

# Shujitsu Summer Program 2026 (SSP 2026)

Dear Partners,

I am writing to you on behalf of Shujitsu University in Okayama, Japan. Shujitsu University is now recruiting participants for Shujitsu Summer Program 2026 (SSP 2026).

This program is designed for students who are interested in Japan and Japanese culture. Students can have various learning experiences through a Japanese class, short lectures and visits to local sightseeing spots. All lectures / tours are conducted *in English*. (English translation will be provided if it's not conducted in English.)

## Highlights of the program

- Most program participation fees and local travel expenses will be provided by Shujitsu University.
- Knowledge about Japanese culture can be attained through experiences and visits. (Tea ceremony, Zen meditation, Japanese temples, gardens, and a castle, etc.)
- Housing in a dormitory
- Basic Japanese language class and Japanese culture class
- Many chances to form friendships while interacting with local and international students.

## Program details

■ Number of participants: **20 students** (from among our partner institutions)

■ Program dates: **August 20 to August 27, 2026**

■ Program schedule:

- August 20 Arrival in Japan (housing in dormitory), brief orientation and welcome party
- August 21 Orientation, Japanese class, traditional Japanese games, and campus tour
- August 22 Japanese culture class, visit to Sogenji-temple (Zen meditation), Okayama Castle and Korakuen Garden
- August 23 Day Trip to Kurashiki City Historic Quarter and Kibitsu-shrine
- August 24 Tea ceremony and Japanese cooking experience
- August 25 Day Trip to Ikurado\*, Buddhist vegetarian cuisine experience and visit to Hofukuji-temple  
\*Ikurado is a stalactite cave; Okayama Prefecture Designated Natural Heritage site
- August 26 Presentation, farewell party
- August 27 Return to country of origin

■ Housing:

Housing in a dormitory will be provided by Shujitsu University from August 20 until the morning of August 27. Shujitsu buddy members will guide participants from Nishigawara station (the nearest station to Shujitsu University) to the dormitory.

■ Fees provided by Shujitsu University:

- Most participation and transportation fees during the program
- Japanese class and lecture fees
- Dormitory fees (August 20 until the morning of August 27)
- 2 meals (welcome and farewell parties) and 3 lunches

■ Student financial responsibilities:

- Travel to and from country of origin and Japan
- Travel expenses within Japan to and from point/port of entry and Shujitsu University (Nishigawara station)
- Free time activities
- Other personal expenses (most meals, daily necessities, etc.)

We ask that host institutions assure that recommended students have enough funds to participate in our summer program and that they purchase proper insurance coverage.

■ Participation and number of possible applicants from each partner institution:

- One student from each of our partner institutions is assured a participation slot.
- Each partner institution may recommend up to 3 participants; however, depending on overall numbers and budget constraints, all recommended students may not be able to participate.
- Participants will be chosen based on their application materials.
- Depending on the number of applicants and the selection process, each institution may be able to send more than one participant.
- Results will be sent out around the middle of June.

Application procedure

■ Application documents: (\*Please see Summer Program Checklist)

Applicants must be fully matriculated students from our partner institutions (preferably without Japanese citizenship)

■ Application deadline: **May 22, 2026**

■ Application materials and inquiries should be directed to:

- Ms. Misato Ichiishi (International Affairs Office staff at Shujitsu University)
- Email: [i-center@shujitsu.ac.jp](mailto:i-center@shujitsu.ac.jp)

I am confident that your students will have productive and rewarding summer experiences through this program.

Sincerely yours,



Laurence Dante  
Director, International Affairs Office  
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*\*Please note that although we will gladly accept applications, the program may be altered or even cancelled depending upon the global situation and Japanese government policies, etc. We also might request additional application materials as required by the Japanese government. Thank you in advance for your understanding.*