

Call for Applicants



Tokyo Metropolitan University's Summer Program 2026

“Tokyo Creative Journey”

June 23 – July 8, 2026

Tokyo Metropolitan University's (TMU) Summer Program offers a 3-week program, *Tokyo Creative Journey*, for students from TMU's partner institutions. Through a variety of engaging activities, participants will gain a deeper understanding and appreciation for Japan's rich cultural heritage.

Venue: TMU Minami-Osawa Campus

Dates: June 23 (Tue.) – July 8 (Wed.), 2026

Instruction: English

Program Fee: 140,000 JPY

Course Outline:

- Master Everyday Japanese: Progress at your own pace from CEFR Level A1 to A2.2. Build the confidence to speak naturally in real-world situations.
- Experience Authentic Culture: Experience culture with expert-led immersion in Japan's traditional and contemporary arts. Our 2026 curriculum includes tea ceremony, calligraphy, traditional puppetry, martial arts, architecture, and pop culture.

Eligibility: (1) Undergraduate or graduate students from TMU's partner institutions and (2) those who have never studied Japanese, or are at a beginner level. (Admission is competitive with only 30 seats available.)

Application Process

Step 1: Confirm you have been officially nominated by your home university's international office.

Step 2: Prepare the following items for your application:

- (1) Visa request form (if applicable)
- (2) Official transcript from your home university
- (3) Copy of passport (photo page; must be valid at least 6 months beyond the program end date)
- (4) ID Photo (PDF, max 500KB)
- (5) Japanese proficiency test result: All students must take SPOT90 and submit the result, regardless of prior Japanese study. SPOT90: <https://ttbj.cegloc.tsukuba.ac.jp/en/p1.html>
- (6) JLPT score (if applicable)
- (7) English proficiency score (Applicants should have at least these English scores: IELTS 6.0, TOEFL iBT 78, or TOEIC 653) Note: English scores are required for students whose primary language of instruction is not English. / English proficiency test scores are valid for two years.



Step 3: Submit them via the following URL or the QR code **by April 10**.

https://www.ic.tmu.ac.jp/english/study_abroad/short_program_application.html



- During the selection process, we will evaluate the application documents and the information provided in the form.
- Japanese test scores will be used to assess applicants' proficiency and assign them to suitable classes. For beginners, a SPOT90 score of zero is considered acceptable and does not affect the evaluation of the application.

- English proficiency will be assessed through test scores to ensure applicants can actively engage in orientations, cultural lectures, and the final presentation.

Program Fee Payment: The program fee includes accommodation, textbooks, admission fees for field trips and workshop materials. The fee of 140,000 JPY should be paid by overseas remittance (credit card is not available) no later than May 8. (Payment instructions will be provided upon application acceptance.)

Cancellation Policy: A cancellation fee applies after application acceptance and program fee payment. Cancellations received by May 29 qualify for a 50% program fee refund. Subsequent cancellations are non-refundable.

TMU Summer Program 2026 Schedule (Note: The schedule may be subject to change.)

	MON	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	June. 22	June. 23	June. 24	June. 25	June. 26
AM	Arrival & Check in 	Opening Ceremony Orientation Campus Tour	No Class	No Class	Japanese Language
			Japan Studies 1 Space Design in Tokyo	Japan Studies 2 Traditional Performing Arts	
PM		Japanese Language	Workshop 1 Japanese Tea Ceremony "CHADO"	Japanese Language	Japanese Language
		Welcome Party			
	June. 29	June. 30	July. 1	July. 2	July. 3
AM	Field Studies Watch Japanese Traditional Puppet Theater "Hachioji Kuruma Ningyo"	Japanese Language	Japanese Language	Japanese Language	Japanese Language
PM	No Class	Japanese Language	Workshop 2 Japanese Calligraphy "SHODO"	Japan Studies 3 Pop Culture	Prep for Presentation
				No Class	No Class
	July. 6	July. 7	July. 8	July. 9	July. 10
AM	Japanese Language	Japanese Language	Japanese Language	Check out & Departure 	
PM	Workshop 3 Japanese Archery "KYUDO"	Japanese Language	Student Presentation		
	No Class		Closing Ceremony Farewell Party		

Japanese Language (39 hours)
Japan Studies (4.5 hours)
Workshop (7.5 hours)
Field Studies (1.5 hours)
Presentation (4.5 hours)
【Total 57 hours】

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Japanese Language Course: There are 3 classes: *Starter*, *Elementary 1* and *Elementary 2*. Your class will be determined based on the scores of SPOT90 (All students are required to take this test, even if you haven't studied Japanese.). The objectives of each class and their relationship with the CEFR level are also shown below.

- Starter (CEFR Level A1):** This class is for those who have never studied Japanese before, and wish to interact in everyday situations, such as shopping and at restaurants. If your score of SPOT90 is between 0 and 25, you will be placed in this class. Textbook: *Nihongo Fun & Easy: Survival Japanese Conversation for Beginners - 2nd edition*.
- Elementary 1 (CEFR Level A2.1):** This class is for those who wish to talk about simple things such as your family, job, and your town. If your score of SPOT90 is between 26 and 40, you will be placed in this class. Textbook: *Marugoto: Japanese language and culture, Elementary 1 (A2); Coursebook for communicative language activities "katsudo" and competences "Rikai"*.
- Elementary 2 (CEFR Level A2.2):** This class is for those who wish to do more using basic expressions, such as arranging a trip and describing a tourist destination. If your score of SPOT90 is between 41 and 47, you will be placed in this class. Textbook: *Marugoto: Japanese language and culture, Elementary 2 (A2); Coursebook for communicative language activities "katsudo" and competences "Rikai"*.

Award of Certificate: To receive a certificate of completion, participants must meet a minimum score requirement. Those who do not fulfill all the criteria will instead receive a certificate of participation. Please note that a certificate of participation is not equivalent to a certificate of completion. Participants will be evaluated based on their class participation (40%), in-class activities (40%), and a presentation (20%).

Important Information:

- Travel Insurance: Participants must purchase their own traveler's insurance to cover medical expenses during their stay.
- Emergency Communication: For safety reasons, all participants are required to secure their own mobile communication devices or services prior to arrival in Japan.
- Device for class: Please bring a laptop or tablet for class activities.
- Textbook: The program will provide the required textbook upon arrival.
- Program Fee: Covers single room accommodation at Hashimoto Park Hotel (3-4-4 Hashimoto, Sagamihara, Kanagawa 252-0143, Tel: +81-42-774-6112, <https://www.booking.com/hotel/jp/hashimoto-park.html>); however does not include meals, airfare, traveler's insurance, transportation between the university and accommodation, or other daily expenses.
- Outside the program schedule: Note that faculty and staff are unable to aid with matters outside the program schedule.

Disclaimer: The university cannot be held responsible for any delays, cancellations, or program issues that arise due to circumstances beyond our control. This includes but is not limited to force majeure events (such as natural disasters or labor disputes), severe weather conditions, national emergencies, disease outbreaks, and other unforeseen situations.

