

Study Abroad Fall Recruitment (Deadline: October 2026)

Application Guide

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Waseda University

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Contact:

- ◇ Please read this Application Guide carefully before making an inquiry about the application.
- ◇ The CIE cannot answer any questions about how to write a study/research plan or a screening method.
- ◇ The CIE does not check documents submitted for each applicant. Confirm all documents yourself.

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- * The office is closed on Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays with no classes.
- * Opening days and hours vary during summer, winter, and spring vacations.
- * An inquiry via email or phone needs your name, school name, and year.
- * Online consultation services with the WGG require an appointment, which can be scheduled through the CIE website at <https://waseda-cie-online.resv.jp>.

Ground Rules: Fundamental Principles of “Study Abroad at Your Own Risk.”

Studying abroad involves immersing yourself in a new, unfamiliar cultural environment, where you are expected to think and act independently. From the moment you are selected as a candidate, you must be aware that you are responsible for proactively gathering information and making thorough preparations to handle any unforeseen circumstances.

While the Center for International Education (CIE) is committed to supporting students studying abroad, our role is primarily to facilitate communication between students and partner universities. Please note that our support is limited.

Before applying to our study abroad program, you must carefully read the following fundamental principles (referred to as the “Ground Rules”) and accept full responsibility for your decisions, procedures, and information gathering.

1. Define your study abroad purpose and complete your procedures independently.

- Without initiative, you cannot expect to achieve much from your study abroad experience. Without a well-defined objective, you will not be able to take proactive steps. To make the most of your study abroad experience, it is essential to start out by organizing and clarifying your objectives.
- We provide general guidance on required procedures and assist you if unexpected issues arise. However, the primary responsibility for handling these procedures rests with you.
- It is crucial to complete all required steps carefully and promptly, and strictly observe deadlines. Failure to meet deadlines may result in cancellation of your participation, regardless of your wishes.

2. Handle issues independently before or during study abroad

- You are responsible for resolving any issues that arise with partner universities and are expected to deal with them by consulting with the local contact person. Please note that we cannot intervene in personal matters, including interpersonal conflicts and accommodation-related issues, which may occur while studying abroad.
- As part of the support system provided by the CIE, the Waseda University Support Desk, operated by an insurance company, is available for consultation. Make use of this service in case of emergencies, such as illness or injury.

3. Try to resolve any issues yourself first. Then seek support from us.

- We encourage you to take the lead and pave the way in your study abroad experience. Under the Ground Rules, you are required to act on your own responsibility. Even so, feel free to contact us if you encounter any difficulties. Our support may be limited in some situations; however, we will do our best to provide you with assistance.

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Notes when applying

- (1) Read the Study Abroad Guidebook on the CIE website carefully to familiarize yourself with the program details and important precautions. The CIE website will also help you clarify the theme and purpose of your study abroad experience before applying and prepare you to make the most of your independent learning opportunities during your time abroad.
<https://www.waseda.jp/inst/cie/from-waseda/plan>
- (2) Read this Guide and the Program List (refer to the below URL) thoroughly and apply after you have understood their contents.
<https://www.waseda.jp/inst/cie/from-waseda/abroad/programlist/list>
- (3) After you submit your application, the CIE may contact you regarding the submitted documents and online registration information. Since there are many cases that require an urgent response, please be sure to **check your Waseda Mail daily. Additionally, check your spam folder.** The CIE assumes no responsibility for any disadvantages you may incur due to missed emails.
- (4) As a rule, you may not withdraw your application for personal reasons or withdraw a part of the programs you applied for after the application deadline. So choose programs carefully (each time there are a certain number of students who are allotted their 9th or 10th choice. To ensure you will be able to study abroad, we recommend that you select as many programs of your choice as possible.) In the unlikely event that you must withdraw your application, contact the CIE at the latest by 5pm on Friday, November 13.
- (5) Once you have been nominated as a study abroad candidate, in general, you are not allowed to withdraw for personal reasons or change to another program just for convenience. Withdrawal without cause will result in loss of eligibility to apply for future middle- or long-term study abroad programs run by the CIE (including cases where you are denied acceptance by the local authorities due to your misinterpretation of application requirements, etc.).
* In case of withdrawal from the program due to sudden illness or other unavoidable cases, expenses such as cancellation fees, penalty fees, additional fees, etc. may still be imposed.
- (6) Even after you have been nominated as a candidate, Waseda University or the partner universities may decide to cancel the study abroad or change its format immediately before departure or after arrival due to the following reasons. In this case, you will be responsible for all expenses incurred up to that point, with no refund from the CIE.
 - Poor academic performance
 - Not meeting the deadlines for the application or failing to perform the needed procedures for the application
 - Poor attendance at designated events, such as orientations
 - Factors apart from the above leading the CIE to determine that you are inappropriate for study abroad
 - The pandemic or the deteriorating international situation.
 * In the Fall 2025 study abroad programs, some students were unable to arrive at their destinations as scheduled due to visa denials or significant delays in visa issuance resulting from changes in U.S. government policies and related circumstances. Visa requirements and regulations governing entry into and residence in a country or region may change depending on decisions made by governmental authorities or international circumstances.

Applicants should carefully read and fully understand Sections 2-11 and 3-1 of the Written Pledge before applying. When selecting a destination country, region, or program, applicants should be aware that such circumstances may prevent them from studying abroad as planned and may result in the suspension, postponement, or modification of a study abroad program.

- (7) Regarding procedures for CIE study abroad programs, please be aware of the Ground Rules. You are responsible for completing all required procedures proactively and without delay. If any necessary procedures instructed by the CIE are delayed, the CIE may issue a Yellow Card (Caution) or Red Card (Warning). These are not just warnings. In some cases, receiving a Yellow Card or Red Card may result in the cancellation of your participation. Apply for CIE study abroad programs only if you are committed to following the Ground Rules.

[Yellow Card/Red Card System]

Types	When to issue	Purpose
Yellow Card	In a specific procedure (referred to as "Procedure A"), the failure to meet the deadline occurs two or more times and a reminder is received.	Caution
Red Card	Despite having been issued a Yellow Card, the failure to complete Procedure A still continues.	Warning Unless the procedure is completed immediately, a penalty will be imposed.

* One Yellow or Red Card is issued for each delayed submission or response. Even if you received one for Procedure A, you may still receive another for a different delay, e.g., Procedure B.

[Example of a Yellow Card notice]

[Caution] Yellow Card: Immediate Action Required for Study Abroad Procedures

Dear XX,

We regret to inform you that, due to your repeated failure to respond to our reminders, the CIE is considering canceling your participation in the study abroad program. In accordance with the Ground Rules, we are issuing you a Yellow Card, which serves as a formal caution. If you fail to complete another necessary procedure, it may result in your removal from the program.

Notes:

- * As previously stated, excuses such as "I found it in my spam mailbox" or "I was busy" will not be accepted. Promptly complete the prescribed procedures.
- * The CIE will not respond to any replies to this Yellow Card notice.

[Example of a Red Card notice] [Warning] Red Card: Urgent Request for Study Abroad Procedures Dear XX, Due to your continued failure to perform the required duties following the Yellow Card previously issued, we are now issuing a Red Card, which serves as a formal warning, in accordance with the Ground Rules. Complete the required procedures immediately to avoid a penalty. Notes: * As previously stated, excuses such as “I found it in my spam mailbox” or “I was busy” are not accepted. Immediately complete the prescribed procedures. * The CIE will not respond to any replies to this Red Card notice. If we do not confirm that you have completed the procedures immediately, we will contact you about a penalty.
(8) You may not apply for a CIE study abroad program concurrently with any other program. * If any program offered by other than the CIE allows you to apply for both programs, the CIE does not permit you to do so. Such applications will be rejected.
(9) Some programs have a minimum number of participants specified by the partner universities. Please note that even if a program is cancelled due to an insufficient number of applicants, it will not be possible to change to another program.

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1 Program Overview

The programs offer middle- and long-term study abroad opportunities at our partner institutions, mostly lasting one academic year (or one semester in some cases). In collaboration with our overseas partner institutions, we offer programs with diverse features.

(1) Eligible Programs

Select a study abroad program that aligns with your purposes and academic level. See the latest study abroad Program List for the lineup and details.

<https://www.waseda.jp/inst/cie/from-waseda/abroad/programlist/list>

- * From the “TERM” field, select “秋募集（2026 年 10 月締切分）2026 fall” to view the contents.
- * We do not recruit students for programs in “Korea” regions for the Fall Recruitment.
- * The following program is called "Science and Engineering Focused Program." Only students in the Faculty of Science and Engineering are eligible to apply. For details, please refer to the URL above.
 - Aalto University (Math Focused for FSE Students)
 - Aalto University (Resources and Environmental Engineering Focused for CSE Students)
 - Sapienza University of Rome (Resources and Environmental Engineering Focused for CSE Students)
 - University of Twente (Math Focused for FSE Students)
 - University of York (Math Focused for FSE Students)
 - Norwegian University of Science and Technology (Resources and Environmental Engineering Focused for CSE Students)
- ◆ When searching the Program List, enter “FSE” or “理工” in the “Name of Institution” field to easily find the applicable program. Please note that only the programs displayed in the search results are available for application during the Fall 2026 application period (Deadline: October, 2026).
(*) FSE means Faculty of Science and Engineering. To see which faculties and departments at Waseda University are eligible, refer to the “NOTE from CIE office” field on the Program List.

(2) Name and Duration of Programs

When applying, be sure to confirm the duration of each program.

