

Exchange Program | 2026-27

Hiroshima University

Step 1: Nominate your students

All student nominations must include at least 2 location choices. At the time of nomination, we will require the following details for your students:

- First/Last name
- Email address
- U.S. Equivalent GPA
- 3 program location choices
- Academic interest/major
- Level of study (undergraduate/graduate)
- Verification of language level (non-native English speakers only)
- Nationality (for visa purposes)
- Passport status
- Date of Birth / Gender

Preferred Nomination Periods

USAC will accept nominations up to the published application deadline for a program, however we have preferred periods of time for receiving nominations. Note that some programs close or fill prior to the end of the preferred nomination period below.

Summer: Jan 1 to Feb 15

Fall/Yearlong: Feb 15 to Apr 1

Spring: Aug 1 to Sep 15

Step 2: Offer & Acceptance

Students will be contacted via email with a confirmation of their offered location. For USAC locations an **Exchange Placement Offer** with details including a cost estimate/summary will be provided for their review. They will be prompted to accept their placement with USAC with a simple reply message. Students attending a US program will be introduced to the host university staff and website details of the program including a budget estimate.

Step 3: Invitation to Apply & Departure Preparation

After placement acceptance, students will be sent an **invitation to apply** so they can begin the admission process. For students attending a USAC Specialty or Partnership Program, students will access the USAC Student Gateway portal where they complete tasks and find program details. Each of the programs will have varying processes. USAC will help guide the students through this process. Students attending a US program will receive instructions from their host university for submitting an application and starting the visa process.

Study Abroad Guidance

Your students must receive basic study abroad preparation, support, and guidance from your office throughout the pre-departure process, **particularly with visa requirements**, financial preparation, and course selection as it pertains to degree applicability. Your office staff may be called upon to help resolve issues and/or provide necessary information related to their students' participation during 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 applicable to international students and they will need to work with your office 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	☒
	Housing (see housing sec. below)	☒
	Health Insurance (USAC Programs)	☒
	Health Insurance (U.S. Programs)	☒
	Course, Tour, or Excursion Fees	☒
	Visa Processing Fees	☒
	Personal Expenses / Travel	☒

Exchange Equivalents/Counts

Students will be counted towards the exchange balance based on their term and as noted below. Many programs that have included housing or a higher overall cost to USAC will have a higher exchange equivalent. Example: your student who attends a Tier 3 Fall or Spring program will be equal to 1.5 rather than 1 in the exchange count.

	Yearlong	Semester	1 Summer Session	2 Summer Sessions
Tier 1 Programs (discounted)	1	.5	.5 🏠	1 🏠
Tier 2 Programs (one to one)	2	1	1 🏠	1.5 🏠
Tier 3 Programs (premium)	3	1.5	1.5 🏠	2 🏠

Housing

A majority of summer programs and some semester programs include housing in the USAC Program Fee. The Exchange Equivalent/Count for these programs has been increased to account for this cost. As a result, your students will not have to pay housing.

Cancellation

Notify USAC as soon as possible if a student must cancel. Cancellations received within 30 days of departure will still count towards the exchange. Students who arrive at their program site and later withdraw will still count towards the exchange.

Changes

USAC program offerings are subject to change from the time of publication.

Academics & Final Records

Course offerings and other experiential learning opportunities will vary across programs. USAC will provide guidance and information for enrollment and any associated costs.

At the end of the program, USAC will provide your office with final academic records. For USAC Specialty Programs, USAC will provide a Grade Report with a summary of course title, level, and credits (in the U.S. system) for each course taken. These will be sent electronically at one time after all programs have ended. USAC Partnership Program universities distribute their transcripts to USAC and after we process them, they will be forwarded to your office electronically with a conversion recommendation to the U.S. system for grades and credits.

USAC Specialty Programs

USAC-organized programs comprised primarily of students from the U.S. Course selection is focused on language and cultural studies. Students receive U.S. 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.)

Available Programs & Exchange Equivalency



Housing included in exchange

Country	City	Yearlong	Fall or Spring Semester
Tier 1 Programs (discount rate)			
Chile	Santiago	1	.5
India	Bengaluru	1	.5
Italy	Viterbo	1	.5
Uruguay	Montevideo	1	.5
Spain	Bilbao	1	.5
Tier 2 Programs (one to one rate)			
Costa Rica	Heredia	2	1
Czech Republic	Prague	2	1
France	Pau	2	1
Italy	Reggio Emilia	2	1
	Torino	2	1
Spain	Madrid	2	1
Thailand	Chiang Mai	2	1
Tier 3 Programs (premium exchange rate)			
France	Lyon	3	1.5
Germany	Luneburg	3	1.5
Italy	Verona	3	1.5
Spain	San Sebastian	3	1.5

USAC Partnership Programs

Students enroll directly at the host university with access to a wide range of course offerings and are part of a large international student population on the host campus. Daily programming such as orientation, meetings, tours, field trips, etc. are all conducted in English or the language of the host country.

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.

Available Programs & Exchange Equivalency

 Housing included in exchange

*refers to summer programs that offer two sessions

Country	City	Host University	Yearlong	Semester
Tier 1 Programs (discount rate)				
Korea	Gwangju	Chonnam National University	1	.5
Thailand	Khon Kaen	Khon Kaen University	1	.5
Tier 2 Programs (one to one rate)				
Australia	Gold Coast	Griffith University	---	1
	Melbourne	Deakin University	---	1
England	Brighton	University of Brighton	2	1
	London	London Metropolitan University	2	1
Ireland	Cork	University College Cork	2	1
New Zealand	Auckland, etc.	Massey University	2	1
Israel <i>Currently suspended</i>	<i>Haifa</i>	<i>University of Haifa</i>	2	1
Netherlands	The Hague	The Hague University of Applied Sciences	2	1
Portugal	Lisbon	Universidade Catolica Portuguesa	2.5 	1.5 
Scotland	Stirling	University of Stirling	2	1
South Africa	Stellenbosch	Stellenbosch University	2	1
Tier 3 Programs (premium exchange rate)				
Korea	Seoul	Korea University	3	1.5
Netherlands	Maastricht	Maastricht University	3	1.5
Scotland	St Andrews	University of St Andrews	3	1.5

U.S. English Language Programs

USAC Consortium University members offer excellent English language instruction in six different cities across the United States, each offering different settings and access to local immersion opportunities. Students will be part of a cohort of students learning English as well as the greater campus community for activities, events, etc.

Program & Admission

Students will work directly with the university to complete admission and receive the necessary documents to apply for a visa. Their office will also assist with housing options, arrival details and purchasing a health insurance policy. USAC's International Student Coordinator is available to assist as needed.

Program Availability & Exchange Equivalency

Location	Host University & Program	Yearlong	Fall or Spring Semester
Tier 1 Programs (discount rate)			
Moscow, Idaho	University of Idaho American Language and Culture Program (ALCP)	1	.5
Tier 2 Programs (one to one rate)			
Orono, Maine	University of Maine Intensive English Institute (IEI)	2	1
Fresno, California	California State University, Fresno American English Institute (AEI)	2	1
Boise, Idaho	Boise State University Intensive English Program (IEP)	2	1
Las Vegas, Nevada	University of Nevada, Las Vegas English Language Center (ELC)	2	1
Columbia, South Carolina	University of South Carolina English Programs for Internationals (EPI)	2	1