

# Gunma University Summer Session 2025

## Application Guidelines

### 1. Objective

This session is designed for undergraduate and graduate students from Gunma University's partner institutions. Over the course of five days, participants will engage in hands-on learning experiences unique to Japan and Gunma. Through project-based learning (PBL) that encourages observation, critical thinking, and teamwork, students will complete a group project. The goal of the session is to deepen participants' interest in Gunma University.

### 2. Eligibility and Requirements

- Must be enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student at a Gunma University partner institution at the time of the session.
- Must belong to a university that received this invitation.
- Must have sufficient English proficiency to understand lectures conducted in English.
- Must be willing to actively participate in group work.
- Must be available to attend all five days of the session.
- Must purchase overseas travel insurance before arrival in Japan.

### 3. Period, Capacity, and Fees

<b>Dates:</b>	<b>August 25 (Mon) – August 29 (Fri), 2025 (5 days)</b>
<b>Capacity:</b>	30 participants (In principle, approximately five students per institution)
<b>Tuition:</b>	Free
<b>Accommodation + Activity Fee:</b>	¥50,000
<b>Other Personal Expenses:</b>	Round-trip travel to Gunma University (including international flights and public transportation within Japan), lunch (available at the university cafeteria for approximately ¥500–¥700 per meal), dinner, personal sightseeing expenses, and travel insurance premiums.
※ Bus transportation on August 26 (Tue) and 27 (Wed) will be provided free of charge.	

### 4. Overview

This session focuses on lectures and hands-on experiences related to Japanese language and culture, regional aspects of Gunma, and research and industries connected to Gunma University. It is primarily conducted in English and also provides opportunities to interact with Japanese students.

Over the course of five days, participants will engage in unique, Gunma-specific activities designed to foster independent thinking through Project-Based Learning (PBL). PBL is a form of active learning in which students identify their own questions or challenges, conduct research and analysis, deepen their understanding through group discussions, and ultimately present their findings.

As the final outcome of the session, participants will create a “Creative Flyer.” Based on what they have learned and experienced during the five days, each group will work collaboratively to design a flyer that promotes either Gunma or Gunma University.

## 5. Accommodation

<b>Hotel:</b>	Comfort Hotel Maebashi (Check-in: August 24 / Check-out: August 29) Approximate total cost for 5 nights: ¥41,600 <a href="https://www.choice-hotels.jp/hotel/maebashi/">https://www.choice-hotels.jp/hotel/maebashi/</a>
<b>Address:</b>	2-18-14 Omotecho, Maebashi-shi, Gunma 371-0024
<b>TEL:</b>	+81-27-226-7911
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Private room (with in-room shower)</li> <li>- Free breakfast buffet (6:30–9:30) – dietary allergies can be discussed at the front desk</li> <li>- Comfort Library Café (with books and charging spaces)</li> <li>- Free Wi-Fi available</li> </ul>	

## Nearby Facilities (within a 5-minute walk):

- E'site Maebashi: <https://www.takasakitb.co.jp/e-maebashi/>
- McDonald's
- Convenience stores

## 6. Schedule (Tentative as of March 25, 2025)

Date	Topic	Morning	Lunch	Afternoon (Lectures + Group Work)
<b>Aug. 24</b>	<b>Individual check-in at accommodation</b>			
Aug. 25	Japanese language/ Japan/Maebashi/ Gunma/Aramaki	Visit to Maebashi Historia (10:00) → Public Bus Visit to Prefectural Office (11:15) → Public Bus	Cafeteria (Aramaki)	<b>Opening Ceremony</b> <b>Campus Tour (Aramaki)</b> <u>Lecture 1: Survival Japanese</u> <u>Lecture 2: About Gunma Prefecture</u> -Group formation + Group Work(GW) -Orientation & Goal Setting
Aug. 26 (Chartered Bus)	Gunma / Kiryu Experiential Learning + GW	Sightseeing & Hands-on Learning in Kiryu City (10:00–12:00)	Cafeteria (Kiryu)	<b>Campus Tour (Kiryu)</b> <u>Lecture 3: Research at Gunma Univ. (1)</u> <u>Lecture 4: Research at Gunma Univ. (2)</u> PBL (GW): Goal Setting
Aug. 27 (Chartered Bus)	Industry & Food Culture Experiential Learning + GW	Tomioka Silk Mill (9:00) Konjac Park (10:00): - Konjac Making (10:30–11:00) - Konjac Buffet (11:00–) - Foot Bath (11:30–)	Cafeteria (Aramaki)	<u>Lecture 5: Research at Gunma Univ. (3)</u>  ★Reflection on Lectures 1–5 PBL (GW): Goal Setting
Aug. 28	Japanese Culture Experiential Learning + GW	<b>Cultural Experiences</b> (Tea Ceremony, Calligraphy, Koto Performance, etc.)	Cafeteria (Aramaki)	PBL (GW): Begin Flyer Creation Set Goals for Final Day
Aug. 29	Final Presentations & Farewell Party	Final Flyer Creation Presentation Preparation & Rehearsal	Cafeteria (Aramaki)	<b>Final Presentations</b> Peer Feedback <b>Farewell Party</b>