	Name		Duration
1	Double Degree Programs (DD)		1 year, 1.5 years, or 2 years
2	Exchange Programs (EX)	Regular Academic Programs (EX-R)	1 year or 1 semester
3		Language Focused Programs (EX-L)	
4	Customized Study Programs (CS)	Regular Academic Programs (CS-R)	
5		Language Focused Programs (CS-L)	



Important

For details such as program features and expenses, please refer to the URL below.

<https://www.waseda.jp/inst/cie/from-waseda/abroad/1year>

For CS programs, a "Program Fee" will be charged instead of Waseda University's tuition fees. The Program Fee must be paid in Japanese yen based on the applicable exchange rate. Please note that exchange rate fluctuations may significantly affect the amount you will need to pay, and you may be required to pay substantially more than anticipated at the time of application. Please review the PDF file in the "Details" section of each program with your guardians to plan your financial expenses before you apply.

Notes on Program Duration

- In general, you may study abroad for up to one year while enrolled in Waseda University.
- The extension of programs is not permitted. You must return to Waseda University after the study abroad program and complete the required procedures at your undergraduate or graduate school.
- You cannot take courses at Waseda University during their study abroad period.
 - * Depending on when you return to Japan, you can take some courses at Waseda University, including the summer or winter quarter courses, even during the study abroad period. To learn how to register and which courses are available, contact the undergraduate or graduate school you are studying at.
- Even if you choose to return to Japan before completion of the course for personal reasons, you will not receive refunds for program fees (including program development and operation fees), double degree registration fees, Waseda University's tuition, or any other expenses associated with the program.

(3) Special Programs

1) Global Leadership Fellows Program (GLFP)

GLFP is an exchange program launched in 2012 in partnership with prestigious U.S. universities. In addition to one year of study abroad in the U.S., participants follow a specially designated curriculum before and after their overseas study experience. Prior to studying abroad, participants are required to take the "Preparatory Comparative Cultures Course". After returning from the U.S., they participate for one year in the U.S.-Japan Zemi and Global Leadership Fellows Forum, together with students from the GLFP partner universities in the U.S. who are studying at Waseda University. One of the distinctive features of this program is that students remain involved throughout all four years of their undergraduate years.

For further information, refer to the GLFP website: <https://www2.cie-waseda.jp/glfp/jp/>

Quota	About 10 students in all * Once selected as a GLFP participant, you will be assigned to a host university.
Study Abroad Period	Aug/Sep 2027 to May/June 2028

Partner Institutions	• University of Chicago • University of Washington (Seattle) • Dartmouth College • Georgetown University • New York University (NYU) * Please refer to the GLFP website for a list of programs eligible for this Fall recruitment.
Program Fees	Tuition and other fees conform to the EX programs.
Notes	Academic year requirement: Only first-year undergraduate students, in principle * In the case of September enrollment, students in their second year or above who wish to participate in the program may apply if they intend to remain in the program until its completion. Please note that this is highly likely to delay graduation. * The documents and processes required for the application differ from those for regular programs. Refer to this Guide for details. * GLFP candidates who pass the final screening must enroll in preparatory study-abroad courses as part of the GLFP curriculum. These courses will be offered in the spring term of 2027. * GLFP candidates are required to complete all program requirements. Refer to the GLFP written pledge for details.

2) Advanced Scholars' Program (ASP) / CS-R

This advanced CS-R program requires a particularly high level of language proficiency and specialized knowledge. Therefore, unlike the regular CS-R program, applicants must take an English written exam on Monday, October 13 and, if successful, an interview on Saturday, November 14 or Saturday, November 21.

Applicable Universities (TBD)	• Hertford College, Oxford University, CS-R, English • St. Peter's College, Oxford University, CS-R, English • New College, Oxford University, CS-R, English • University of Pennsylvania, CS-R, English
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- * Only programs that appear in the Program List search results are eligible for this recruitment.
- * For details of the programs, refer to the Program List and the attached PDF, in the same manner as the regular CS-R.
- * Some courses may be challenging and require specialized knowledge, depending on the department you intend to study in. Before applying, please review the Program List and the relevant PDF to confirm that the program content is compatible with your field of study.

3) Programs with Restrictions

Based on information such as the MOFA's "Overseas Safety Homepage," the CIE designates programs in areas with elevated risks as "Programs with Restrictions" and imposes additional requirements for both selection and travel. A list of Program with Restrictions will be published on the CIE website by September 30.

4) Programs Requiring Group Applications

[Common Requirements]

- Applications must be submitted by group, not by university.
- Once candidates are selected, additional screening may be conducted by the host institution to determine university and campus placements. Therefore, students may not always be placed at their preferred university or campus.

(1) Global Leadership Fellows Program (GLFP)

- See page 7.

(2) California State University System (CSU)

- This is an EX-R type program.
- You will first apply to the internal screening for the "CSU," and your campus assignment will be determined once you are selected as a candidate.
- After being selected as a candidate, you will attend the CSU orientation and participate in an interview with the CSU local staff. Following this, you will need to select and submit your first to fourth choices for campuses. The CSU campus at which you will apply, and study abroad will be determined by CSU's local staff through a screening process. No guarantee of your preferred campus is provided.
- Each campus has its own application requirements (to be informed at the orientation).

(3) University of California System (UC System)

- This is an EX-R type program.
- You will first apply to the internal screening for the "UC System," and your campus assignment will be determined once you selected as a candidate.
- After being selected as a candidate through the internal screening process, you will be asked to indicate three preferred UC campuses when submitting your application to the UC System. Your host campus will then be determined through a review conducted by UC staff. Please note that placement at one of your preferred campuses is not guaranteed.
- The procedure differs for graduate students. It will be informed separately.

(4) Great Lakes Colleges Association (GLCA) / Associated Colleges of the Midwest (ACM)

- This program is categorized as EX-R and CS-R. The following are specific notes regarding CS-R.
- You will apply for each of the three Tiers (A-C), and after the candidates are selected, the college where you will study abroad will be determined by the GLCA office through a screening process.
- Language proficiency requirements are set by each Tier (See the Program List).
- Applications for multiple Tiers are acceptable.

5) FSE Focused Program

The following program is called "FSE-focused Program" and only students in the Faculty of Science and Engineering are eligible to apply. Please be advised that the following universities are currently scheduled to call for students, but this is not confirmed. Make sure to check whether it recruits it or not on the Program List. Additionally, refer to the Details (Program Overview) of each program on the Program List.

- Aalto University (Math Focused for FSE Students), EX-R, English
- Aalto University (Resources and Environmental Engineering Focused for CSE Students), EX-R(1S), English
- University of Rome I "La Sapienza" (Resources and Environmental Engineering Focused for CSE Students), EX-R, English
- University of Twente (Math Focused for FSE Students), EX-R, English
- University of York (Math Focused for FSE Students), EX-R, English
- Norwegian University of Science and Technology (Resources and Environmental Engineering Focused for CSE Students), EX-R, English
- ◆ When searching from the Program List, enter "FSE" or "理工" in the "Name of Institution" field to easily find the applicable program.
- * FSE means *Faculty of Science and Engineering*. To learn which faculties and departments at Waseda University are eligible to apply, refer to the "NOTE from CIE office" field on the Program List.

2 Application/Screening Schedule

Refer to the separate document "[Study Abroad Fall Recruitment \(Deadline: October 2026\) Screening Schedule and Notes on Interview and Language Score Certificate](#)" for details.

For details of available programs, check the Program List after all information is finalized on Friday, October 9. The Program List is final, having been discussed with partner universities, and will serve as the basis for recruitment and internal selection processes.

3 Application Eligibility

All the conditions stated below must be met. If any single eligibility requirement is unmet, you will not be nominated as a candidate. Some undergraduate or graduate schools may have separate criteria in addition to those listed below for eligibility.

■ Eligibility for all programs	
(1)	Students must be <u>enrolled as full-time, degree-seeking students at Waseda University</u> at the time of application and throughout their study abroad period and <u>demonstrate outstanding</u> both academic and character qualities. * Applications are accepted even during a leave of absence, <u>provided that students return to classes for the semester in which their study abroad period begins</u>. All necessary steps, including interviews, attending orientations, and applying to partner institutions, etc., must be completed without fail while on leave of absence. * Refer to the School Study Guideline and website of your undergraduate or graduate school for the application eligibility criteria set by each school. * Students of the School of Human Sciences Online Degree Program are not eligible to apply due to its curriculum. * If you plan to graduate without returning to Waseda University after your study abroad, make sure to confirm with your undergraduate or graduate school office whether you are eligible to apply before submitting your application.
(2)	Students must understand the contents of the written agreement and have obtained consent from their parents or other guardians. * Consent must be obtained before making an application.
(3)	Students must meet <u>all</u> the requirements of the programs to which they are applying. School-Year Requirement ● You must satisfy the school-year requirements of your preferred programs. See Q7 in the Program List for details on the requirements for each program. Language Proficiency Requirement ● The language proficiency requirements of the preferred programs must be met at the time of application for internal screening. Each requirement stated on the Program List is a minimum for the application. <u>Therefore, if you fail to meet the requirements (including specific section score requirements) by even 0.5 points, you will be excluded from internal screening.</u> ● <u>If you plan to participate in a program provided in your native language, you must also submit an official score certificate that meets the program's requirements.</u> ● For non-English programs, language proficiency requirements are considered to be clearly defined only when both the name of a language proficiency test and the required score are specified. The ability to speak the language or demonstrate a strong command of it alone does not satisfy this requirement.

