

Dear IUC Alumni and Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well despite the ongoing pandemic.

I am writing you as a member of the current IUC Class of 2022. I am studying to achieve a Japanese proficiency high enough to continue researching environmental science, monitoring technology, and agricultural community building in Japan.

As you may know, we have been studying online this year from our home countries, just like the previous class of IUC students who studied at the IUC during the pandemic.

You may have heard that we suffered a major setback recently, when the sudden closure of Japan's borders resulted in the cancellation of our planned relocation to Yokohama. Despite this, however, we are persevering to get the most out of our time in the 10-month program, no matter what happens. This program has taught me to remain focused on my goals despite all obstacles, even those that seemed unlikely, and to rely on those around me when I need help getting through. We are grateful to our teachers and the IUC staff who have been working hard to support us through these challenging times.

We are also grateful to you, since without your support, we would not have this opportunity. As students receiving scholarship support, we understand the needs faced by incoming students, who will also be depending on IUC alumni and friends for tuition scholarships and living stipends they need to dedicate themselves to ten months of full-time language study.

I know many of us are also experiencing financial constraints in the ongoing crisis, but if you're able to do so, please continue the strong tradition of alumni and community support for future students by donating to the IUC's annual fund.

Sincerely,



Misha Alia Awad
Class of 2022

P.S. The IUC has just begun taking applications for the class of 2023. Your help now will ensure it can support the best candidates!