

Meiji University Offers Brand-new Program "Science and Technology in Japan"

In the summer of 2016, Meiji University hosts a new practical short-term program for the second grade or higher (as of July 6th) undergraduate students. Students majoring in science and technology in our partner universities can apply. The program is specially designed for the students in Science / Engineering fields and will be conducted in English.

Students will visit several companies and institutions in so called the Greater Tokyo Area which is the most populated city with 37 million people in the world (ref. "Wikipedia"). It is not only the center of Japanese science and technology, but also the center of politics, economics, culture, and is the most exciting place in Japan. Its gross prefecture product exceeds 1.4 trillion US\$, over 1700 public-listed companies have their headquarter offices here, and 7.47 million people are working. Since Japan has its base in the field of technology, it can be said that the Greater Tokyo Area is the heart, and the brain of the country.

In this program students will learn various aspects of science and technology in Japan such as automobile, electronics, chemical products, computer science, etc. together with an introductory lecture concerning Japanese society, culture, and language. The program will be conducted in 9 consecutive days (including free time on Saturday and Sunday). All the technical contents are given in such an integrated style that each day activity is composed of a lecture on the fundamentals (forenoon) and a visit to related company or institution (afternoon). The students would deeply touch the knowledge and the understanding of the wondering country, Japan that is one of the safest countries all over the world.

<Objective>

This program aims to provide opportunity to learn and understand Japanese industry and culture through triply combined phases, which is via (1) preliminary study, (2) on-site classes (lecture, student exchange, field work, and discussion), and (3) final report. The ultimate objective of this program is to support students' future professional carrier and talent through the program.

Although we expect to receive application from students who have profound interests in Japanese industry and culture, we DO WELCOME those who have no experience up to now in Japan or even no knowledge on Japan.

<Schedule>

(1) Preliminary Study before Coming to Japan

Introduction to Japan will be the first subject. Students will learn basics of Japanese society, science and technology by on-line study using websites and e-mail exchanges with a lecturer of the program

(2) On-site Classes (From : Wed. 6th of July , To : Thu.14th of July)

- 1) Japanese language and culture (3days, 270 min ; Ikuta campus, Meiji University)
- 2) Technical field lectures (electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, applied chemistry, computer science) (4 days, 360min)
- 3) Field work (visit several companies, to observe manufacturing and/or research & development sites and to have discussion with the workers) (4days, 560min)
- 4) Group work by students for summarizing what they have learned during their stay, the result of which will be presented (180 min)

(3) Final Report

Students are required to submit a final report one month after returning to their country. The report should be submitted to us through the home university.

<Administrative Procedure>

1. Who Can Apply?

Students must be recommended by their home university. Please contact your home university for application details.

2. How To Apply?

Apply online on our website by using an ID and a password provided from Meiji University to your home university. The application period is from 11th Mon. April to 6th Wed. May 2016.

3. Acceptable Total Number of Students

The maximum acceptable number is five in total. If there are more applicants, we might ask partner universities to adjust the number of students they recommend.

4. Language

The program will be conducted in English. All the students need to have sufficient English ability in order to understand the lectures and explanations about technical tours.

5. Application Criteria

Students are required to;

- 1) be an undergraduate student registered in Meiji University's partner institution during the whole period of the program. Students also need to be in the second academic year or higher at the time of 6th July, 2016.
- 2) be recommended by their home university
- 3) attend the program through the whole period.
- 4) have sufficient English ability to attend the classes and make the necessary administrative procedures.
- 5) to have an approval of their physician before applying for the program if they have chronic disease or any pre-existing conditions.

6. Venue

Ikuta campus, Meiji University (address : 1-1-1 Higashi-mita, Tama-ku, Kawasaki, Kanagawa, JAPAN)

* The nearest railway station is "Ikuta". Ikuta campus is within walking distance (about 10 minutes) from Ikuta Station. To reach Ikuta Station, you need to go to Mukogaoka Yuen Station (approximately 20 minutes express train ride from Shinjuku Station) and change to a local train or a semi-express. Ikuta station is next station from Mukogaoka Yuen station (2 minutes train ride).

7. Program Fees

The fee is 70 thousand Japanese yen, which includes tuition fee, educational materials, domestic transportation between the Campus and companies/institutions in the period of the program, insurance, and welcome & farewell parties. Students need to pay for their air fare, accommodation, meals, and domestic transportation from and to the airport in Japan.

The estimated expenses during the stay are as follows:

Meals : About 20-30 thousand Japanese yen

Transportation: About 15 thousand Japanese yen

8. Accommodation

Students need to arrange their accommodation on their own. For reference, some useful information will be provided on the website of the program.

9. Payment

Only the credit card payment will be accepted. Please note that the refundable

amount of the paid fees change depending on the cancellation date. All the handling or service fees incurred for refunding the program fees will be borne by the applicant. Two or three month might be needed to complete the refunding procedure.

<Cancellation policy>

On or before the following days (Japan time), the written percentage of the paid fees will be refunded;

Wednesday, 1st of June, 2016 100%

Friday, 10th of June, 2016 50%

Monday, 27th of June, 2016 20%

On or after Tuesday, 28th of June, 2016, no refund is available.

10. Scholarship

JASSO (Japan Student Services Organization) scholarship (80 thousand Japanese yen *subject to change) will be provided to 3 students after selection. In order to be qualified as a scholarship recipient, students are required to satisfy all the following conditions (*subject to change);

- 1) Must hold nationality of countries that have diplomatic relations with Japan. Taiwan (ROC) and Palestine are included. Those who have Japanese nationality at the time of application are NOT acceptable.
- 2) Needs to be already accepted by Meiji University based on student exchange cooperation agreement etc.
- 3) Demonstrates excellent academic and personal records in the home university. The student's grade of the previous academic year must be equal or over 2.30 out of 3.00 which is calculated by the JASSO GPA formula. If there is no last academic year evaluation, previous semester grade score will be used.
- 4) Needs this scholarship to attend the program for financial reason.
- 5) Needs to return to the home university after completing the program and continue his or her studies to obtain a degree.
- 6) If a student receives another scholarship (including Meiji University and the home university) to participate the program, the total amount of the support (excluding air fare, scholarship loan, and academic loan) should not exceed 80 thousand per month.

If there are more than 3 students who satisfy all the conditions, the best three would be selected based on the order of grade evaluation score. We, School of Science and Technology (SST), Meiji University will select the candidate and recommend them to

JASSO. Please note that satisfying all the requirements and recommendation from Meiji University do not mean that students are guaranteed to receive the scholarship. The result of selection by SST will be notified to the home institution by the time of end of May.

11. Visa

Visa assistance is not available for this program and students are required to obtain a visa on their own if necessary.

12. Miscellaneous

A completion certificate will be issued to all the participants upon completing the program (submitting the final report), an academic transcript is not available.

Summer in the Greater Tokyo Area has hot temperature and highly humid climate. It is true that public sanitary condition is very good, but please be very careful about your physical condition during the stay.

《Website for School of Science and Technology of Meiji University》

<http://www.meiji.ac.jp/sst/index.html> (Japanese)

<http://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/english/undergraduate/science/index.html> (English)

《Some pictures of Tokyo》

Sky Tree Tower



Asakusa



Ginza



The Diet Building