English programs in general	- An official score certificate that meets the requirements of the preferred programs must be submitted <u>at the time of application for internal screening</u>. * Even if you submit a certificate listed in the Program List Q12-C, as long as it is not acceptable for internal screening, you will not be considered for internal screening. For details on unacceptable certificates for internal screening, refer to “2) Notes regarding the official score certificates” (pages 16 to 17) of this Guide. - Submission of a certificate is not required for the programs that the Program List Q12-C states as “*If you are applying only for this program, you do not need to submit a certificate or scorecard that proves your English proficiency.” for it.
Chinese DD	< At the time of application for internal screening > <u>A score certificate of HSK or the Test of Chinese Proficiency must be submitted.</u> - You should preferably hold a HSK Level 5, i.e., score of 180 or above, or Level 2 or above on the Test of Chinese Proficiency by the time of application. However, the application will be accepted even if these levels have not yet been achieved. - If the level listed above at the time of application for internal screening has not been achieved or if the host university does not clearly define language proficiency requirements, the “non-English interview (scheduled on Saturday, November 14 or Saturday, November 21)” is mandatory. <After the internal screening/At the time of application to host universities> - A score certificate that meets the requirements (or a letter of recommendation, if accepted by the host university) must be submitted to the host university by the designated date. <Peking University Double Degree Program> - Applicants planning to apply for this program should read “Changes to the application process following operational revisions to the Peking University Double Degree Program” before applying.
Chinese EX-R	< At the time of application for internal screening > <u>A score certificate of HSK or the Chinese Proficiency Test must be submitted.</u> - The application will be accepted if the required scores from the prospective host university have not yet been achieved at the time of application for internal screening. - If the language proficiency requirement is not met at the time of application for internal screening or if the host university does not set a clear requirement, the “Non-English interview (scheduled on Saturday, November 14 or Saturday, November 21)” is mandatory. <After the internal screening/At the time of application to host universities> - A score certificate that meets the required score (or a letter of recommendation, if accepted) must be submitted to the host university by the designated date.

Other Languages EX-R	<Programs with definite scores as requirements> - The application will be accepted even if a score certificate has not been submitted at the time of application for internal screening. In this case, the non-English interview scheduled for Saturday, November 14 or Saturday, November 21, is mandatory. If at the time of application a score certificate has been submitted with a score below the required grade or score (*), the “non-English interview scheduled on Saturday, November 14 or Saturday, November 21 is also required. <Programs without required scores or language proficiency requirements> - The non-English interview, scheduled for Saturday, November 14 or Saturday, November 21, is mandatory. - Please be advised that, in this case, even those who achieve relatively high scores may still be required to take the interview. (*) Required grade/score: Please note that some programs, as stated in Q13-1 under Details (Program Overview), indicate that a score certificate is not required; however, <u>the language grades or scores mentioned in Q13-2 will serve as the criteria for internal screening.</u> <After internal screening / On applying for the host university> You may be asked to submit an official language score certificate that meets the host university's criteria by a set deadline after passing internal screening. In some cases, a letter of recommendation may be accepted if the host university allows it.
Other Languages EX-L, CS-L	The application will be accepted even if a score certificate has not been submitted at the time of application for internal screening. No interview is required. However, if required by the host university, a score certificate that meets the required score, or a letter of recommendation if accepted, must be submitted to the university by the designated date.



Important

The language proficiency requirement stated on the Program List is the minimum needed to apply. **If your intended department has specific proficiency requirements, you must further fulfill those before applying to the host university.** Please note that since the language proficiency requirement for science-related departments is sometimes set relatively low in some countries (e.g., the U.K.), as a result, there have been cases where students majoring in humanities, liberal arts, or social sciences, even though already decided as the candidate, have only been able to choose the science department.

- * Some universities have separate language proficiency requirements for graduate students.
- * Be sure to check the language proficiency requirements from the URL listed in Q12-C under Details (Program Overview) in the Program List or from your preferred university website.

GPA Requirement

- If the preferred program has a specific GPA criterion, it must be met. These are the minimum requirements for applications determined through consultation between partner universities and Waseda University. If you do not meet the requirements of the program you wish to pursue, **you will not be considered for internal screening.** The GPA requirements must be met not only at the time of application for internal screening, but also at the time of application to the host university after a candidate is selected. Please note that in the unlikely event that you do not fulfill the GPA requirement for your intended program at the time of application to the host university, your participation will be canceled.
- Refer to page 11 of the "[STUDY ABROAD GUIDEBOOK](#)" for the formula to calculate GPA for internal screening.
 - * This calculation formula was established and is used only by the CIE, and **it is not the same as the one used by the undergraduate or graduate schools.** Calculate your grades on your own by checking the "Grade Report" on MyWaseda.
- First-year students of undergraduate or graduate courses who have not yet received grades at Waseda University are not eligible to apply for programs with GPA requirements.
 - * However, graduate students with an undergraduate degree from Waseda University can apply for programs with a GPA requirement exceptionally, since GPA can be calculated based on the undergraduate grades.

Nationality Requirement

- Check carefully as some partner universities may not accept applications from certain nationalities.
- Some universities do not accept students with dual nationality or permanent residency. If this applies to you, check with your guardians.

■ Eligibility to apply for Programs with Restrictions

<General Rule> Students are required to have completed four semesters (i.e., third-year students or above) or be graduate students at the time of departure.

<Exceptions> Students who do not meet the above requirement may still be accepted if they have met the school year requirements of the Program List, have consulted with the CIE about their strong desire to participate in the program, and have been approved to apply by the CIE in advance.

* In any case, applicants are required to take the interview (scheduled for Saturday, November 14 or Saturday, November 21) to confirm the purpose of studying abroad, etc.

*** In addition to the aforementioned requirements, SILS students must also meet the following requirements.**

■ Eligibility for SILS Students

In principle, SILS students are required to complete at least three semesters at Waseda University by the time of departure.

- In the following case, a student may apply for programs that start from the third semester.
 - (1) The students applied to any one-year EX program and passed internal screening in the spring recruitment during their first semester (only those who enrolled in April).
 - (2) The student applied to any one-year program and passed internal screening in the second semester, which is intended to depart six months later, i.e., in the third semester.
 - * Program availability for (1) or (2) above depends on the recruitment period, spring or fall. See the Program List for details.

<Notes>

- SILS students **cannot** graduate at the end of the semester immediately after completing their study abroad program, whether it is under the university-wide agreements, departmental agreements, or any other program.
- For SILS SP1 students, participating in one-semester programs twice does not satisfy the graduation requirement to study abroad for one year. They must join a program that lasts a full year.
- **One-semester exchange programs do not meet the graduation requirements for SILS SP1 students.**

■ Studying abroad with enrolled over the standard years of study

At Waseda University, studying abroad during your final semester before graduation or beyond the standard years of study is usually not allowed. Each school has a set number of years required to complete degrees under the School Regulation. If you are already an extended student or plan to extend your enrollment to study abroad, approval is generally not granted unless there is a clear academic or research need, such as completing a graduation project or thesis. After studying abroad, you must return to Waseda to transfer credits and complete your graduation assessment. Delays in receiving official transcripts from your host university may postpone your graduation. If you are considering studying abroad as an extended student, consult your academic advisor and school office to discuss your study plan and the necessity of studying abroad before making any decisions.

4 Application Process

The application is considered complete upon finishing both the “online application registration” and the “submission of necessary documents” within the designated periods. No registration or submission will be accepted after the designated period for whatever reason. The CIE does not intend to disclose the competitive ratio for any individual program or type of programs.

How to apply	Application Period
1. Online Application Registration	2026
2. Submission of Documents	10am on Monday, October 12 to 5pm on Monday, October 19

To confirm the URL for online application and download the required documents, visit the CIE Website.

<https://www.waseda.jp/inst/cie/en/from-waseda/abroad/1year>

(1) Application for Internal Screening

* It doesn't matter which procedure you do first, online application or document submission.

Online Application Registration



You may register **up to ten choices** for your desired program(s) as long as you satisfy the application requirements.

- [Refer to the "Online Application Registration Manual" on a separate sheet for details on online application registration.](#)
- The application page is available only during the application period.
- The webpage may get very busy on the last day of registration. Completing registration well in advance is recommended.
- You might still be able to apply even after the 5pm deadline if you open the page before then. **However, any application submitted after the deadline will be void. Make sure to complete your application within the period.**
- Within five minutes of completing the online registration, the [MyWaseda] Application Acknowledgement and the [MyWaseda] Confirmation of Application emails will be automatically sent to the address you registered. **If neither email arrives, check your registration status via the online application form to see whether any of the following situations apply:**

[The "Resubmit" button is visible]

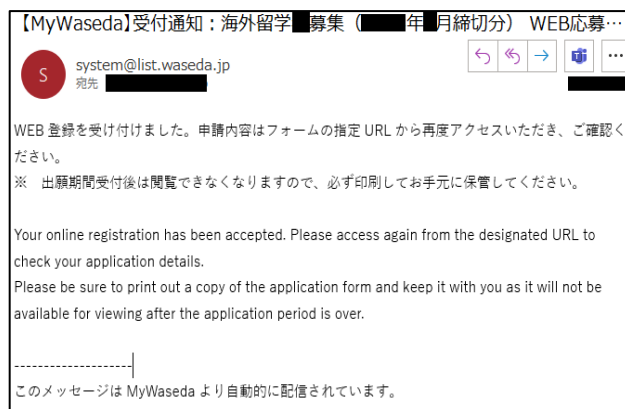
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- After the online registration period, you will no longer be able to view your application contents of your application on the form. Check your notification email or printed form to verify your application status after the expiration of the period.
- The CIE will not accept any inquiries for details of your application.

