

# USAC Exchange Program Options

## Hiroshima University

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We are pleased to offer Hiroshima University students a variety of study abroad options through USAC. The following pages include details regarding the process for nomination, confirmation, and program placement. Additionally, find details about what to expect for program admission, USAC support, financial details, and programs offered. We look forward to receiving your nominations.

## Nomination Process

Each program location has a limited number of spaces available to exchange students. USAC will place all students that you nominate up until any application deadline, however, students may not be placed at their first-choice location. We expect the limited number of exchange spots at our popular locations to fill quickly. Nominations received during the Priority Nomination Period (see dates below) will be placed at one time shortly after the nomination period ends.

At the time of nomination, we will require the following details for your students:

- First/Last name and email address
- 3 program location choices
- Academic interest/major
- Level of study (undergraduate/graduate)
- English test score
- Nationality (for visa purposes)
- Passport status

### Priority Nomination Periods

- **Fall/Yearlong:** Feb 1 to Mar 1 (confirmations by Mar 15)
- **Spring:** Aug 1 to Sep 1 (confirmations by Sept 15)

After the priority nomination period ends, students may continue to be nominated up to any published application deadline but may be offered alternative locations if exchange spots are already filled at their desired location(s).

### Nomination Confirmation

Students will be contacted via email with their exchange placement. At this time, they will be provided program details including a cost estimate/summary for their review. They will be prompted to accept their placement with USAC, and acknowledge applicable details related to health insurance and visa.

## Invitation to Apply & Departure Preparation

After placement acceptance, students will be sent an invitation to apply for their program. This will require students to review program materials and submit documentation. Each of the programs will have varying processes. USAC will help guide the students through this process.

During this period home university staff will be included in all official USAC communication letters to students as well as any correspondence that USAC staff deem relevant related to student participation.

## Study Abroad Preparation

We expect that all students nominated to USAC will be receiving basic study abroad preparation, support, and guidance from their home university staff throughout the pre-departure process, particularly with visa requirements, financial preparation, and course selection as it pertains to degree applicability. University staff may

be called upon to help resolve issues and/or provide necessary information related to their students' participation in exchange with USAC.

## USAC Support

Our **International Student Coordinator** will work with your students from the time of nomination and will remain available to you as well. Students attending USAC Specialty or Partnership Programs will have a range of staff available to assist with admission, program site and cultural preparation, course selection, billing and payments, and health and safety. These individuals and their contact information will appear in the USAC Student Gateway Account. Please note that the USAC staff are working primarily with U.S. based students therefore some of our materials will not be correct for international students and they will need to work with their home university and do individual research for correct information, particularly related to visas.

Students attending USAC English Language Programs will be working directly with their host university staff and the **International Student Coordinator** will remain available to assist as needed.

## Financial & Exchange Matters

### Anticipated Costs

	Included	Student Responsibility
USAC Exchange students receive a 100% waiver of tuition / program fees. All other costs are the responsibility of the student or home university. Students will be provided a budget sheet to anticipate overall cost to attend the program in order to prepare their personal finances accordingly.	Program Fees / Tuition	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Housing (USAC Programs)	<i>Depends on location</i>
	Housing (U.S. Programs)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Health Insurance (USAC Programs)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Health Insurance (U.S. Programs)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Course, Tour, or Excursion Fees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Visa Processing Fees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Personal Expenses / Travel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### Exchange Equivalents/Counts

Students from your institution will be counted towards the overall exchange balance based on program length as noted below. Many programs that have included housing or a higher overall cost to USAC will be designated with a higher exchange equivalent (Tier 2). Historically these locations had not been available to your students, however, we can allow students on these programs at a higher ratio towards the exchange. Example: a student who attends a Tier 2 Fall or Spring program will be equal to 1.5 rather than 1 student on the exchange count.

Hiroshima Univ Student Count	USAC Student Equivalent
<b>Tier 1 Program Locations</b>	
1 Yearlong student	2 USAC students
1 Semester student	1 USAC student
<b>Tier 2 Program Locations</b>	
1 Yearlong student	3 USAC students
1 Semester student	1.5 USAC student

**Cancellation:** Notify USAC as soon as possible regarding any student cancellation. Any cancellations received within 30 days of departure will still count towards the exchange. Students who arrive to their program site and later withdraw will still count towards the exchange.

