

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) about Internal Screening

This section provides answers to questions asked by students solely about “internal screening.”

For questions regarding study abroad in general, please refer to [“Study Abroad FAQ”](#).

### <Gathering Information>

#### **Q1. I would like to apply for a study abroad program. How can I get information about available programs?**

A: You can review the [“Application Guide”](#) on this page.

Also, information about each program is released on [“Study Abroad Program List”](#) within the CIE website. Click “Details” of each program and check the details of program contents and requirements. Please also note that programs and their contents will be modified and added by June 25. We advise you to check the contents frequently.

#### **Q2. Can I contact with students who have participated in study abroad programs, or hear their experience?**

A: We cannot introduce individual students during the application process, but you may use [“Former Study Abroad Student Introduction System”](#) and have study abroad student advisors introduced to you. Please refer to Q2-2 of [“Study Abroad FAQ”](#) for more information.

#### **Q3. What are the differences among EX-R, EX-L, CS-R, and CS-L programs?**

A: \*For “Program Fee,” please see Q4.

	Tuition at Waseda	Program Fee* Equivalent to Tuition at Destination School	Major Course Contents at Host University	Registration Status ※Please consult with your school office for details.
EX-R	○	exempted	regular courses	study abroad/registered in school
EX-L	○	exempted	foreign language courses	study abroad/registered in school
CS-R	exempted	○	regular courses	registered in school
CS-L	exempted	○	foreign language courses	registered in school

※Please refer to pp. 14-15 of “2020-2021 STUDY ABROAD HANDBOOK” for details.

### <Fees>

#### **Q4. What is the Program Fee of CS programs? How much does it cost to participate in the program?**

A: The “Program fee” is a required expense to students who study abroad with CS programs. The fee includes operation fee of the host university and program development and operation fees of Waseda University. The cost varies by programs, but it is approximately one to three million yen per year. As with EX programs, you will also need to pay for lodging, food and fees other than the tuition (some CS

programs includes meal and room in their “program fee”). For more information check the PDF files of according programs from [Program List](#).

**Q5. Do I have a chance to receive Waseda scholarships?**

A: Yes, you do. We offer various grant-type scholarships which are, however, not available for all applicants. Make sure you [consult thoroughly with your guarantor to prepare solid financial plan for your study abroad during the application process](#). Detailed information of application will be notified to candidates who have passed the internal screening. For other scholarships (including general scholarships and The Glory of Waseda), please see [this page](#).

**<Internal Screening>**

**Q6. How will I be evaluated in internal screening?**

A: An internal screening with many programs consists of such steps as web application, submission of documents, and interview. Make sure your read [Application Guide](#) thoroughly and understand the contents including schedule and other details before you make an application.

**Q7. What are the criteria of internal screening?**

A: GPA, language proficiency, study/research plan, written exams, interview exams, etc. are all judged comprehensively, and students with the highest overall ability will be selected to participate in the program the students put a high priority on. Overall ability is also given priority if multiple students with different prioritizations apply for the same program.

For example, if Student A and Student B wish to study at C University, and it is the first choice for Student A and second choice for Student B, and Student B's reviewed materials are better than A's, and Student B is not able to study at his/her first choice school, Student B has a better chance to study at C University than Student A.

**Q8. Is it possible to apply for multiple programs when applying for internal screening at Waseda University?**

A: Yes, it is. Usually, you can apply for up to seven programs that meet the criteria. We recommend that you research in detail as many potential universities as possible, and choose partner institutions that meet your study/research schedule, and then prioritize them. Further, it is possible to apply for multiple programs regardless of the types, such as EX or CS. If one university offers an EX and CS, you may apply for both. There is a possibility you will not pass the internal screening at Waseda University if all of your applications are for prestigious universities or programs that are recruiting only a small number of students, so please choose programs depending on the situation, such as applying for

CS programs that recruit a relatively large number of students.

**Q9. What is the acceptance rate of internal screening?**

A: Unfortunately, the CIE does not disclose acceptance rate of individual programs or of types of programs.

**Q10. What is the required GPA for study abroad?**

A: You can check the GPA requirements of host universities on the [Program List](#) (Q10-1, Q10-2). If your GPA does not meet the requirement of the host university at the time you apply for internal screening, you will not be considered for screening. You can find the details of GPA calculation formula used for internal screening on page 5 of the [Application Guide](#). This GPA is based on the grades issued by the time of application to internal screening.

**Q11. In order to apply for study abroad, what should my language proficiency be?**

A: Submission of language proficiency test scores are needed upon application for internal screening, but criteria are different depending on the partner institution, so be sure to check the [Program List](#) (in some cases, there are different criteria for different programs within the same university). Each language requirement stated in the Program List (Q12-A-1 to Q13-2) is the minimum requirement for application. Falling even one point behind the requirement will result in loss of eligibility for internal screening.

For English programs, as a general rule, official TOEFL iBT®/IELTS scores are required, but some programs allow applications with other test scores such as TOEFL-ITP® scores.

Some programs including those in England may have different language requirements for specific programs and course curricula. Be sure to check each requirement on the Program List and the websites of host universities.

Also, in order to create more options, aim for higher scores.

**Q12. By when should I take language proficiency tests?**

A: The CIE does not give detailed information on when to take language tests to meet application deadlines. Be sure to plan your examination time well by checking websites, etc. of the institutions administering the language tests and confirm how to apply, and calculate how many days it will take for the results to be announced.

