)
- Group Presentation and Team Efforts (40%)
- Individual Report (30%)

Other details will be provided in the syllabus to be released around early September.

3. Overall Schedule

This program includes the following. Students must attend all the sessions:

- Kick-off orientation and lecture: The event will last for 3 hours and will take place between 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm on Friday, August 7.
- Visit to Seoul during August 18 – 21.
- Online lectures and student-led online preparatory meetings in September to November
(Course schedule follows the syllabus. In addition to the dates listed in the syllabus, extra lectures may be scheduled on Wednesdays from 19:30 to 21:00 (Online).)
- Participation in the Tokyo Forum which will be held on November 18-22

(Detailed schedule and further information are provided in the syllabus. Be sure to review it carefully.)

4. Applicant Eligibility Criteria and Requirements

All of the following criteria and requirements must be met:

<< Internal eligibility criteria and requirements >>

(1) An applicant must be enrolled in a regular course of a College, Faculty, or Graduate School of UTokyo at the time of application, and will continue to be enrolled in a regular course of the College, Faculty, or Graduate school throughout the program (Those who are on temporary leave from the University or those who will lose one's student status due to graduation, etc., during the time of the program are not eligible to apply).

(2) Students who are expected to be eligible for Global Liberal Arts Courses in 2026 A Semester.

* Details of regular course students who are eligible for the Global Liberal Arts Courses:

Undergraduate students in Senior Division, graduate students, and those in the fourth semester of the Junior Division.

(3) Students must understand that even if they meet the eligibility criteria at the time of application, they will not be able to register for or earn credit for the course if they are not eligible to take "Global Liberal Arts Courses" in the A Semester of the 2026 academic year.

(4) To be eligible to register for this course, undergraduate students must complete the on-demand online course under the Go Global Gateway. The estimated time required for completion is approximately 100 minutes. If the course has not been completed, it may affect the selection process.

*On-demand Online Course: <https://globe.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/ggg.html>:

(5) Before applying, applicants must make sure that the program does not interfere with their other semester courses by carefully checking examination dates and other important scheduled class events as well as their personal schedules. **Applicants may apply to the programs only after they have confirmed that it is possible for them to participate throughout the period.** (As the number of students that can participate in this program from the University is limited, cancellation after the internal selection means a loss of the chance to participate for other students. Make certain that you do not need to cancel your application after the deadline. Except in cases deemed unavoidable, withdrawing may affect future selections for study abroad and scholarships.)

(6) In principle, students must attend all of their regular courses at the University. However, if, for any reason, participation in this program necessitates an absence from a student's regular courses, the handling of such request for absences will be assessed and determined by each student's College, Faculty, or Graduate School. Check with your College, Faculty, or Graduate School before applying to the program.

* For students in the Junior Division of the College of Arts and Sciences, not attending classes or exams due to participation in a study abroad program will be considered as an absence, and it is not an acceptable reason for a make-up exam. Contact the office of the College of Arts and Sciences for more details.

(7) Students who already have a supervisor or equivalent at the University must notify them of their application to the program in advance and receive approval from the supervisor. Then they are to fill in the date they received approval in the application on UTAS as specified. If a student does not have a supervisor or equivalent, write 'no supervisor' in the space specified (see details in 12. How to Apply and Application Documents (2)).

(8) Students who are applying for this program must consult with the relevant section of the College, Faculty, or Graduate School with which they will be affiliated during the program in order to receive explanations on the points to be noted concerning the program and write down the affiliation, department, the initial of the person from whom you received the explanation, and the date you received the explanation in the designated section on UTAS application form, and fully understand the points before submitting their application (See details in 12. How to Apply and

Application Documents (2)). Application without the confirmation here will not be accepted. Follow the instructions from the relevant section of the College, Faculty, or Graduate School that you are scheduled to belong to at the time of the program and receive the explanation well in advance of the deadline since requests made on short notice may not be met in time. Also, please note that there could be specific regulations regarding the program.

<< Insurance >>

After passing the internal selection process and being accepted into the program, students are required to take out the Japan Educational Exchanges and Services (JEES) “Futai Kaigaku” at their own expense (this will not be paid for by the University). Make sure to take out this insurance from the day you are scheduled to leave home until the day you return to your home in Japan. Students shall take full responsibility of purchasing appropriate insurance coverage for the duration. Details of the insurance will be sent to students who are accepted into the programs after internal screening results.

<< Overseas Student Safety Management Assistance >>

After passing the internal selection process and being accepted into the program, students are required to take out “OSSMA” (Overseas Student Safety Management Assistance) provided by Emergency Assistance Japan Co., Ltd. as a means of safety management during the program (it is the responsibility of the students to purchase OSSMA as this will not be paid for by the University).

5. Program Costs and Credits

Please refer to the attached sheet.

