

APIC Pacific Islands and West Indies Student Invitation Program Information 2025

About the Program

The aim of this program is to invite foreign students from the Pacific and Caribbean islands and provide a learning environment where they are able to learn various aspects of Japan comprehensively and intensively in about 3 weeks.

During their stay in Japan, students will attend the courses of the short-term study program at Sophia University in English: "Summer Session in East Asian Studies" (to be held from Tuesday, July 1 to Tuesday, July 22, 2025). Students will also have chances to have cultural exchanges with Japanese students and visit some institutions related to international cooperation, sightseeing, education, etc. The details of the courses will be announced later through the Sophia Univ. website.

*Credits will not be provided for the program, but certificates will be given to all participants.

1 student will be selected and represents the College of Micronesia-FSM in joining other 9 students for this program.

Duration of stay in Japan

Sun, June 29 – Thur July 24, 2025

APIC Scholarship

Program Fee	- Tuition fee for the study program at Sophia University
Textbooks	- A flat fee of 2,000 JPY per participant
Transportation and Accommodation	FLIGHTS - Round-trip flight tickets. (Economy class) DOMESTIC TRANSPORTATION - Train fares from your hotel to Sophia University • In cases where commuting costs are incurred: PASMO (IC card) commuter pass provided. • In cases where no commuting costs are incurred: Participants must purchase their transportation tickets if needed. - Transportation for APIC-organized weekend events will be covered. - Transportation between the airport and Tokyo upon arrival and departure will

	<p>be arranged and covered by APIC</p> <p>ACCOMMODATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hotel en route will be arranged and charged by APIC, if necessary. (Note: Transportation between hotels and airports is the participant's responsibility). - The charges of the hotel you will be staying at throughout the program (In Japan)
Daily Allowance	- 2,000 JPY per day (Given in cash in advance during orientation)
Visa Application Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visa application fee (To be reimbursed in Japanese Yen at the exchange rate of the day you paid for it) - Costs incurred for visa applications outside their home country, including flight and accommodation fees. (Note: Transportation to the embassy is not covered.) - Submission of receipts (digital copies prior to arrival and originals during orientation) is required for reimbursement; failure to do so will result in no reimbursement.
<p>Checked Baggage Fees (Caribbean Region Only)</p> <p>*JetBlue etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For flights operated by JetBlue or American Airlines, baggage fees for up to two checked bags will be reimbursed. (Reimbursed in Japanese Yen at the exchange rate of the day you paid for it) - Participants must arrange to check-in baggage and pay fees online before boarding, covering both outbound and return flights. - Documentation, including receipts, must be submitted in advance; failure to submit receipts will result in no reimbursement.
Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Travel Insurance - Other Departure Costs (To be considered upon request on a case-by-case basis.)

*** Communication expenses (e.g., Wi-Fi, SIM cards) are not covered.**

*** As for reimbursement, please make sure you bring the original receipt, not a copy, otherwise, it is difficult to pay back.**

COM-FSM internal selection requirements:

- Must be a current registered full-time student at the College of Micronesia-FSM.
- A submitted COM transcript with at least one full semester with grades.
- A minimum GPA requirement of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- A valid passport with at least 6 months of duration upon being selected.
- Previously participated students of any exchange program in representing the college are not suggested to be selected in order to give the chance to other outstanding students.
- An essay about why you applied for this program, what you intend to learn in Japan, and how you plan to make the most of your study abroad experiences in your future (suggested length 200-300 words). Essay is rated using COMET rubric.
- If all credentials are the same, and essay results are the same, the position should be given to prioritize sophomores/or the last year and semester students.

Application items

- A COM transcript with at least one semester with grades. The cumulated GPA should be 3.5 and above.
- An essay about why you applied for this program, what you intend to learn in Japan, and how you plan to make the most of your study abroad experiences in your future (suggested length 200-300 words).

Application deadline

February 7, 2024

The interested applicant may send his/her application items to kanluntu@comfsm.edu.fm before the due date with the email titled as “APIC 2025 application”.

The Vice President of Instructional Affairs office will announce the selection result by February 14, 2024 (Only the selected student will be notified).



Pictures provided by the previous APIC participants, Ian Perman & Brenda Saimon