(1) Drop your packet in the BOX at WGG

* WGG Opening hours: 10am to 5pm on weekdays

* Submission before the application period is not allowed.

* The CIE does not verify that each submission includes all necessary documents.

Post it to the following postal address. It must be received by 5pm on Monday, October 19.

Dispatch Team, the Center for International Education, Waseda University
Waseda Global Gate, 1-7-14, 1st Floor of Bldg. 22
Nishi Waseda, Shinjuku-ku, 169-0051 Tokyo, Japan

* **Be sure to send the documents by a trackable delivery method such as registered postal mail.**

* The CIE does not take responsibility or liability for any loss of documents due to insufficient postal charges.

* The CIE does not answer any inquiries whether the documents have been received.

- Prepare all documents in A4 size, single-sided print. Plastic document folders are not needed.
- Make a copy of the documents before submitting them, as they will not be returned.
- Please confirm all the documents at your own responsibility before submitting them, as you will be excluded from consideration for the screening if your application is incomplete or deficient.

1) List of Necessary Documents

①	Application documents submission checklist (1 original).....All applicants
	Download, print, fill out, and submit the designated form.
②	Study abroad program agreement (1 original)All applicants
	● Both you and your guardian must read the contents thoroughly before signing. Signatures made with a pencil or an erasable (friXion) pen are not acceptable. ● Your guardian's handwritten signature is necessary. Make sure to submit the original, not a copy. ● Make a copy of the signed form with signatures of both you and your guardian for your reference. ● <u>All programs you are applying to online require prior consent of your guardian.</u> * If your guardian lives abroad or far away and is unable to submit the agreement by the application deadline, the following method may be used as a special case. However, please note that, even in this case, both you and your guardian must sign the agreement in their own handwriting. Only wet signatures are accepted. Neither typed signatures or affixed digital seals in the name section are acceptable. (1) First, ask your guardian to download and print the form, and <u>sign it in his/her own handwriting</u>. (2) Obtain a scanned copy of the signed form from your guardian by e-mail or other means, print it out, <u>sign it in your own handwriting</u>, and submit the original.
③	Academic transcript in English (1 original).....All applicants
	● A printout of the "Web Grade Report" screen is not acceptable. ● <u>Academic Transcript differs from the "GPA Certificate," which only shows your GPA. Double-check before submitting.</u> Correct) Academic Transcript (sample) Incorrect) GPA Certificateion (sample) ◆ Undergraduate students Check the details in the link below and submit the latest transcripts issued. https://www.waseda.jp/inst/wpo/en/students/certificate ◆ Graduate students <u>Master's course</u> ● Submit the academic transcripts of the undergraduate and master's courses. <u>Doctoral course</u> ● Submit the academic transcripts of the undergraduate, master's, and doctoral courses. * If you have completed the undergraduate or master's courses somewhere other than at Waseda, submit academic transcripts in English issued by the institution(s) you completed the course(s). ◆ First-year students whose academic transcripts have not been obtained yet Submit the academic transcript (in English) from your high school.

④	Official score certificate for language test (1 copy)applicable students only						
	See 2) below for details. In the internal screening, we do not accept direct submissions from test centers to our university.						
⑤	Assessment form for post-graduate students (1 original)applicable students only						
	● Use the specified form. ● This is mandatory for any postgraduate students (i.e., both Master's and Doctoral) who apply for study abroad programs. This also applies to undergraduate students who apply and wish to study abroad after proceeding to the master's course. ● This should be completed by the research supervisors at Waseda University through consultation using the specified form. If a research supervisor has not been assigned, contact the CIE before making your application. ● Some graduate school offices do not allow students to start studying abroad at the same time as they enroll in the graduate school. Please confirm in advance with the graduate school you will enter whether this is possible. If you are considering studying abroad in a master's or doctoral program for research instead of the regular coursework, you often need <u>prior</u> approval from your prospective research supervisor at your intended host university. Contact your intended universities in advance to obtain this approval. If selected as a candidate, you will be required to forward a document proving the approval of acceptance, including an email from your prospective research supervisor, to the CIE at a later date. If the CIE cannot confirm your acceptance with the proof you submitted, you will be assigned to coursework at the CIE's discretion, even if you originally planned to conduct research.						
⑥	Documents to apply for the GLFP..... Only applicants for GLFP						
	● Students who plan to apply for GLFP must submit the following documents. Please download the necessary documents from the CIE website at: https://www.waseda.jp/inst/cie/en/from-waseda/abroad/1year <u>If you wish to apply for GLFP, you must select GLFP as your first choice on the online registration application..</u> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%; padding: 5px; vertical-align: top;"> GLFP Study Abroad Pledge (Addendum) (1 original) </td> <td style="padding: 5px; vertical-align: top;"> Submit along with the "Study Abroad Program Agreement" which is required to be submitted by all students participating in any study abroad programs. </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px; vertical-align: top;"> GLFP Statement of Purpose (1 original) </td> <td rowspan="2" style="padding: 5px; vertical-align: top;"> The statement of purpose must be written in English. There are no specific instructions for fonts, etc., but Times New Roman 12pt is recommended. The reference should not be included in your word count, and should be listed on a separate page. The document must be A4-sized and must not exceed the specified number of pages </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px; vertical-align: top;"> GLFP Essay (1 original) </td> </tr> </table>		GLFP Study Abroad Pledge (Addendum) (1 original)	Submit along with the "Study Abroad Program Agreement" which is required to be submitted by all students participating in any study abroad programs.	GLFP Statement of Purpose (1 original)	The statement of purpose must be written in English. There are no specific instructions for fonts, etc., but Times New Roman 12pt is recommended. The reference should not be included in your word count, and should be listed on a separate page. The document must be A4-sized and must not exceed the specified number of pages	GLFP Essay (1 original)
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⑦	Assessment form for students applying for Programs with Restrictions (1 original) Only applicants for Programs with Restrictions						
	Students applying for a program with restrictions designated by CIE must submit this form. Before submission, they must consult their academic advisor about their study abroad plans and ask the advisor to fill in the "field to be filled in by the student's academic advisor". Ensure that you have entered in the "field to be filled in by the student" (bottom center) before making a request.						

2) Notes regarding the official score certificates

① For all programs

- (1) Only official score certificates dated **on or after September 21, 2025** will be accepted for internal screening.
- (2) **Submit either the original official score certificate, a photocopy, or a PDF file. The printout of the web page is unacceptable. The CIE does not provide guidance on how to obtain the certificate.**
- (3) Scores for the language tests not listed on the Program List are not accepted.
- (4) For non-English programs, language proficiency requirements are considered to be clearly defined only when both the name of a language proficiency test and the required score are specified. The ability to speak the language or demonstrate a strong command of it alone does not satisfy this requirement.
- (5) Ensure **the certificate includes 'score', 'test date', 'test taker's name', and 'test name (IELTS, etc.)' on a single document.** If the certificate is printed on more than one page, staple those pages together so that we can identify whose they are. If your name does not appear on the test results page, you must also submit a test confirmation email or any official document (the exam admission ticket) with your name.
- (6) Certificates are not usually returned; therefore, we recommend you submit copies.
- (7) Only if you cannot get the original score certificate due to reasons beyond your control, such as a delayed original or unissued PDF, you may provide a printed or copied screenshot of your test results from web. This screenshot must clearly show the 'score (including sub score)', 'test date', 'test taker's full name', and 'test name.' If you submit a screenshot, you must still provide the original certificate after being selected as a candidate.
- (8) Some programs set a base score not only for the total score but for each section (i.e., speaking, reading, etc.).
- (9) After the internal screening, you may be asked to retake the test when applying to the host university or obtaining a visa, or if your certificate expires before applying for a visa. If the retake result is lower than the score required by the host university or for a visa, you may not be accepted by the host university.
- (10) You will need to submit the original official score certificate or another official document issued by the institution if the partner university you apply to requires it.
- (11) Even if you entered the scores online, they will be considered invalid until you submit a certificate to prove them. The score cannot be substituted after the application deadline.
- (12) If you are submitting your score several times for the same type of test, be careful how you enter them in the online application.
- (13) **The CIE cannot advise students on which test dates are suitable for internal screening. Check the organizer's website for information on how to apply and how long it takes to receive your results. Plan accordingly.**

② English proficiency certificates

- (1) The TOEFL iBT® score scale has been changed from 1-120 to 1-119 as of January 21, 2026. If you plan to apply for the Fall 2026 Recruitment (Deadline: October 2026), see "[Language Proficiency Requirements for Study Abroad Fall Recruitment \(Deadline: October 2026\) Following the TOEFL iBT® Score Scale Change](#)" on the CIE website in advance.