6. Application Deadline

Noon, Friday, May 29*

* Inquiries to the International Education Promotion Group regarding the programs can be made until noon on Wednesday, May 27.

* In order to receive explanations on the points to be noted concerning the program from the relevant section of the College, Faculty, or Graduate School with which you will be affiliated during the program term, make sure to receive the explanation well in advance of the deadline since requests in a short notice may not be addressed.

7. Internal Selection Process

- (1) In principle, internal selection will be by screening of application documents. In view of the diversity of participants, the information on UTAS may be used to select applicants based on gender, academic year, and major, in coordination with the Korean side.
- (2) The number of students selected for this program shall be approximately 10.

- (3) Acceptance/non-acceptance to the programs will be sent out by e-mail, therefore please check e-mails sent to the e-mail address registered on UTAS routinely after you apply. It is possible that e-mails with important information may be classified as spam or junk by your e-mail program, therefore please check your spam mail folder also.
- (4) In order to give opportunities of study abroad experience to as many students as possible, students who have previously taken part in the programs offered by the Center for Global Education and are applying once again to these programs will be given a low priority for internal selection. However, participation in this Summer Programs is irrelevant to future internal selection for other programs offered by the Center for Global Education such as University-wide Student Exchange Program (USTEP).
- (5) Results of the internal selection will be sent out around June 15. The results will be sent out to the students e-mail address directly as well as to the relevant offices of their College, Faculty, or Graduate School.

8. Having Passed Internal Selection Process ~ Requirements for Post-Internal Selection until Program Acceptance

<< Participation procedures and travel arrangements >>

- (1) It is the students' responsibility to follow the instructions of the host institutions and the International Education Promotion Group of the UTokyo Administration Bureau on participation procedures and travel arrangements. If a visa is required, students are responsible for obtaining it themselves and all expenses incurred during the process. When traveling to South Korea, a visa may be required depending on the student's nationality. In the event that a student becomes unable to participate in the program due to reasons such as incomplete documentation, failure to check deadlines, delays in visa issuance, or visa denial, the student shall be held responsible. Any resulting financial losses must be borne by the student.
- (2) In order to participate in the visit to Seoul, which will take place from August 18 to 21, participants must possess a passport that is valid until at least December 1, 2026. If selected, applicants are required to immediately complete the necessary procedures for purchasing airline tickets for the visit. Therefore, please check the expiration date of your passport and renew it if necessary. If you do not have a passport at the time of application, you are requested to apply for one as soon as possible after notification of the selection result. This will ensure that you have a valid passport well in advance of the visit to Seoul.

<< Internal procedures >>

- (1) Students who are selected as program participants must confirm with the relevant office of your College, Faculty, or Graduate School to see if any study abroad procedures are necessary (such procedures differ by College, Faculty, or Graduate School).
- (2) Students who are selected as program participants must contact their academic supervisors

and other faculty members before departing to avoid unnecessary trouble that could be caused by participating in the program.

- (3) Please ensure that you do not withdraw after applying. If you must decline the offer under unavoidable circumstances, immediately contact the International Academic Affairs Team, International Educational Promotion Group of the UTokyo Administration Bureau (global.edu.adm@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp) even before you receive the result of internal selection.
- (4) Students must follow other warnings and notes from the University of Tokyo.

<< Information on Study Abroad, Risk Management >>

For general information on studying abroad and risk management, see the UTokyo Go Global website (<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/go-global/en/voyage-index.html>). In particular, read the [Risk Management Guidebook for Overseas Travel](#) carefully.

9. Obligations for Participating in Programs

- (1) Participants must fully comprehend the purposes of the programs and strive to complete the program courses while achieving a high level of academic performance.
- (2) Participants must be aware that they are representatives of the University, and thus must comply with the laws, regulations, rules and manners of their host universities and countries.

10. Post-Program Reports

- (1) Undergraduate students are required to apply for the completion certification of the Go Global Gateway after finishing this program (those who have already been certified or have a pending application do not need to apply again).
- (2) If there are any changes in information (addresses, phone numbers, email addresses) from the time of the application, contact your College, the Faculty, or Graduate School and the International Educational Promotion Group of the UTokyo Administration Bureau so that appropriate procedures can be undertaken. Such information will be necessary for mailing grades, letters of completion, and passing on other important information.
- (3) Upon completing the program, students may be asked to cooperate in the internationalization efforts of the University (advising students who wish to study abroad, promoting study abroad programs, and answering questionnaire surveys, etc.). Students are expected to participate unless there are unavoidable circumstances.

11. Contact Information

* When contacting via email, please make sure to state the subject, program name, your name, Faculty or Graduate School, and University year.

