Fukuoka Women's University is offering its short-term study abroad program to ambitious international students focusing on Japanese culture from September, 2017 to August, 2018. The students can choose to participate in the program for either 1 year or 1 semester (starting September 2017 or April 2018).

The WJC program was established in 2010 as a milestone in the Fukuoka Women's University's internationalization effort. The program grants participants from each partner university a scholarship. Based on the availability of student positions and the number of applications from partner universities, a total of 25 to 30 students will be selected as participants. Only female students are eligible for WJC.

It is desirable (and important for us to maintain diversity of a student body) that applicants come from various academic fields, such as liberal arts, social sciences and natural sciences as well as Japanese studies majors.

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| 2. Duration of scholarship  
  Either 1 year (September, 2017 – August, 2018) or 1 semester (September, 2017 – February, 2018 OR April, 2018- August 2018)  |
| 3. Reimbursement of Air fare (round-trip)  
  Up to 100,000 JPY  |
| 4. Accommodation fees at student dormitory  
  Waived (The utility fee of 9,900JPY is not waived.)  |
| 5. Tuition fees  
  Waived according to the student exchange agreement or memorandum  |
Requirements for exchange students

1. TOEFL iBT (not required for native English speakers): Over 61
   Acceptable for TOEIC (Over 600) and IELTs (Over 5.0) instead of TOEFL.
2. Total GPA: Over 3.0/4.0
   * If academic transcript does not show the student’s GPA, an additional letter is required stating the student’s grade equal a GPA of 3.0/4.0 or more.
3. JLPT N2 or higher equivalent will be required for the student who will choose JLC.
   *No Japanese requirements for JSC) and JCC) students.

List of documents required for admission

1. Application form * Attachment
2. Academic Records
3. Proof of GPA 3.0/4.0
4. Recommendation letters (two academic advisors)
5. TOEFL Score (not required for native English speakers)
6. JLPT Score or Proof of your Japanese equivalent by teachers (Only for JLC students.)
7. Essay (motivation for application)
8. Independent Study Project (ISP) proposal sheet (Type written) *Attachment
9. Certificate of Health *Attachment
10. Copy of passport

Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Application deadline

1. December 9th, 2016
   Scanned for all applicant’s required documents should be collected by and sent through the relevant office of the home university to Yuko TSUBAKI (Ms.) (otsu@fwu.ac.jp) and So OTA (Mr) (otaso@fwu.ac.jp) Applications directly sent by applicants to FWU will not be accepted.
2. December 31st, 2016
   Hard copies of the selected people will be expected to reach our office no later than the day.

Determination of Participants

The determination of participants and scholarship recipients will be informed early February, 2017.

Course Information (*provisional: based on Fall 2016 - Spring 2017 WJC program curriculum)

1. (Morning) Japanese Language Class (credits: depends on the class level)
   Usually, 4 Japanese language courses (Beginner (L1) - Advanced (L4)) are offered in each semester. (Beginner course (L1) is offered only in Fall semester.) You are assigned into the most appropriate class based on the result of placement test during the orientation.

2. (Afternoon) Culture & Society Class (2 credits / class)
   WJC offers a variety of subjects about the Japanese culture and society such as literature, economics, politics, law, art, manga, movie, Hakata local culture and so on. Those subjects are classified under the 3 elective courses depending on the main theme:
   — Japanese Language and Culture Course (JLC)
     (Language: Japanese. Focus on Japanese Culture. Equivalent of JLPT N2 or higher required)
   — Japanese Contemporary Society Course (JCS)
     (Language: English. Focus on Japanese Society.)
   — Japanese Contemporary Culture Course (JCC)
     (Language: English. Focus on Japanese Culture.)

In principle, all lectures are 2 credits (per 22.5 class hours)
Please see the attachments: class syllabus abstracts.
Cf. Spring 2016 & Fall 2016 syllabus is on FWU HP
⇒ http://www.fwu.ac.jp/english/international/
Other activities

1. Field trips
2. Guest speakers: writers and manga artists
   Japanese famous authors and culture creators discuss current issues with students.
3. Independent Study (2 credits)
   Students are required to research one topic related to Japanese culture during their stay. Academic advisors assist them with their research. Students can choose for an Independent Study Project either focusing on contemporary or traditional topics.
4. Home Visit Program
   Japanese families are introduced to exchange students for monthly visits.
5. Japanese Student Buddy System (JD-Mates)
   FWU students called ‘JD-Mates’ will support exchange students.
6. Experienced-Based Learning Activities
   Students have many chances to learn Japanese culture and society through a variety of experiences as below.
   6-1. Japanese Language Only “Survival Camp”
     Excursion where students can only use Japanese.
     School visit and one-night home stay at Japanese Family.
   6-2. English Village
     Supporting the weekend experience for studying abroad for FWU students.
   6-3. Local School Visit
     Visit local junior high schools or high schools and exchange different cultures with Japanese pupils.
   6-4. Dormitory Activities
     Parties, language exchange, sports, lectures,…etc.

Accommodation

WJC students are guaranteed accommodation in the University’s Nadeshiko Dormitory (International Friendship House). Each unit of the dormitory has four single bed rooms, one dining area with kitchen, one lavatory, and one bathroom. WJC students will live together with Japanese students in one unit.

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