*Note.* The details of the schedule are subject to change, but the dates and main content will remain the same.  
Lectures may be delivered in person, online, or on demand.

## 7. Application

<b>How to Apply:</b>	Submit the application via your university's international office using the following form: <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/2skEFZ7tcN">https://forms.office.com/r/2skEFZ7tcN</a>
<b>Application Deadline:</b>	April 30 (Wed), 2025
<b>Selection Process:</b>	Participants will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis, with consideration for nationality, institution, and gender balance.
<b>Notification of Acceptance:</b>	Results will be announced by May 15 (Thu), 2025.
※ If a visa-related certificate is required, it will be issued by the end of June.	
※ Accepted applicants must promptly submit a copy of their passport.	

## 8. About Gunma University

Gunma University is located approximately 100 km northwest of Tokyo and comprises four faculties: Cooperative Faculty of Education, Informatics, Medicine, and School of Science and Technology. Situated in a prefecture rich in nature and culture, it offers an environment conducive to calm, focused thinking and academic growth. The university places a strong emphasis on both education and research, and actively welcomes international students.

## 9. Contact Information

### Gunma University International Office

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# Gunma University 2025 5-Day Summer Session

Dive into Japan, Explore Gunma!

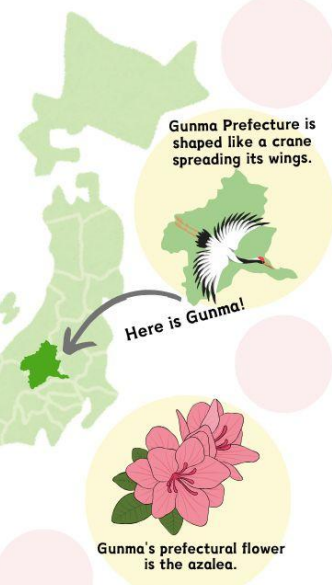
August 25–29, 2025 (Monday–Friday)

Gunma Prefecture is home to Shibukawa City, often regarded as Japan's geographical center. Just south of Shibukawa lies Maebashi City, where Gunma University's Aramaki and Showa Campuses are located. To the northeast of Maebashi, you'll find Kiryu City with the Kiryu Campus, and to the southeast lies Ota City, home to the Ota Campus.

This program is designed for students from our partner universities to explore and deeply understand Gunma University, Gunma Prefecture, and Japan. Through lectures, group work, and field trips, participants will experience Japan's culture and the unique characteristics of Gunma firsthand.

On the final day, participants will present their insights, comparing their experiences in Gunma with their home countries and discussing how to effectively share Gunma's appeal with the world. This activity will also help participants develop presentation and leadership skills.

As ambassadors of Gunma University, you will play a vital role in promoting the beauty and uniqueness of Gunma globally. Let's discover the wonders of Gunma together, create unforgettable memories, and make this summer a turning point in your academic journey. Consider Gunma University as your next study destination!



## Basic Schedule

### DAY 1: Welcome and Orientation

Campus Tour, Opening Ceremony, Introduction to Japanese Culture and Gunma

### DAY 2: Industry and Innovation

Campus Visit, Lectures, and Group Discussion

### DAY 3: Gunma's Traditions and Delicacies

Tomioka Silk Mill, Konjac Park, and Afternoon Group Discussion

### DAY 4: Preparation and Reflection

Panel Discussion, Group Work, and Creative Flyer Planning

### DAY 5: Presentation and Farewell

Final Presentations, Group Feedback, and Farewell Party

## Meeting Time and Point

= Public transportation = Chartered bus

10:00AM at Maebashi Station



08:30AM at Maebashi Station



08:30AM at Maebashi Station



09:00AM at Aramaki Campus



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## Tuition Fee: Free

Participants are responsible for their own travel expenses.

## Accommodation and meals:

Approximately 50,000 yen (including breakfast)

Comfort Hotel Maebashi

<https://www.choice-hotels.jp/hotel/maebashi/>

## For Inquiries:

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