# English Language Programs (U.S.)

USAC English Language Programs have locations at four consortium universities in three states across the U.S. Each unique location offers students a high level of support, cultural integration, and excellent English language instruction.

## Admissions Process

Students will work to complete their host campus admission process in order to receive the necessary documents to apply for a visa. USAC's International Student Coordinator will be available to assist students during this time as needed.

Students will be required to purchase a health insurance policy from USAC or the host university (if available). More details on this will be provided at the time of nomination.

## Exchange Equivalency

All U.S. programs follow the **Tier 1 Exchange Equivalency**: Yearlong = 2; Fall/Spring = 1

Location	Host University & Program	Yearlong	Fall or Spring Semester
<b>Fresno, California</b>	California State University, Fresno American English Institute (AEI)	✓	✓
<b>Boise, Idaho</b>	Boise State University Intensive English Program (IEP)	✓	✓
<b>Moscow, Idaho</b>	University of Idaho American Language and Culture Program (ALCP)	✓	✓
<b>Orono, Maine</b>	University of Maine Intensive English Institute (IEI)	✓	✓

# USAC Specialty Programs

Specialty programs are administered by USAC and comprised of students from the U.S. They offer a focused course selection in language and cultural studies. Students are awarded U.S. semester credit via the USAC Grade Report. Daily programming such as orientation, meetings, tours, field trips, etc. are all conducted in English.

## Program Admission/Eligibility Requirements

**Academic:** 2.5 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) | Good standing at university

**English:** 550 TOEFL (PBT); 80 TOEFL (IBT); or 6.0 IELTS

Additional materials are required during USAC admission process (transcripts, agreements, etc.)

## Exchange Equivalency

✓ **Tier 1:** Yearlong = 2 | Semester = 1

★ **Tier 2:** Yearlong = 3 | Semester = 1.5

Country	City	Yearlong	Fall or Spring Semester
Chile	Santiago	✓	✓
China <i>currently suspended</i>	Chengdu	✓	✓
	Shanghai	✓	✓
Costa Rica	Heredia	✓	✓
	San Ramon	✓	✓
Czech Republic	Prague	✓	✓
France	Lyon <b>Pre-req:</b> 1 year college French	★	★
	Pau	✓	✓
Germany	Luneburg	✓	✓
India	Bengaluru	✓	✓
Italy	Reggio Emilia	✓	✓
	Torino	✓	✓
	Verona	✓	✓
	Viterbo	✓	✓
Spain	Bilbao	✓	✓
	Madrid	✓	✓
	San Sebastian	★	★
	Valencia	★	★
Thailand	Chiang Mai	✓	✓
Uruguay	Montevideo	✓	✓

# USAC Partnership Programs

Partnership programs are facilitated direct enrollment at host universities. Students have access to a wide range of course offerings and are part of a large international student population on the host campus.

## Program Admission & Requirements

Each partnership program has specific academic and English language eligibility requirements. Make sure to check the USAC webpage prior to nomination to make sure your student is eligible prior to nomination. Additional details regarding English language test requirements will be included with this brochure.

## Exchange Equivalency

✓	<b>Tier 1:</b> Yearlong = 2   Semester = 1
★	<b>Tier 2:</b> Yearlong = 3   Semester = 1.5
🏠	Housing included in exchange

Country	City	Host University	Yearlong	Semester
Australia	Gold Coast	Griffith University	---	✓
England	Brighton	University of Brighton	✓	✓
	Bristol	University of Bristol	★	★
	London	London Metropolitan University	✓	✓
	Reading	University of Reading	✓	✓
Ireland	Cork	University College Cork	✓	✓
Israel	Haifa	University of Haifa	✓	✓
Korea	Gwangju	Chonnam National University	✓	✓
	Seoul	Korea University	✓	✓
Netherlands	The Hague	The Hague University of Applied Sciences	✓	✓
	Maastricht	Maastricht University	★ 🏠	★ 🏠
Portugal	Lisbon	Universidade Catolica Portuguesa	★ 🏠	★ 🏠
Scotland	St Andrews	University of St Andrews	★	★
	Stirling	University of Stirling	★	★
South Africa	Stellenbosch	Stellenbosch University	✓	✓
Thailand	Khon Kaen	Khon Kaen University	✓	✓