- (2) **If both TOEFL iBT® and IELTS are listed on the Program List for the program to which you are applying, you may apply as long as you meet the requirements for one of those tests.** If you are applying to more than one program, you will need to meet each requirement and **may be required to submit both TOEFL iBT® and IELTS scores.**
- (3) **Programs with a "(B)" next to the TOEFL iBT® score requirement on the Program List accept the 'My Best scores'.** It is possible to apply for both programs that accept 'MyBest scores' and the ones that do not, at the same time, **but keep in mind that you must meet all the requirements of each program.**
- (4) You may submit multiple scores for the same test, such as two TOEFL iBT® scores. In such cases, refer to the separate document "Online Application Registration Manual" for information on how to enter scores on the online registration.
- (5) Score certificates for "IELTS Online" and "TOEFL iBT® Home Edition" are accepted when applying for internal screening. However, in recent years, there have been increasingly more cases in which the host university does not accept them. You may be asked to obtain a new official score certificate again after selection.
- (6) "TOEFL Essential" scores are not accepted are usually not accepted when applying for internal screening.
- (7) If TOEFL iBT® or IELTS scores are being re-scored, they are provisional and cannot be used for internal screening. Submit final scores.
- (8) **Only the Academic Module is accepted for IELTS.** Please note that score certificates obtained through the IELTS One Skill Retake system will not be accepted for internal screening.
- (9) **The score, which does not meet the requirement (including section scores) by even 0.5 points will not be considered for internal screening. Do not apply for programs for which you do not meet the requirements.**

5

Internal Screening Process

The CIE will make the selection based on the online registration information and submitted documents. **If you pass the internal screening, you will be selected as a candidate for one of the programs you have chosen.** Please note that you may not be selected for any of the programs of your choice as a result of competition with other students.

(1) Overview

The CIE will comprehensively consider the following factors.

- Academic performance (GPA)
- Language proficiency (language test scores such as TOEFL®)
- Study or research plan (to be entered in the online registration)
- Study abroad aptitude test at your undergraduate or graduate school (selection process varies by each school)
- Writing exam, Essay (depends on program)
- Interview (depends on program)

<Required documents/Screening Process for each program>

Some programs may require additional documents other than those listed in the table below, so review it carefully.

Program Type		Required Documents				Written Exam (10/13)	Interview (11/14 or 21)
		Agreement	Academic Transcript	Score Certificate	Others		
EX-R (English)	GLFP	●	● ^{※1}	●	-GLFP Study Abroad Pledge (Addendum) -GLFP Statement of Purpose -GLFP Essay	—	●
				●	(Applicable students only)	—	—
EX-R (Non-English)				▲ ^{※2}	Assessment form for post-graduate students or	—	▲ ^{※4}
EX-L (English)				▲ ^{※3}	Assessment form for Programs with Restrictions	—	—
EX-L (Non-English)				▲ ^{※3}		—	—
CS-R (English)	ASP			●	—	●	▲ ^{※4}
				●		—	—
CS-L (English)				▲ ^{※3}		—	—
CS-L (Non-English)				▲ ^{※3}		—	—
DD (English)				●		●	●
DD (Chinese)				●		—	▲ ^{※4}

●: Required, ▲: Depends on the applicable program and applicant, —: N/A

● Refer to the table above regardless of the duration of your study abroad program. (e.g., The required documents and screening process for CS-L and CS-L(1S) are the same.)

*1 The method of submission depends on your affiliated school. Refer to page 18.

*2 See page 13.

*3 Check the language proficiency requirements in the Program List as they vary from program to program.

*4 See page 24-25.

(2) Study/Research Plan

Answer the following questions on the application form when you submit your online application.

Please note that the CIE does not provide guidance on how to write a Study or Research Plan.

Chapter 11 [For all] Study/Research Plan

- Answer the following questions, in your own words, after careful consideration. Minor grammar errors will not be considered for scoring, so write this on your own.
- Choice of language (Japanese or English) will not affect screening results in any way.
- Fill in either question 11-1/11-2 (Japanese) or 11-3/11-4 (English). Please type "N/A" in the answer column for the question that you do not fill in.
- Do not use a half-width bullet symbol (・) as it may be counted as four letters.
- For some U.S. university group programs, candidates may be required to submit a study or research plan to the host university after being selected. Although the plan may initially be submitted in Japanese, you may be asked to revise and resubmit it in English if it is to be shared with the host university.

Question 11-1.

Explain your purpose for studying abroad and how it relates to your academic area of interest. Your statement should be approximately 800 to 1200 Japanese characters or 400 to 600 words in English.

Question 11-2.

For each university and program, you wish to apply for, explain specifically why you have chosen it and how it will help you achieve the study abroad objectives described in Question 11-1. In doing so, discuss the relevance of your academic background, previous experiences, and interests. Your statement should be 400 to 800 Japanese characters or 200 to 400 words in English.

* If you have common reasons for applying to several programs, you may describe them once; repeating the same reasons for each program is not necessary.

* If you select programs to learn several fields or languages, describe the reason for the application explicitly so as to make it clear the reason for each program in 400 to 800 Japanese characters (or 200 to 400 words in English).

(3) English Written Exam

Some programs require a written exam. Confirm the applicable programs below.

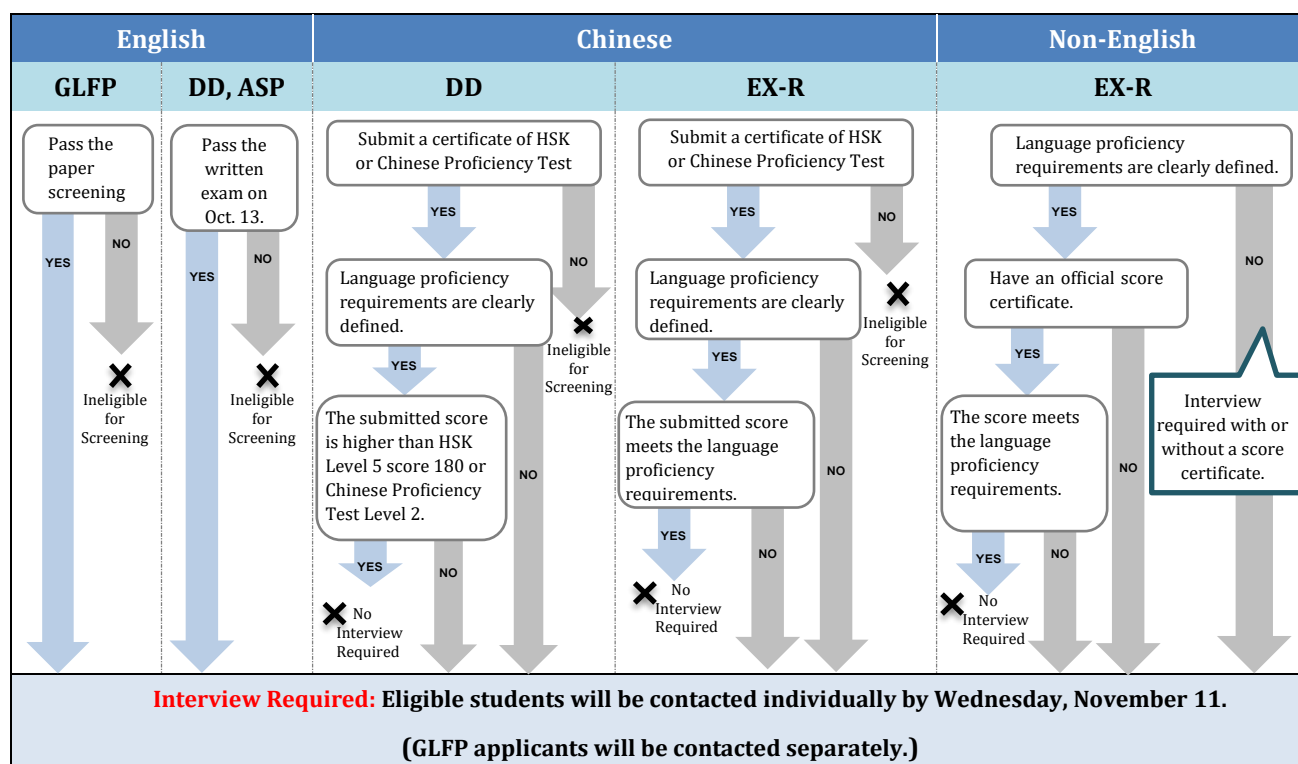
Eligibility	Applicants for either or both of (1) English DD Program and (2) Advanced Scholars' Program
Date and Time	Tuesday, October 13, 2026 *Be there by 7pm. Exam time: 7:20pm to 8:20pm (60min)
What to Bring	Student ID card, writing materials (pencil and eraser), watch (items with mobile communication device or that emit sound are not allowed)

Venue	Room201, Bldg. 22 at Waseda Campus
Summary of Exam	This is a written exam. Typically, you will be asked to read a brief scholarly passage and write an essay in response to a related prompt.
Notification of Result	After 1pm on Friday, October 16, 2026 * To be notified via MyWaseda or Waseda mail.
Notes	● The exam and notification of the results (on October 16), are conducted during the online application registration period. It means that you can register for online application registration after receiving your exam results (or register in advance and update your desired program on the application form accordingly). ● No pre-reservation is required to take the exam (The CIE will also not contact eligible students in advance). ● <u>Individual requests (date/time changes, etc.) for the exam are not accepted for any reason.</u> However, contact the CIE <u>in advance</u> if you cannot attend the exam due to fever or illness. Please note that this does not necessarily guarantee alternative arrangements. ● If you need a certification of your attendance to the written exam, ask for issuance by showing your student ID card to the CIE staff. We will hand it to you on the spot.

(4) Interview

Here are the programs that may be subject to an interview. Use the flowchart below to determine for yourself whether you are actually required to take an interview. English programs other than GLFP, DD, or ASD, which are not included in the chart below, as well as non-English EX-L and CS-L programs, do not require an interview.

