

IUC Summer Program FAQ

	Questions	Answers
General	Tell me about the IUC Summer Program.	The IUC Summer Program is designed for people who require professional-level proficiency in Japanese, primarily students who intend to focus on Japan as scholars or to specialize in fields such as law and business, as well as people who are currently employed in work related to Japan. We especially seek to address the needs of those who wish to raise the level of their overall language skills by engaging in communication with fellow students in class. Please look at our website for further details and curriculum. https://iucjapan.stanford.edu/resources/summer-documents/IUCsumbrochure2021.pdf
	I can't decide between the Summer Program and your Professional Tutorials.	If you want to practice conversation on general or somewhat academic topics, we strongly recommend the Summer Program. If you already know what kind of Japanese you need for a research project, or if you want to focus completely on academic topics, then we recommend the Professional Tutorials . For more information about the tutorials, please refer to our website.
	Is it possible to leave the program before it is over, i.e., go home a week early?	No; the final examination and final presentation take place the last week and if you miss them we are unable to issue a completion certificate.
Scholarships	Do you offer any scholarships for the Summer Program?	Students officially enrolled at an IUC member institution during the 2020–21 academic year are automatically awarded a \$600 tuition scholarship. No other scholarships or financial assistance are offered by the IUC for the Summer Program. Questions concerning the applicability of outside sources of funding (FLAS, fellowships, etc.) should be directed to the funding agency.
Housing	How can I find a place to stay?	Housing arrangements are the personal responsibility of each student. Information about how to locate and reserve housing, including a list of recommended accommodations, is provided to all successful applicants in mid-April.
Visa	Do I need a visa to participate in the IUC Summer Program?	If you are a citizen of country or region that has a “Reciprocal Visa Exemption Arrangement with Japan,” no visa is required. If you are a citizen of another country or region, you must apply for a short-term visa to enter Japan. https://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/index.html
Applications	When is the application deadline?	The application deadline is March 12, 2021. Only completed applications submitted by this date and including the application fee payment of \$80 will be considered.
	How do I apply for the IUC Summer Program?	The 2020 IUC Summer application period opens December 11, 2020. Applications will only be accepted via our Interfolio portal ; no e-mail or paper submissions will be accepted. The Interfolio application consists of an online Personal Data information form and the following required documents. Documents 1 and 3 must be downloaded from the IUC web site, and 5 (application fee) must be paid by credit card through the IUC's secure online payment portal.

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Degree Background Form (PDF) 2. Statement of Purpose (Instructions) 3. Language Evaluation Form from a language instructor in English or Japanese. English (PDF), Japanese (PDF). 4. Transcripts 5. Application Fee (non-refundable) <p>More information about the application process can be found on our website: https://iucjapan.stanford.edu/resources/applications.php</p>
	I can't download the application documents.	Please contact us at iucjapan@stanford.edu .
Language Evaluation	How do I submit the Language Evaluation Form?	Your evaluator must upload the completed Language Evaluation Form directly to our Interfolio online application portal. Based on the information that you submit, Interfolio will send the evaluator an e-mail message with instructions for how to submit the form. The evaluator will need to (1) obtain the form, either from you or by downloading it from our website; (2) complete the form; and (3) upload it to Interfolio. English and Japanese PDFs of the evaluation form are available on our website. Please e-mail one or the other to the evaluator or provide him/her with the URL. English (PDF), Japanese (PDF).
	Who should I ask to write the evaluation?	Please ask someone, preferably a Japanese language teacher, who can assess your current Japanese ability. If you don't have anyone who can fill out the form, contact us at summer@iucjapan.org .
	Can I use a certificate of results and scores from the Japanese Language Proficiency Test instead?	No, we require a completed Language Evaluation Form.
	Do I have to submit a certificate of results and scores for the Japanese Language Proficiency Test?	No, but if you have one and wish to submit it, please combine the certificate with your transcripts into a single PDF file and upload the result.
Application Fee	How do I pay the application fee?	The Inter-University Center (IUC) accepts all major credit cards for application payments. There are no additional handling fees or added charges for making a credit card payment. Please pay online at https://iucjapanstore.stanford.edu/
	I can't pay the application fee by the deadline.	We cannot screen your application until we have received payment.
	I've also applied for the 10-month program. Do I have to fill out all of the summer applications materials, too?	Yes. The application materials and selection process for the two programs are different, so you need to fill out application documents for each. That said, if you are admitted to the program with a borderline/low proficiency exam score, you may still be admitted into the summer program at the recommendation of the selection committee.

