

2025 Spring Short-term Study Abroad Programs

Georgia Institute of Technology Leadership Program Application Guidelines

IMPORTANT:

• Before applying, applicants must attend the application information session, read materials on scholarship, and obtain approval of their parents/guardians **and** academic supervisors.

Application information session: October, 8 (Wed) 12:40-14:30 @W2-401

12:40-13:20 (information session)

13:20-14:30 (presentations by participants in the 2023 Summer Short-term Programs)

Note:

• There is a possibility that travel may be cancelled or participants may be advised to return to Japan even after entry to the United States. In this case, **participants will be responsible for costs associated with cancellation or discontinuation of the program.**

• In case of any of the following events occurs, international travel may be cancelled, or the travel period or destination may be changed.

- a. A country or region to visit imposes border restrictions or activity restrictions on travelers from Japan.
- b. Science Tokyo determined that international travel is unsafe.
- c. The alert level of the country or region to visit rises to Level 2.

(See: <https://www.anzen.mofa.go.jp/>)

d. Universities, institutions, or the like to visit discontinues accepting visitors.

• Please keep yourself updated with the latest information through the below links to related embassies with regard to the border measures and activity restrictions for travelers from Japan.

U.S. Embassy & Consulates in Japan : https://www.us.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop_en/index.html

Consulate-General of Japan in Atlanta : https://www.atlanta.us.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop_en/index.html

Overview:

This program is a for-credit course for the Global Scientists and Engineers Course (GSEC) or the Global Education Option (GEO), and is intended for bachelor's students and master's students. Set up with the main purpose of providing students with leadership training offered at Georgia Institute of Technology, the program will include lectures, workshops, and joint activities with local students.

Destination: Atlanta, the United States

Period of stay: From Tuesday, March 4, 2025 to Friday, March 14, 2025 (Travel in a group)

Fee: Approximately 350,000 to 400,000 JPY (*depending on the exchange rate)

Note:

1. For information on support for travel expenses, please refer to "**Scholarship**" below.

2. Participating students must take out a travel insurance policy designated by Science Tokyo.
3. The above fee does not include sundry expenses such as visa application, food, and non-program sponsored activities.
4. Participant students will stay at a hotel designated by Science Tokyo (2 students/room).

The above fee is for reference only and may vary depending on the timing of reservation.

Eligibility:

1. Regular Bachelor's and Master's students in the Science and Engineering Fields. Eligibility does not depend on the nationality, gender, affiliated department, or major.
2. Students with English proficiency – roughly a TOEIC score of 750 or above or a TOEFL-iBT score of 80 or above – that will enable them to attend lectures given in English and to participate in discussions at the host university.
3. Priority will be given to those registered in the Global Scientists and Engineers Course or those who have taken courses offered as part of Global Education Option (GEO) under the Entrepreneurship Education:

[GSEC students (enrolled in 2023 or earlier)]

- Acquired close to the number of credits needed for completion of the GSEC. (Intermediate & Advanced)
- Kept their Course Reflection Reports and other relevant information up to date in their learning portfolio.

[Students enrolled in 2024 or later]

- Have taken courses offered under GEO in the Entrepreneurship Education in pursuit of the completion of GEO.

Note: Admission and completion requirement details of GSEC may be found at the following URL.

<http://www.ghrd.titech.ac.jp/en/>

Credit:

1. First-year bachelor's students are awarded a credit from "Overseas Practice Basic 1D (ENT.G112)"
2. Second-year bachelor's students are awarded a credit from "Overseas Practice Basic 1D (LAW.X103)"
3. Third- and fourth-year bachelor's students are awarded a credit from "Overseas Practice 1D (LAW.X302)" for participating in this Leadership Program.
4. Master's students are awarded a credit from "Global Leadership Training Study Abroad (ENT.L458 or LAW.X421)".
5. Students who are at the last year of schooling (both master's and bachelor's students) are awarded a credit from this course provided they meet the conditions below.
 - The student is expected to complete a degree program regardless of whether he/she earns this credit.
 - The student's participation does not impede the procedures necessary for him/her to complete a degree program or to advance to a higher degree program.
6. In some cases, however, students may instead be awarded a credit in a course of their department.

7. In order to participate in this program, students must be awarded one of the credits listed in 1–3 above. (Students who have reached the credit acquisition limit for this year, please consult with Study Abroad Information Center.)

Application procedure: Fill out the Application Form and submit it to the folder below.