Check My Waseda or Waseda Mail prior to the interview for the CIE's decision on whether you are required to have an interview (to be sent on November 11). If you do not receive an email, you are not subject to an interview. **The assigned interview date and time cannot be changed for any personal reasons. Therefore, make sure to keep your entire interview date open.**



* "Programs with Restrictions" applicants are subject to an interview regardless of the requirements on the chart above. For the "List of Programs with Restriction (Fall 2026)", check the [CIE website](#) for the latest information at a later date.

FYI: [Study Abroad Programs Fall Recruitment \(Deadline: October, 2025\) Programs with Restrictions](#)

- * You will be asked to speak in the language of the participating program during the interview.
- * Even if you apply for multiple programs with the same interview requirements, you will only be interviewed once (e.g., if you apply for multiple EX-R (Spanish) programs, you will only be interviewed once for Spanish). However, if you are applying to a combination of programs with different interview requirements, you will need to attend more than one interview (e.g., an English interview for English DD and a Spanish interview for EX-R (Spanish)).
- * Some applicants may be required to undergo an interview or other screening conducted by their undergraduate or graduate school as part of the "Study Abroad Aptitude Test." Only those subject to this screening will be contacted separately by their school office regarding the date and time. Please respond promptly upon receiving the notification.
- * A certification of interview attendance can be issued upon request. If you require one, refer to the "Interview Candidate Guide," which will be sent to applicants selected for an interview on Wednesday, November 11.

(5) Screening Process of Each Program

(a) Global Leadership Fellows Program (GLFP)

- A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required for application.
- Screening will be conducted based on the submitted application materials, including the statement of purpose and the essay. Applicants will be notified of the results by email.
- Only successful students who pass the document screening are required to take an interview scheduled for Saturday, November 14.

- Applicants will be notified of the results by email on or before Friday, November 20. Please note that these results are provisional.
- You need to check the final result of the internal screening on Thursday, December 3.

(b) Double Degree Program (DD)

<<English DD>>

- A written exam is required on Tuesday, October 13 (no reservation needed).
- The result of the written exam will be notified on Friday, October 16 via MyWaseda or Waseda Mail.
- Only those who have passed the written exam are eligible to apply for this program.
- Successful applicants who passed the written exam are required to take an interview on Saturday, November 14, or Saturday, November 21.
- <<For Earlham College (DD) only>> This program requires an additional screening by Earlham College after applicants are notified of the results of the internal screening on Thursday, December 3. Applicants will be notified individually of the final results.

<<Chinese DD>>

- Refer to page 12 for language proficiency requirements and details of the interview.

(c) Advanced Scholars' Program (ASP)

- All applicants must take a written examination on Tuesday, October 13. No advance reservation is required.
- Applicants will be notified of the results on Friday, October 16 via MyWaseda or Waseda Mail.
- Only applicants who pass the written examination will proceed to the next stage of the selection process.
- Successful applicants will be required to take an interview on Saturday November 14 or Saturday November 21.

(d) Non-English EX-R Programs

- Refer to page 13 for details on the interview.
- Successful candidates will be notified of the interview by the CIE.

(e) Programs with Restrictions

An interview will be held on Saturday, November 14 or Saturday, November 21. Applicants selected for the interview will be contacted individually.

(f) Others

Even if the CIE does not conduct interviews for a particular program, your undergraduate or graduate school may conduct one to assess your suitability for study abroad. Such interviews are scheduled to take place between Monday, November 9 and Wednesday, November 18. Applicants selected for an interview will be contacted individually by their undergraduate or graduate school.

(6) Internal Screening Result

The result will be posted in the Announcements on MyWaseda at 1pm or later on Thursday, December 3, 2026.

Log in to MyWaseda (<https://my.waseda.jp/login/login>) as shown below. The result will be posted in “Important notifications from Your Department.”



[Notes]

- The results of the internal screening will be shown only for three months after notification.
- Once the notification has been read, it will not be displayed in the “Announcements” column. If you wish to check the notification again, proceed to “Go to List...” on the right-hand side of the column, and click “Search (Click here to search announcements already read)” with a tick on “International Exchanges.”

6 Procedures for Candidates

If you are selected as a candidate for the study abroad program, you will need to follow certain procedures before, during, and after your study abroad. The main procedures are as follows. Details will be notified by the CIE. Follow the instructions and proceed accordingly.

(1) Application to Host University

- Students who have been selected as candidates through internal screenings will then need to complete the application process to their host universities.
- **Passing the internal screening does not guarantee acceptance by the host university.** Please note that the final decision on admission will be made by the host university based on its application review and selection process.

(2) Study Abroad Scholarship

Waseda Scholarships and JASSO Scholarship

All University scholarships and JASSO scholarships announced by the CIE are grants (no repayment required). However, do not consider the scholarship as a part of your potential funding sources for studying abroad when you apply, as not all applicants receive it. Please visit the CIE website for more details:

<https://www.waseda.jp/inst/cie/en/from-waseda/aid/scholarship-2>

- Waseda scholarships and the JASSO scholarship are available to those who have been selected as a candidate for a study abroad program in the internal screening (it is the only application opening for scholarship). Although you cannot apply for a specific scholarship or set priorities, you can apply for all applicable scholarships with a single application.
- The application period and application guidelines for scholarships will be sent to eligible applicants after notification of the internal screening results. The application period will differ for students departing Spring 2027 and Fall 2027. Please check your Waseda Mail for detailed information on the application period and application procedures after the internal screening results are notified.
[FYR] Prospected application deadline for Spring 2027 departure: late-November 2026, for Fall 2027 departure: early-May 2027.
- When you receive the results of the application and/or the actual payment, the timing varies depending on the scholarship; please be aware that you may be notified or paid just before or even after your departure. There is also a possibility that your scholarship will be paid after you return from your study abroad.
- Documents required for application (TBD): scholarship application form, documents showing your household income, such as a certificate of taxation or proof of tax exemptions
Refer to the scholarship application guide for the details of required documents. Please pay attention to the information regarding the scholarship from the CIE.

External Scholarships

- Some programs require application submission through the CIE, while others allow students to apply directly to the respective organizations. The amount of the scholarship disbursement and whether it can be combined with other scholarships, etc., depends on the nature of the scholarship. For details, please check the CIE website:
<https://www.waseda.jp/inst/cie/from-waseda/aid/out-scholarship>
- Since application schedules vary from organization to organization, we strongly recommend gathering extensive information in advance as you prepare your application.

(3) Visa and Airline Tickets

- To enter and reside in your destination country, you must obtain the required visa and residence permit, as required by the immigration laws of that country.
- Visa requirements, application procedures, required documents, and fees vary by country and may change without prior notice. Required documents may also vary depending on your nationality and place of application. Please verify the latest requirements yourself.
- Depending on your destination, you may be required to submit documents such as a bank balance certificate, certified translations, or a copy of your bank passbook. Some countries also require students to transfer living expenses, in some cases the full amount) to a designated bank account in advance. Be prepared to complete these procedures promptly and make sure to check the latest information on visa requirements, required documents, application fees, application periods through the embassy and official websites of your destination host country.
- Depending on the Some countries or visa categories impose restrictions on the types of airline tickets that may be used for entry. Please check the applicable requirements in advance.
- Applicants are responsible for obtaining visas and purchasing airline tickets on their own. The CIE is generally unable to assist with these procedures. so please research the requirements early and start the necessary arrangements well in advance.

(4) Accommodation Arrangements

- The type of accommodation and necessary procedures vary by program. Please check the Details (Program Overview) section in the Program List. Additional details are available in PDF, if provided in the Details (Program Overview) section. Accommodation may also be assigned by the program.
- Accommodation is not guaranteed for all programs, and you may need to make their own arrangements.
- Once you are accepted by the host university, you will receive detailed instructions regarding the required procedures. Please complete them promptly.

(5) Credits during and after the Study Abroad

- Depending on the program, students may not be allowed to enroll in their preferred faculty, may not be able to register for their preferred courses, or may be automatically registered for courses they did not choose.
- Students must follow a prescribed procedure to transfer their credits from their host university to Waseda University. Decisions regarding credit accreditation will be made by the undergraduate or graduate school to which each student belongs. Contact your school office for inquiries about the procedures. Please note that in some cases, students may not be able to graduate from Waseda within the standard period of study (four years for undergraduate). You must consult with your school office in advance to avoid any misunderstandings.

(1) Check Overseas Travel Safety Information when Selecting a Program

- As stated in p.18 of the “Study Abroad Guidebook”, it is the student’s responsibility to confirm regional safety information when selecting where to study. Remember to exercise caution when traveling and living abroad in the current international climate.
- MOFA provides up-to-date region-wide or country-specific safety information, including travel advice and warnings, spot safety information, databases of past information, security risk trends and countermeasures for frequent incidents on its travel safety website: <https://www.anzen.mofa.go.jp/> (Available in Japanese only)
- Travel warnings have been issued for some regions. If you are considering one of these regions as a study abroad destination, please carefully assess the risks and consider whether the academic value of studying there justifies those risks before applying.