	If I apply for both the regular 10-month program and the Summer Program, do I need to pay an application fee for both?	No. If you have paid the application fee for the regular program, the Summer Program application fee is waived.
Entrance Examinations	Do I need to take a test or an interview for admission?	There is no test or interview when you apply, but we may ask to conduct a Skype interview with you during the selection process in order to assess your conversational ability.
Results of Selection	Please tell me why I was not accepted.	We cannot respond to such requests.
	Please tell me how many people are in front of me on the waiting list.	We cannot provide information about your status on the waiting list. If it becomes possible to admit you because other students withdrew, we will inform you separately.
	I was not admitted, but I have funding so please admit me.	In the interest of fairness, we cannot change the results of our selection.
Agreement of Attendance	Can I hold off submitting my Agreement of Attendance?	No. If you do not submit the Agreement of Attendance by the deadline, we will conclude that you have no intention of attending and admit someone on the waiting list in your stead.
	Will it be possible to get an extension until I find out if I've been admitted to the IUC 10-month program?	Yes. We understand that you may need to find out your admission status to our 10-month program before you can commit to attending our Summer Program.
Tuition	How can I pay?	<p>The Inter-University Center (IUC) accepts credit cards for tuition payments.</p> <p>Payments by Credit Card: There are no additional handling fees or added charges for making a credit card payment. Please pay online at https://iucjapanstore.stanford.edu/</p> <p>Payments by Bank Transfer: Due to limited mail delivery and building access we are currently unable to accept personal checks. If you wish to pay by wire transfer, please contact the IUC Stanford Office at iucjapan@stanford.edu for wiring instructions.</p>

FAQ for admitted students only

Insurance	Is it necessary to have insurance?	Insurance is mandatory for participants in the Summer Program. The insurance should cover transit from your home country to Japan as well as the duration of your stay in Japan. At a minimum, it must cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Medical care in Japan ▪ Emergency evacuation ▪ Repatriation of remains
Telephones	Do I need a cell phone in Japan?	Yes. Having a cell phone is mandatory for participants in the Summer Program as an emergency contact. It doesn't matter whether you purchased your phone in Japan or not, but you need a local number that can receive voice message. Being able to use Messenger, LINE, or other SNS is not sufficient.
	How can I obtain a mobile phone in Japan?	The "General Information" we will send you in late May contains information about mobile phones. Also, the following site includes some hints: https://www.japan-guide.com/e/e2223.html
Pre-program Academic Preparation	How should I study to prepare for the IUC Summer Program?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review the readings and meaning of the "kanji for everyday use" (<i>jōyō kanji</i>) using the following texts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 中・上級学習者のための漢字と語彙 [改訂新版] (<i>Kanji in Context [Revised Edition]</i>): ¥3,500 (税別) • ワークブック (<i>Kanji in Context [Revised Edition] Workbook</i>) Vol. 1 (Level 1-3): ¥ 2,200 (税別) • ワークブック (<i>Kanji in Context [Revised Edition] Workbook</i>) Vol. 2 (Level 4-7): ¥ 1,600 (税別) 2. Review beginning and intermediate grammatical patterns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use any commercially-available preparatory materials for Japanese Language Proficiency Test level N2 3. Practice listening to Japanese news. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use Japanese news websites Practice speaking on academic and current topics.
	Do I have to complete any assignments before the program begins?	Yes. Those planning to participate will receive assignments via Google Forms in April. Please complete and submit them.