

[Tentative] The Japan Summer Service-Learning (JSSL) Program 2022

Application Guideline for SLAN partners

Program Description

In July 2022, the Service-Learning Center of International Christian University (ICU) cohosts the Japan Summer Service-Learning program with Middlebury College (Vermont, USA). This program will bring together students from ICU, Middlebury College, Silliman University (Dumaguete, the Philippines), Union Christian College (Kochi, India), and Lady Doak College (Madurai, India) in an immersive service-learning project with local community partners in Japan. The deliberately intercultural nature of this program will provide the opportunity to work, reflect, and learn as a team diverse in culture, language and education.

*****ICU is planning an on-site program. However, the Japanese government still maintains entry restrictions for international students due to the coronavirus. Please be noted that the program will be conducted online if the entry restrictions continue. ICU will announce whether the program will be online at the beginning of April. *****

Program Aims

Through the three week program, students are expected to:

- broaden understanding of Japanese culture in urban and rural settings
- learn through community engagement in local Japanese communities
- work on issues with students in multicultural backgrounds

Schedule of on-site program [Tentative]

July 4 Program begins

Week 1: Orientation, Service activities in Tokyo

Week 2: Service activities in rural Japan

Week 3: Reflection and final presentation

July 22 Program ends

***** Schedule may change. Students upon arrival must follow the quarantine and other necessary measures required by the Japanese government. *****

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Eligibility

This program is open to the undergraduate students from any discipline. Applicants must meet all the following requirements.

- ✓ Fluency in oral and written English
- ✓ The ability to adjust to local living/cultural conditions in rural area
- ✓ The ability to adapt to and work in a multi-cultural setting
- ✓ A passion for engagement and the development of local community
- ✓ (preferred, but not required) Previous voluntary or community engagement experience
- ✓ (preferred, but not required) Basic Japanese language skills

While most of the instruction and group reflection will be facilitated in English, there will be many opportunities to communicate with local Japanese people.

Accommodation/Airfare/Insurance/Visa

- The program is free of charge but participants must cover their personal expenses, round-trip airfare, overseas travel insurance fee, and meals.
- The accommodation fee for the stay will be covered by ICU (for SLAN students).
 - (a) Dormitory on Campus at ICU
 - (b) Cottage or homestay at Village, rural Japan
- In order to minimize the risk from accident or disease, participants must obtain an insurance policy for overseas trips and receive necessary vaccinations and medications before the program begins.
- Depending on the nationality of participants, a “short-term stay (stay within 90 days)” visa is required. Please apply for the visa before departure to Japan.

How to apply?

For the application procedure, please contact your faculty member in charge of Service-Learning.

Capacity: two students from each university

Due: **Thursday, March 31st, 2022**

Contact Information

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Service-Learning Center, ICU.

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