Application Form: <https://science-tokyo.box.com/s/kn3m2yscs2p3z0zanva5bkpjh0ye3qrk>

Folder for submission: <https://science-tokyo.app.box.com/f/4355a8285d1d4124b4dfbc514f68f907>

Number of participant students: 10 (The program may be canceled if the number of participants does not reach the required minimum of 8.)

Application deadline: Monday, October 28, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

Note 1: Bachelor's degree students and master's degree students must obtain consent from their academic supervisors or academic advisors. Please show the below letter to your academic supervisors when requesting consent.

<https://science-tokyo.box.com/s/iljz5skpx0kl86zudjr6aaqcb4p7i6su>

Note 2: International Students need to confirm the necessary dates to obtain USA visa before applying for this program.

Screening procedure: Screening is based on applications and interviews.

Date of interview: October 31 (Thu) or November 1 (Fri) (about 15 minutes) @Ookayama Campus

Screening results: Screening results will be informed by email by November 7 (Thu) 4:00 p.m.

Pre- and post-study abroad sessions:

Students are obliged to participate in the activities related to international education according the following schedule in order to be granted the course credit for participating in the program.

- October 9 (Wed), 2024 12:40-14:30: Application Information Session @W2-401
- December (Date and venue: TBA): Scholarship Information Session (only for recipients of JASSO scholarship/Science Tokyo Fund)
- December 11 (Wed), 2024 18:00-20:00: Symposium @Taki Plaza B2
- January (Date and venue: TBA) 2025: T2app (study-abroad registration system) briefing session
- February (Date and venue: TBA) 2025: Safety Orientation
 - *Students must see an archive video on overseas safety and security
- <https://tokyotech.app.box.com/s/gaq9p4xI8360lbce3kp2eyqdofitlpsc>
- February 12 (Wed), 2025: Symposium (Online)
- December to March: Pre-Study Sessions and group work (Date and venue: TBA)
- May 2025: Debriefing Session by participants in all the 2025 Spring Short-term Programs

Schedule (Tentative)

Date	Activity
March 4 (Tue)	Leave Haneda Arrive Atlanta(evening)
March 5 (Wed)	Campus tour, Culture Map Presentation
March 6 (Thu)	Leadership Challenge Course, Workshop
March 7 (Fri)	Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site
March 8 (Sat)	Carter Center, Atlanta town Tour
March 10 (Mon)	Leadership Workshop, Presentation preparation
March 11 (Tue)	Workshop, Atlanta Beltline visit
March 12 (Wed)	Final Presentation & Farewell, 2025 InVenture Prize Finals Event
March 14 (Thu)	Leave Atlanta
March 15 (Fri)	Arrive Haneda

Scholarships:

Students who enroll in this program are entitled to apply for Science Tokyo Fund (international students only). Those who meet the following criteria may receive 80,000 JPY for the study-abroad trip. A separate set of documents must be submitted to apply for the above scholarships, details of which will be provided during the general orientation. Please note that, according to Science Tokyo regulations, international students who receive Japanese government (MEXT) scholarships are not eligible to apply for the Science Tokyo Fund scholarship.

Scholarship Criteria

1. International students applying for a scholarship from Science Tokyo Fund must not be a recipient of a Japanese government (MEXT) scholarship.
2. Students must have a grading coefficient (hereinafter "GC") of 2.30 or above, obtained using calculation method given below, for the previous academic year.

Calculation must be based on academic transcripts from the previous year (previous semester for first-year bachelor's students). Use the grade conversion table below to convert course grades to grade points, which can then be used in the grading coefficient formula to calculate the GC (round up the value to two decimal places).

Grade Conversion Table

Grade	100–80	79–70	69–60	≤59
Grade point (GP)	3	2	1	0

Grading coefficient formula

$$GC = ([\text{No. of GP3 credits} \times 3] + [\text{No. of GP2 credits} \times 2] + [\text{No. of GP1 credits} \times 1] + [\text{No. of GP0 credits} \times 0]) / \text{Total number of registered credits}$$

The "No. of GPx credits" refers to the sum of credits from courses with a grade point of x.

3. Students whose total amount in scholarships from other sources for participating in this program does not exceed the amount provided by this scholarship scheme.

Additional Information:

- If it is determined by Science Tokyo that credit cannot be awarded to a student after his/her return from studying abroad, the student will be requested to pay back the amount of his/her scholarship. Students are strongly advised to actively participate in the entire program, including the pre- and post-study abroad sessions.
- Participants will share accommodation (2 people per room). Those who do not wish to share accommodation in view of infection prevention must consult with Support Office for the Promotion of Global Human Resource Development in advance. *Note that the accommodation fee has to be doubled.

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