

Gunma University Summer Session 2026

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. This short program is designed to foster participants' interest in Japan and Gunma University by offering opportunities to attend regular classes at Gunma University and to take part in Japanese cultural activities.

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

Dates:	Monday, July 6–Friday, July 10, 2026 (5 days)
Capacity:	20 participants
Tuition:	Free
Accommodation + Activity Fee:	¥60,000 (¥54,000 for accommodation and ¥6,000 for activity fees)
Other Personal Expenses:	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.
※ Transportation for program activities in Ikaho and Kiryu is provided; participants do not need to pay for these transfers.	

4. Overview

Through this five-day session, participants can attend regular courses taught in English at Gunma University and experience academic life at the University. The program also includes a visit to Ikaho Onsen, cultural activities in Kiryu—home to the School of Science and Technology campus—hands-on practice in Japanese-style painting (nihonga), and opportunities to discuss Japanese pop culture with Gunma University students. In addition, participants will have opportunities to interact with Japanese university students as well as pupils from Gunma University's affiliated schools.

5. Accommodation

Hotel:	Comfort Hotel Maebashi (Check-in: July 5 / Check-out: July 11) Approximate total cost for 6 nights: ¥54,000 https://www.choice-hotels.jp/hotel/maebashi/
Address:	2-18-14 Omotecho, Maebashi-shi, Gunma 371-0024
TEL:	+81-27-226-7911
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Private room (with in-room shower) - Free breakfast buffet (6:30–9:00) – dietary allergies can be discussed at the front desk - Comfort Library Café (with books and charging spaces) - Free Wi-Fi available 	

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 February 2026)

Date	Topic	Morning	Lunch	Afternoon
July 5, 2026	—	Individual check-in at accommodation.	—	—
July 6, 2026	History / Culture	Opening Ceremony (10:30).	Aramaki Cafeteria.	Opening program; visit to Ikaho Onsen.
July 7, 2026 (Chartered bus)	Academic Experience / Course Attendance / Cultural Activities	Exchange with Japanese students (through attending English-taught classes alongside them).	Aramaki Cafeteria.	Traditional Japanese musical instruments workshop (koto, shamisen) and an English-language lecture on Japanese studies.
July 8, 2026 (Chartered bus)	Visit to Affiliated Schools / Course Attendance	Visit to the University's affiliated school.	At the affiliated school.	Lecture ("AI and the Future of Humanity"; in English).
July 9, 2026	Cultural Experience (Kiryu)	Japanese cultural experience (visit to a traditional folk house).	Kiryu Campus Cafeteria.	Experience Japanese culture (kimono dressing and indigo dyeing).
July 10, 2026	Exchange / Reports / Farewell	Exchange with Japanese students (discussion on Japanese pop culture).	Aramaki Campus Cafeteria.	Participant reflections on the session and farewell gathering.

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

How to Apply:	Please apply through the designated office at your home institution. Your university will collect the applications and contact Gunma University on your behalf.
Application Deadline:	Thursday, March 31, 2026
Selection Process:	Selection will take into account nationality, home institution, and gender balance. If the number of applications exceeds the available places, the number of participants accepted from each institution may be limited.
Notification of Acceptance:	Notification of acceptance will be sent by Wednesday, April 15, 2026
※ If a visa-related certificate is required, it will be issued by mid-May.	
※ 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: the Cooperative Faculty of Education, the Faculty of Informatics, the Faculty of Medicine, and the 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

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