- (1) Inquiries about application procedure, content of each program, and overall programs:
International Academic Affairs Team, International Educational Promotion Group of the UTokyo Administration Bureau (global.edu.adm@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp)

- (2) Inquiries about [Go Global Gateway](#):
International Activities Support Team (Go Global Gateway) of the UTokyo Administration Bureau (go-gateway.adm@gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp)
- (3) Inquiries about “2. Basic Information” and “4. Emergency Contact Details of Next-of-Kin etc.” on the UTAS online application:
College, Faculty, or Graduate School of your affiliation at the point of your application for a program.
- (4) Inquiries about academic affairs including credits:
College, Faculty or Graduate School of your affiliation at the point of your participation to a program.

12. How to Apply and Application Documents

- (1) Make sure to complete the online application via UTAS before the deadline.
 - ✧ Application with irregularities (especially irregularities against the application guidelines and instructions in blue on the UTAS online application screen) will not be accepted or applications submitted without any irregularities will be given priority in the selection process even if students complete the application before the deadline. Bear in mind that there is a possibility that application with irregularities will be “Returned” (make sure to check your inbox for emails from UTAS especially if you apply at the last minute) and applicants must submit the modified “Returned” application documents by the deadline as indicated. Resubmission may be considered for selection (submission of modified “Returned” application documents after the indicated deadline will not be accepted).
- (2) **Follow the instruction in blue on the UTAS online application screen** (the following sections require particular attention).
 - ✧ The “2. Basic Information” and “4. Emergency Contact Details of Next-of-Kin etc.” on UTAS cannot be filled out or be changed on the application screen. If students wish to fill in or change these sections, please inquire through the relevant office of the College, Faculty, or Graduate School of your affiliation at the point of your application (the procedure may take time, so it is recommended to get an early start in consideration of office hours). Make sure that the correct information is in all the sections by the time of application.
 - ✧ All notifications regarding your application will be sent to the registered email address in “3. Contact Details” on UTAS. Enter an e-mail address that can receive files as attachments and check the e-mail inbox regularly following your submission.
 - ✧ Applicants who do not have a supervisor or equivalent at UTokyo are required to fill in “N/A” in “Name of Academic Advisor” in “6. Academic Affiliation and Year at Time of the program period”. If you have a supervisor, fill in the approval date in “17. Contact with the supervisor”.
 - ✧ In the section “14. Statement of Purpose or Reason Why You Wish to Participate in this Program”, **state the purpose or reason in around 300 - 400 words in English**. Please briefly

describe the following three points: ① Why you are interested in this program, ② Any international or cross-cultural experiences, volunteer activities you have taken part, or leadership experiences you have had, and ③ What kind of social or economic issues you are interested in and hope to explore through this course. *This essay will be shared with the management members of the Chey Institute of Advanced Studies for program administration purposes.

✧ With regards to “15. Contact Email Address” and “16. Confirmation” on UTAS, please make sure to follow the instruction and enter "Yes" to the following box upon confirmation.

✧ **Applicants must consult with the relevant section of the College, Faculty, or Graduate School with which they will be affiliated during the program in order to receive explanations on the points to be noted concerning participating in the program and write down ①the affiliation, department, ②Initials of the person from whom you received the explanation, and ③the date and time you received the explanation in “18. Confirmation on the points to be noted concerning participating in the program”** (e.g. ①●●Team, Faculty of △△, ②H.T, ③May 15 10:50). Applications without confirmation here will not be accepted.

(3) Please refer the following table for “19. Attachment” when applying.

Application Documents	Target	Notes
- Copy of pages from your passport showing your personal information	Those who have a passport	In order to participate in the visit to Seoul, which will take place from August 18 to 21, participants must possess a passport that is valid until at least December 1, 2026. If selected, applicants are required to immediately complete the necessary procedures for purchasing airline tickets for the visit. Therefore, please check the expiration date of your passport and renew it if necessary. If you do not have a passport at the time of application, you are requested to apply for one as soon as possible after notification of the selection result. This will ensure that you have a valid passport well in advance of the visit to Seoul. (If you do not possess a passport at the time of application, you must provide the Tokyo Forum Secretariat with your passport name, date of birth, and gender that will appear on your passport as soon as possible after notification of the selection results.)
- Written Oath	All	<u>Complete and sign</u> the specified form (download), then attach the scanned PDF.

		Digital sign/seal is acceptable.
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[Online Application]

Apply from the “Study Abroad” tab on the Academic Affairs System website (UTAS, ITC-LMS).

- Academic Affairs System (UTAS, ITC-LMS): <https://utas.adm.u-tokyo.ac.jp/campusweb/>
- Applying for Study Abroad Programs via UTAS: <https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/content/400242536.pdf>

[Application Documents]

Location of the application guidelines and the application documents:

<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/go-global/en/program-list-short-TFSS.html>

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