**Q13. For internal screening, which test dates of a TOEFL iBT®/IELTS score card should I submit? Is**

**a copy of the score card accepted?**

A: For internal screening, a print out of your scores from the website can be accepted. However, if you do not submit the original score card that matches the score on the print out on a later date, your application itself will become invalid. For details, please see page 13 of the [Application Guide](#). Also, please take note that if scores become invalid before you apply to your desired host university or before you apply for a visa, you may be required to take the test again.

**Q14. In the Program List, both TOEFLiBT® and IELTS scores are listed with my desired program.**

**Must I submit both scores?**

A: When more than one language requirement including TOEFLiBT® and IELTS are listed with your desired program, you only need to meet one of the requirements to apply. However, when you are applying to more than one program, you may have to submit both TOEFLiBT® and IELTS scores for you have to meet each program's requirement.

**Q15. Can I apply with MyBestScores of TOEFLiBT®?**

A: Programs with “(B)” mark beside the TOEFLiBT® score requirement accept MyBestScores. You may apply to both programs which accept MyBestScores and those which do not at the same time, but please be aware that you need to meet requirements of each program.

**Q16. I do not meet the requirements described in the Program List. Can I still apply?**

A: You will not be eligible for screening if you do not meet your desired program's requirements including GPA and language requirements.

**Q17. Are non-Japanese students eligible to apply?**

A: Yes. Waseda University doesn't screen students on the basis of their nationalities. Some partner universities may have nationality restrictions, so please be sure to check the [Program List](#) (Q9-1,Q9-2).

**Q18. Is it possible to study abroad while I am a master's or a doctoral student?**

A: Yes, it is. Please check the [Program List](#) (Q7-2,Q7-3) for eligibilities for application of each program. There are two ways of studying abroad while you are a master's or doctoral student, namely, mainly doing research (research) and course work (taking courses). In particular, if you wish to do research, you will need to find a prospective research advisor at the host university on your own, and also obtain an informal consent that the advisor will accept your enrollment if Waseda University, as a result of internal screening, chooses you to be a study abroad student candidate.

**Q19. Do I have to write separate objectives/reasons for different desired schools on Study/Research Plan?**

A: If you are able to explain your objectives/reasons consistently, you do not need to write for every one of your selected programs. However, if you are applying for programs conducted in different language(s), you will need to refer to each of those program(s) to clarify your objectives.

**Q20. Can I withdraw from the program after making an application?**

A: Once you have been nominated as a study abroad candidate, you are not allowed to withdraw from the program. Withdrawal without an appropriate reason will result in loss of eligibility to apply for the Study Abroad Programs (short-term programs are exception) run by the CIE.

**Q21. I am currently on a leave of absence. Can I apply for internal screening?**

A: Yes, you can. However, you cannot participate in the program run by the CIE as being in a status of leave of absence.

Also, you still need to proceed the same procedures as other applicants do, for you will not be treated differently even while being on a leave of absence. Please be aware that when you become a candidate, there will be mandatory events such as an orientation.

<Host University>

**Q22. Can I enroll in courses I want to take at host university?**

A: Please check Q4-1, Q4-2, Q17-1, Q17-2 of each [Program List](#) for schools and courses open only for those who are not exchange students, and necessary academic backgrounds to be eligible to take certain courses. Also, many partner schools have a website, and you can gather information there. However, with any of the programs, you may not be able to enroll in courses at your desired school, or in your desired courses at your host university when you have not finished prerequisites or enrollment is limited. Make your academic plan with certain flexibility.

**Q23. Does being selected by Waseda University guarantee admission to the partner university I wish to study?**

A: You need to apply to the host university after being selected by the internal screening. Even though you satisfy all the requirements, the final decision will be made by the host university.

**Q24. Where do I stay in the host country?**

A: This varies by host university. You can check the main accommodations in the [Program List](#) (Q18). The host university usually provides accommodation (dormitory or home stay) for the students on

CS programs. For exchange programs, the host university arranges dormitories if available. You are recommended to start the application process for a dormitory as soon as you receive the acceptance from the host university, but in some cases you are not guaranteed to stay in a dormitory.

### <Credits and Requirements for Graduation>

#### **Q25. Will I be able to graduate in four years even if I study abroad?**

A: Yes, it is possible. If you wish to study abroad for one year and still graduate in four years, we recommend that you start your study abroad in your second year in the university. For a long-term study abroad, you will need to apply for internal screening one year in advance of the start of your desired program, so be sure to start your preparation early. Starting your study abroad in your third year would mean balancing it with your job hunting, so some students who study abroad purposely do not graduate in four years. In our record, about 80% of students who studied abroad for a one year in their second year have graduated in four years. Further, requirements for graduation differ depending on the department, so please check with your school office before you start your application.

#### **Q26. Is it possible to transfer credits earned at my host university to Waseda University?**

A: It is up to each undergraduate/graduate school to decide which credit should be transferred to Waseda University. It is important for you to plan out your study abroad schedule including your studying schedule after you are back in Japan by consulting with your school office ahead of time concerning what classes to take and about obtaining credits. However, this does not guarantee graduation within the standard study term (four years for undergraduates), so please make sure there is no misunderstanding.

Decisions with regard to credit accreditation are based on hours put in, level, and contents of the classes you take. For example, if the subject you take at the host university is recognized as being almost the same to the subject of your undergraduate/graduate school, in many cases, credits earned at the host university are transferred.