

## An Invitation to the Shujitsu Summer Program 2018 (SSP 2018)

Dear Partners:

I am writing to you on behalf of Shujitsu University and Shujitsu Junior College in Okayama, Japan. Shujitsu University is now recruiting participants for its Shujitsu Summer Program 2018 (SSP 2018).

This program is designed for students who are interested in Japan and Japanese culture. Students can have various learning experiences through Japanese classes, short lectures and visits to local and regional sightseeing spots.

Some highlights of the program are as follows:

- Most program participation fees and local travel expenses will be provided by Shujitsu University and Shujitsu Junior College.
- Knowledge about Japanese culture can be attained through experiences and visits. (Tea ceremony, Japanese shrines, gardens, castles, etc.)
- Housing in a dormitory
- Basic Japanese classes (other lectures/tours will be provided in English).
- Many chances to form friendships while cooperating with local and international university students.

Program details:

■ Number of participants: 20 students (from among our partner institutions)

■ Program period: August 19 to August 26, 2018

■ Program schedule:

August 19 Arrival in Japan (housing in dormitory)

August 20 Orientation, welcome luncheon, temple visit, sightseeing in downtown  
Okayama

August 21 Japanese class, visits to Okayama Castle, Okayama Shrine and Kourakuen  
Garden

August 22 Japanese class, visits to Shizutani School, Osafune Japanese Sword Museum

August 23 Visit to Kagawa Prefecture- Konpira Shrine, Ritsurin Garden

August 24 Tea Ceremony experience, visit to Kurashiki City Historic Quarter

August 25 local visit, farewell luncheon

August 26 Return to country of origin

■Dormitory:

Housing in dormitory provided by Shujitsu and Shujitsu Junior College from August 19 until the morning of August 26

- A Shujitsu community member will guide participants from Okayama station to the dormitory.
- Available only one time per university.
- Please make a reservation 2 weeks in advance of arrival.

■Fees provided by Shujitsu University and Shujitsu Junior College:

- Most program participation and transportation fees
  - Japanese class fees
  - Dorm fees (August 19 until the morning of August 26)
  - 2 meals at welcome and farewell luncheons and 3 meals (lunches) during visits
- Almost all summer program related participation and travel expenses (within Japan), and dormitory fees will be provided by Shujitsu University and Shujitsu Junior College. International students are responsible for travel fees to and from their full-time educational institution and Shujitsu University and Shujitsu Junior College and for personal expenses (including most meals). We ask that host institutions assure that recommended students have enough funds to participate in our summer program and that they purchase proper insurance coverage.

■Student financial responsibilities:

- Travel to and from country of origin/full-time institution and Japan
- Travel expenses within Japan to and from point/port of entry and Shujitsu University and Junior College
- Free-day/time activities
- Other personal expenses (most meals, daily necessities, etc.)

■Application deadline: May 31, 2018

■Participation and number of possible applicants from each partner institution:

- One student from each of our partner institutions is assured a participation slot.
- Each partner institution may recommend up to 3 participants
- Participants will be chosen based on their application materials
- Depending on the number of applicants and the selection process, each institution may be able to send more than one participant.
- Results will be sent out approximately by the middle of June

■ Application documents: (Please see Summer Program Checklist)

Applicants must be fully matriculated students from our partner institutions (preferably without Japanese citizenship)

- Application for admission with photo
- Letter of recommendation (on official letterhead)
- Official transcript (with GPA preferable)
- Medical examination form
- Photocopy of passport
- Photocopy of travel (including liability insurance) and medical insurance coverage
- (If English is not your first language) Copy of English test results (TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS, etc.) showing level of English ability

■ Application materials and inquiries should be directed to:

- Ms. Hitomi Yakushiji
- Shujitsu University and Shujitsu Junior College International Affairs Center
- Email: [i-center@shujitsu.ac.jp](mailto:i-center@shujitsu.ac.jp)

I am confident that your students will have a productive and rewarding summer experience through this program.

I reiterate my deep gratitude for your interest in this program and look forward to meeting your students here in Okayama, Japan.

Sincerely yours,

Laurence Dante  
Director, Shujitsu University and Shujitsu Junior College  
International Affairs Center