(2) Overseas Travel Insurance (mandatory)

- Students participating in the CIE study abroad programs **are required to enroll in the overseas travel insurance designated plan designated by Waseda University (Tokio Marine & Nichido Fire Insurance). Participation in a study abroad program is not permitted without enrollment in the insurance plan.**
- **In addition to the Waseda-designated insurance, you must also obtain health or medical insurance in their host country if required by their host university or the host country itself. No waivers are allowed for either insurance requirement, regardless of the amount.**
- It is also stated in the Study Abroad Agreement that such insurance is mandatory. Sign the agreement after fully understanding the contents.
- Mental disorders, dental diseases, and chronic illnesses (pre-existing conditions) are not covered by this insurance. Coverage for other conditions is subject to the insurance policy terms and conditions.
- The coverage package is standardized. Please be advised that any addition or reduction of compensation is not permitted.
- The insurance premium for the relevant policy varies based on the number of claims and the amount of compensation paid out in the previous year.
* Since the premium is reviewed annually, the amount for the next year is not yet determined but is expected to be approximately 280,000 yen per year.
- Please be aware that you will need to promptly pay the insurance premium to the designated insurance agency account after starting the study abroad procedures.

(3) Submission of Overseas Contact Information (Required)

All students are required to provide the cell phone number they use during their study abroad period so that they can be contacted in case of emergency. Please follow the CIE's instructions and report your contact information to Waseda University as soon as possible after you arrive at your destination.

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留学センター使用欄（※応募者は記入しないでください。）

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☐ 【英文成績証明書】 ☐ 提出なし ☐ ポータル ☐ GPA 証明書

☐ 【語学スコア】 (TOEFL/IELTS/その他英/非英語) ☐ 氏名なし ☐ 検定試験確認できず ☐ 日付なし

☐ 【大学院生推薦状】 ☐ 提出なし ☐ コピーのみ ☐ 記載漏れ ☐ 署名 ☐ 不一致

☐ 【GLFP 応募書類】 ☐ 誓約書 ☐ 志望理由書 ☐ 小論文

☐ 【特定プログラム】 ☐ コピーのみ ☐ 記載漏れ ☐ 署名 ☐ 不一致

Appendix 1

Application Documents Submission Checklist

Student ID Number	Name	Date
Waseda Mail address	Contact Phone Number (reachable on weekdays during business hours)	
	— — Cell / Home / Others ()	

The application will be completed by doing **both** online registration and document submission within a specified period. You can do either procedure first.

(1) Have you received the confirmation email of your online registration (refer to P16 of the Application Guide)?

Circle (○) applicable one	Note
Yes	—
No	If you do not receive the e-mail, your registration may not have been accepted. Please access the application form again and check your application status.

(2) Have you confirmed the final details of your application?

Circle (○) applicable one	Note
Yes	—
No	You will not be able to check what you have entered on the online application form after the deadline. To review the final details of your application after the application period, please refer to the confirmation email sent upon successful registration or the copy you printed before the application deadline.

(3) Have you prepared all of the required documents (printed in A4 size)?

Circle (○) applicable one	Note
Yes	—
No	Applications with incomplete or missing documents may not be accepted for internal screening.

(4) Please circle the documents that apply to you and need to be submitted. ***Keep one copy each for your record.**

Type of Applicants	Put a circle (○) if applicable	Note
All	Application Documents Submission Checklist	This document.
All	Study Abroad Agreement (Original)	Use the form provided by the CIE, complete it, and provide a copy to your parents or other guardians.
All	Academic Transcript in English (original) * Transcript in Japanese is not acceptable.	A document titled "Transcript of Academic Record" with no GPA listed.
If applicable	Official Score Certificate of Language Test (copy) * Put a checkmark (✓) in the box (□) next to the one you enclosed. *The certificate should include the name of the test, the test taker's name, the test date, and the score.	☐ TOEFL iBT®
		☐ IELTS
		☐ Others ()
Graduate Students / Prospect Waseda graduate students	Assessment Form for Post Graduate Students (Original)	—
GLFP Applicants	GLFP Study Abroad Pledge (Addendum) (original)	Give a copy of the completed form to your parents/guardians.
	GLFP Statement of Purpose (original)	—
	GLFP Essay (Original)	—
Restricted Programs Applicants	Assessment Form for students applying for programs with Restrictions (Original)	—

Center for International Education, Waseda University Study Abroad Agreement

To the Dean of the Center for International Education

I, as an applicant to and participant in the short-term study abroad program at Waseda University (hereafter referred to as "the University"), hereby agree to adhere to the following terms and conditions. I acknowledge that if I violate these terms and conditions, I may lose my right to participate in the program and/or to receive support from the University, and I will not be able to lodge any complaint or protest against the University.

1. Attitudes toward Study Abroad

- 1) I am in good health, both physically and mentally, to study abroad.
- 2) I fully understand the purpose of the study abroad program and will devote myself to my studies in order to achieve the goals of the program at the host university.
- 3) I agree to complete all the courses required by the program in which I am participating.
- 4) I understand that I may be subject to immediate expulsion from the program if my academic performance falls below the standards of the host university.
- 5) Understanding that I am a representative of the University and must act responsibly, I agree to comply with the laws of my host country and the regulations of my host institution and the University during my study abroad period. I will also adhere to the instructions of the faculty members and advisors at my host institution, and strictly refrain from engaging in any acts contrary to the public order and morality of the host country.
- 6) I acknowledge that I will not hold the University and its related parties liable for damages or any other responsibility for damages and/or response measures caused by disasters, riots, terrorism, accidents, diseases, crimes, etc. in the host country during my study abroad period.
- 7) I will take responsibility for my actions. If, during my study abroad period, I cause damage/loss to my host university or a third party due to willful intent, negligence, a violation of the law, or a breach of public order and morals, I acknowledge that the University shall not be held responsible for such damages/losses. If the University is found liable for damages/losses caused to the host institution or a third party by my actions, I agree to compensate the University for any damage incurred.

2. Procedures

- 1) I will confirm the entry restrictions designated by my destination country/region and fulfill the entry requirements (i.e., presentation of proof of vaccination and/or negative test results, and epidemic prevention measures including self-isolation, etc.).
- 2) I will submit all the necessary documents related to my study abroad program by the deadlines.
- 3) I agree to take full responsibility to check and proceed with all the necessary procedures required for the program, including preparation of necessary documents, obtainment of a passport and visa, completion of procedures, such as arrangements for credit transfer, required by my school at the University, course registration, payment of study abroad fees, enrollment of insurance, arranging accommodation at the study abroad destination, etc.
- 4) I understand that even if I am nominated as a candidate for the study abroad program, it does not guarantee my participation in the program. The concerned university has the right to reject my application, and the rejection rests on the conditions and circumstances of the concerned university.
- 5) I understand that I am not allowed to withdraw from the study abroad program once the University nominates me as a candidate for the study abroad program unless the University recognizes my reason as valid and gives me approval to withdraw from the study abroad program.
- 6) I understand that an extension or shortening of the program is not allowed in principle.
- 7) I will go through the procedures needed at my school office to return to and resume my education at the University after the completion of the study abroad program.
- 8) I have secured permission and agreement from my financial supporter such as my guardian before making an application to prepare sufficient financial resources for the estimated expenses for all programs to which I intend to apply at the time of online application registration.
- 9) A guardian must be an individual who is capable of cooperating with the University, guiding, and supporting the student so that the student can carry out learning/research activities smoothly.

- 10) I will pay the prescribed fees (tuition to the University, program fees, etc.) for the study abroad program by the prescribed date. I understand that any delay in payment of these fees may cause difficulty in accreditation after finishing the study abroad program and course registrations for the following term.
- 11) I understand that the screening process for visas for the destination country is entirely under the jurisdiction of the host country's government agencies, and neither the University nor the host university can guarantee the issuance of visas. Also, I understand that the University cannot provide specific advice on visa issuance, including required documents, how to fill out forms, or whether forms are complete, as these matters are determined by the government agencies of the destination country. If I have any uncertainties, I will confirm with the corresponding institutions and consult with them myself. In addition, I will ensure that I travel only after meeting the entry requirements of the destination country.

3. Suspension/Change of the Program

- 1) Based on the conditions of public safety and infectious diseases in the host country (region), and information issued by the Japanese Government (mainly the Ministry of Foreign Affairs) including Travel Advice and Warning on Infectious Diseases, the university or host institution may, at its own discretion, decide to cancel study abroad programs, recommend return to Japan, or modify the format of study programs (e.g., Change from in-person classes abroad to online classes while staying in Japan) as deemed necessary. Therefore, I acknowledge these possibilities in advance and commit to promptly following any instructions given in such cases.
- 2) I also agree that cancellation fees, penalty fees, other additional costs, preparation cost and miscellaneous expenses incurred as a result of the above shall be borne by the participant.
- 3) I acknowledge that depending on the timing of the advice to return home, it might not allow the participant to return to the University and could involve the risk of affecting the participant's plans until graduation.
- 4) I understand that any expenses incurred up to that point, such as cancellation fees, penalty fees, additional fees, food expenses, and accommodation fees, among others, shall be borne by the participant themselves even if the participant is compelled to withdraw from the program due to sudden illness or other unavoidable circumstances.
- 5) Even after arriving at the study abroad destination, the program may be canceled or its format may be changed due to the following reasons, at the discretion of the University or the partner universities. In such cases, I understand all expenses incurred up to that point will be the participant's responsibility, and no refund will be provided by the CIE.
 - Poor academic performance
 - Failure to meet document submission deadlines or complete required procedures
 - Lack of attendance at designated events, such as orientations
 - Any other situation deemed inappropriate for continuing study abroad by the CIE or the host university

4. Risk Management

- 1) If I am accepted into the study abroad program, I agree to purchase the University-designated overseas travel insurance, which provides coverage from my departure date to my return date. If I am an international student participating in a study abroad program in my home country, I understand that this requirement applies to me as well.
- 2) I agree to purchase both the insurance designated by the University and the one designated by my host university if the latter requires me to purchase separate insurance in addition to the one designated by the University.
- 3) Concerning the insurance designated by the University, the start date of coverage will be the day I depart from Japan, provided however, if my flight departs late at night, coverage will start on the day I leave home. If I am of foreign nationality and decide to briefly stop at my home country before going to the country of my host university, the start date of coverage will still be the day I leave Japan. ☐The coverage package will be standardized. Any addition or reduction of compensation shall not be permitted.
- 4) If there is any accommodation designated by my host university or the University, I will stay at that accommodation during my study abroad period.
- 5) I understand that if any accommodation is not designated, I will gather information in advance and be responsible to secure a place to stay on my own.
- 6) As a general rule, arranging communication devices at the destination is the individual's responsibility. For emergency preparedness, promptly report my local contact information (including the mobile phone number to be used regularly after arrival) via the university-designated form before departure or upon arrival.

5. Provision of Personal Information

- 1) I agree to allow the CIE to share my personal information with my host university in order to administer the study abroad program.
- 2) I agree to allow the University to receive my academic and/or other personal information regarding daily life from my host university for the purpose of administering the study abroad program and ensuring my safety.
- 3) I agree that the CIE or my school office may share the necessary information with my guardian, without obtaining my consent, on the grounds of risk management or other purposes.
- 4) I understand that the University may use the personal information contained in the submitted documents in order to contact me and to invite me to events and various briefing sessions held by the University as someone who has experienced studying abroad.
- 5) I agree that if applying for a study abroad program that uses group airline tickets, the University may provide a copy of my passport and personal information (name, date of birth, gender, passport number, expiration date, etc.) to the travel agency and airline company responsible for arranging tentative roundtrip flight reservations.
- 6) For the purpose of administering the study abroad program and responding to any emergencies, I agree that the personal details of myself and my guardian, as well as risk management information, including any accidents during the study abroad period, which I have provided to the University, the insurance company designated by the University, the crisis management agency, travel agencies, and the host university through various procedures necessary for my participation in the study abroad program, may be shared and used by the University, the designated insurance company, the crisis management agency, travel agencies, airline companies, and the relevant ministries and embassies.

6. Consent of guardian

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the Application Guide including the above specified, fully discussed the matters with my guardian, and have decided to apply for the study abroad program based on our mutual understanding.

This is the end of the agreement. Signature blocks appear below.

Date (Date/Month/Year): Student ID Number: _____

Student's signature:

(Must be handwritten by the student)

I, as the guardian of the aforementioned student, take full responsibility that he or she will strictly abide by the terms and conditions stated above.

Guardian's Signature:

Date (Date/Month/Year): _____

(Must be handwritten by the guardian)

Please submit both page 1, 2 and 3 of the agreement although the signature block is on page 2 (Do not only submit the last page).

Important Notes for CS-L (1S) Application

1. Before Applying

These programs allow only a short period from decision on the program (scheduled for December 3, 2026) to departure (scheduled between February and March 2027). Therefore, you need to complete necessary procedures in a very short period before departure. Consequently, only students who are able to carry out the procedures within a short time can apply for these programs.

2. Points to keep in mind

→ **Only those who understand the following precautions and risks are allowed to apply.**

1) Preparation starts **before** the decision on the program (scheduled for December 3).

- Students need to start preparing documents for immigration procedures and securing accommodation at their prospective host countries. (Details will be provided in advance only to applicants for these programs.)
- Regardless of the progress of the procedure, students may not be selected as candidates for their preferred programs as a result of the internal screening.
- Expenses incurred during the procedures need to be borne by the students even if they are selected to participate in another program as a result of the internal screening.
- Even when a student has been confirmed to participate in the program, his/her participation will be void if he/she fails to prepare documents designated by the CIE by the deadline.

2) The travel may get canceled **before or immediately after** the recruitment closure.

- Programs may be canceled before the decision of the participating program, due to security or infectious disease conditions.
- Programs may be canceled after you have been selected as a candidate for the program for such reasons as worsened security or infectious disease conditions. If a student has been selected as a candidate for the canceled program, he/she is not able to shift to another program.
- All the expenses incurred during the procedures need to be borne by the students even if their preferred programs get canceled.
- Some universities or host countries may require specific vaccinations. It is essential that you check the requirements for your destination and complete all necessary preparations before traveling. If you are unable to travel to your destination due to lack of preparation, you will be responsible for paying the preparation costs.
- An assignment requiring **a certain level of English proficiency** may be given before participation in the program.

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Important Notes on Homestay

1. Applicable Students

Those who are planning to apply for a program with the possibility of accommodation being a “homestay”, please follow the notes below.

2. Notes

- 1) Detailed information about the host family will be confirmed immediately before departure. It is subject to change after the assignment due to various circumstances such as urgent business, illness, and so on. Once decided, your host family cannot be changed for “personal reasons.”
- 2) You cannot request changes due to reasons, such as “I don’t like the family structure;”, “The location is far away;”, “The internet connection is poor.” The environment of the host family is not always the same as others, and the lifestyle and family structure of the host family, race, meals, presence or absence of pets, facilities, and commuting distance to host institution depend on the family with whom you stay. Do not compare your host family to the host families of other participants.
- 3) After staying with your host family, in case you experience inconvenience in your daily life and find it difficult to stay with them, first, please discuss the problem with your host family members. In most cases, such problems can be resolved through discussion; however, should the problem remain unresolved, please feel free to consult with the international office or accommodation office of your host university. Even if your English is not well-developed, please do not hesitate to contact the staff at your local office. Even a small feeling of discomfort, if left unresolved, can cause a bigger problem later on.
- 4) Be sure to lock the doors and keep your valuables safe no matter where you stay.
- 5) Please keep in mind that Japan is a fairly safe country and take appropriate precautions.
- 6) In general, please understand that the living environment, including safety and hygiene is not what you are used to in Japan.
- 7) You may be placed at the same homestay as other Japanese, university students who participate in the same program, or students from other countries.
- 8) Respect the house rules during your stay and act as a member of the host family rather than as a guest. It is wise of you not to expect too much from your host family, for example, treating you like a guest, taking you somewhere on the weekend or asking for special treatment.
- 9) If either you or your members of your host family contract COVID-19, you may need to arrange separate accommodation for self-isolation. In that case, please be aware that it may incur extra costs of booking another accommodation.
- 10) Lack of the required number of vaccine doses may prevent you from securing accommodation without a prior consent of your host family.

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Important Notes for Applicants with Non-Japanese Citizenship

1. Overview

You must return your residence card to the immigration inspector at the airport when leaving Japan for study-abroad. Therefore, **do not** apply for the “Special Re-entry permit” system, even when the immigration inspector may tell you to do so (We have been strictly instructed by the Immigration Bureau to make sure our students follow this rule).

2. Backgrounds

- The "Student" visa is valid only while you are studying in Japan (your study abroad period would be regarded as a term you cannot engage in activities as an “Student” in Japan). Therefore, when you leave Japan for study-abroad, you **MUST** return your residence card regardless of the remaining validity period of your residence card.
- Recently the operation of the Immigration Bureau has become stricter regarding this rule. There have been several cases where students who returned to their own countries without returning their residence cards after studying abroad were questioned by the Immigration Bureau as to why they did not return them.
- On the other hand, it seems that this rule has not yet been implemented throughout all the immigration inspectors at the airport; There are still cases when the immigration inspector at the airport recommends you the “Special Re-entry permit”. However, if you carelessly follow their words in this case, you may be at a disadvantage later when it comes to your residency-related procedures, so please carefully follow the basic rule.
- As an exception, when a CHINESE student is going study-abroad to a University in TAIWAN, circumstances would be slightly different, so please contact the CIE office in advance.

3. FAQs

Q1	What should I do when returning to Waseda?
A1	<u>You would be required to apply for a new visa with a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) before coming back to Japan. The CIE office will send you detailed information about the procedures by email</u> (around October for semester programs, and around April for 1- year programs).
Q2	I want to travel back and forth between my study abroad destination and Japan for job hunting or research/seminar activities during my study abroad. What should I do?
A2	● Even in this case, you must return your residence card when leaving Japan. When entering Japan temporarily, you must obtain a short-term visa each time. ● Voluntary research activities/seminar activities would not be regarded as activities that are appropriate for a "Student" visa status. Since "Student" visa is allowed only while taking official courses at Waseda, you MUST return your residence card when leaving Japan.

Q3	There would be some blank period between “the end of my study-abroad program” and “the start of the next semester at Waseda”. May I not return my residence card 38 Appendix 5 when going study-abroad so that I can enter Japan during this period?
A3	Even in this case, you MUST return your residence card when leaving Japan. Please spend your time in your home country etc. during this period. If you prefer to enter Japan temporarily during this term, you must obtain a short-term visa each time.

Q4	My study abroad program will end well before the start of the semester at Waseda University. May I return to Japan earlier than usual?
A4	● The “student” status of residence arranged through Waseda University cannot be used to enter Japan significantly earlier than the start of the semester at Waseda. Please plan to enter Japan in time for the semester, which begins in April for the spring semester and September for the fall semester. As a general guideline, the earliest entry date is approximately one month before the start of classes. ● If you plan to enter Japan earlier than that, please consider other options, such as obtaining a Temporary Visitor visa. In this case, you may submit your Certificate of Eligibility (COE) application while in Japan. However, once the COE is issued, you will need to leave Japan and obtain your student visa through a Japanese embassy or consulate outside Japan.

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