



# J-PAC

JAPAN PROGRAM at CHIBA

**International Liberal Arts Program**  
**Japanese Studies Program**

国際教養プログラム  
日本研究プログラム

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CHIBA UNIVERSITY

# Introduction

Since its start 20 years ago, the J-PAC has welcomed students from Chiba University's partner institutions in great numbers. Despite the short period of one year or six months of stay, their experience of the J-PAC has offered to both participant exchange students and the home students who studied with them, unforgettable memories, and has forged lasting friendships. Many of those who have completed our program decide to come back to Chiba for further studies, or return to work in Japan after graduating from their home university.

The lushly green campus of Nishi-Chiba where J-PAC students attend classes is conveniently located only 40 minutes by train from the center of Tokyo. We hope that you consider applying to the J-PAC soon!

J-PACは、これまで20年以上にわたって千葉大学の協定校から数多くの交換留学生を受入れてきました。1年または半年という長くはない留学期間ですが、日本の学生、世界各地から集まる留学生とともに学び、友情を育んだ経験は、参加した人々の人生にとって忘れがたい思い出になっているようです。修了生の中には、千葉大学に再び留学したり、大学卒業後も日本と何らかの関わりを持ってキャリアを築いている人が少なくありません。

J-PAC生が学ぶ西千葉キャンパスは、東京まで電車で約40分という便利な場所にありますが、緑豊かな素晴らしい環境でもあります。皆さんも是非J-PACに参加してみませんか。

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# Chiba University

Chiba University is a comprehensive university founded in 1949. It hosts approximately 14,200 undergraduate and graduate students and is ranked high both in terms of size and quality among national universities in Japan. There are currently 10 undergraduate faculties at Chiba University: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Faculty of Letters, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Law, Politics and Economics, Faculty of Science, School of Medicine, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, School of Nursing, Faculty of Engineering, and Faculty of Horticulture. There are also a number of graduate schools: Graduate School of Humanities and Studies on Public Affairs, Graduate School of Education, Graduate School of Science and Engineering, Graduate School of Nursing, Graduate School of Horticulture, Graduate School of Medical and Pharmaceutical Sciences and the Law School. Finally, other facilities providing various services are also attached to the university: among them, the University Library, the Academic Link Center, the Safety and Health Organization and the University Hospital.

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## Chiba University's distinctive features

As the University Charter "Always Aim Higher" expresses, Chiba University aims to foster students with a broad vision, who are able to engage sincerely in all endeavors required by life in global society. To achieve this goal the university has been actively enhancing its liberal arts program and has been promoting the internationalization of its curriculum. Chiba University is the first national university to open a College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, which was established in April 2016, and which targets the fostering of adults who will be able to approach world issues from a wide and comprehensive perspective.

Chiba University has been awarded by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan the status of "super global university," a name given to educational institutions considered to be at the front line of the globalization of Japanese society. The University has been increasing the number of courses offered in the English language and has been actively promoting the international exchange of foreign and home students. As of November 2017, about 1,000 international students are studying at Chiba, and the university holds the 2014 record among national universities for the highest number of students studying abroad through its exchange programs with partner universities for 4 years in a row.

The International Support Desk located on-campus provides assistance to international students with their life in Japan. Nishi-Chiba campus is located approximately 40 minutes by train from Tokyo and 45 minutes by car from Narita International Airport. With a warm climate and comparatively cheap prices, you are bound to find life Chiba very enjoyable.

Chiba University has four campuses at Nishi-Chiba, Inohana, Matsudo and Kashiwanoha, all located in Chiba Prefecture.

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Nishi-Chiba  
campus

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
Faculty of Letters  
Faculty of Law, Politics and Economics  
Faculty of Engineering  
Faculty of Science  
Law school  
Graduate School & Faculty of Education  
Graduate School of Humanities and Studies on Public Affairs  
Graduate School of Science and Engineering



Inohana  
campus

School of Medicine  
Graduate School & School of Nursing  
Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences  
Graduate School of Medical and Pharmaceutical Sciences



Matsudo  
campus  
Matsudo area

Kashiwanoha  
campus  
Matsudo area

Graduate School & Faculty of Horticulture



# J-PAC (Japan Program at Chiba)

J-PAC (Japan Program at Chiba) is offered to undergraduate students from academic institutions with which Chiba University has university-level student exchange agreements, and whose academic interest is in the area of Japanese culture and society. J-PAC includes International Liberal Arts Program, which offers to students irrespective of their area of specialization, and Japanese Studies Program, which is designed for students who specialize in Japanese studies at their universities. Both can accommodate students for two semesters, i.e. from October to August of the following year, for two terms either from October to February (i.e. Fall semester) or from April to early August (i.e. Spring semester) in the following year. The period of each term will be explained in page 10.

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## 01

### International Liberal Arts Program

#### 1. Aims

This program is for those students who have already acquired some Japanese language skills and are interested in Japanese society and culture. It includes a number of courses in Liberal Arts, where Japan serves both as an example and reference point for multidimensional analysis, and where local students and international exchange students from various countries form joint classes in active collaborative effort. It is envisaged that through such collaborative learning they will deepen their understanding of Japan and gain new viewpoints on their native cultures and societies, and acquire the ability to think about global problems from multiple perspectives and solve them irrespective of language barriers and different behavioral patterns.

#### 2. Characteristics

This program welcomes students from Science, Engineering and Humanities. Students can choose subjects according to their interests and concerns. Courses are offered to attain the following four goals:

- ① to deepen understanding of Japanese society and culture;
- ② to participate in courses in the areas of Chiba University's greatest strengths;
- ③ to promote intercultural understanding through exchanges with Chiba University students;
- ④ to acquire sufficient proficiency in the Japanese language for daily life and university study.

A number of courses will be offered in English, including courses where both Japanese and English will be used, and especially for international students so the student will be able to select courses that match his/her language level. The courses offered in this program feature collaborative learning, where classes are split into smaller groups, in which students collaborate and learn from each other while working on a given task, thus making classes of their own.

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## 02

### Japanese Studies Program

#### 3. Conditions of application

Applicants must be at least second year students and should demonstrate sufficient English ability to communicate and to take courses taught in English. They have studied Japanese language for at least 50 contact hours at a recognized educational institution or self-learning, and those students who do not meet the required number of hours of Japanese language learning before their arrival in Japan may be asked to complete a Japanese language course online.

#### 4. Completion of the program

A certificate of completion will be issued to those students who have acquired at least ten credits in each semester (from October to February and/or from April to August) and have attended at least six classes per week in each term.

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#### 1. Aims

This program is designed for those international students who specialize in Japanese Studies at their universities, and who wish to study about Japan in the Japanese language. It is envisaged that using Japanese to obtain knowledge in the subjects of their interest will give the students a deeper knowledge of the language itself, and at the same time, through collaborative learning effort in a multicultural environment, will make it possible for them to view Japan from many different perspectives. The students are expected to acquire the fundamental skills essential for conducting individual research into their specific areas of Japanese Studies.

#### 2. Characteristics

Students can take Japanese language courses according to their level of proficiency and attend courses in Japanese studies together with Chiba University undergraduate students. They can also choose from a variety of specialized lectures and seminars offered at different faculties.

At the same time, students are expected to carry out their own research projects using the Japanese language. They are advised to take Research Work (Humanities) A and B, the courses specifically designed to help them pursue their research projects, and submit a research paper, or to enroll in a project-type course, such as work on preparing an exhibition leaflet at the National Museum of Japanese History in the student's native languages (Research Work (Humanities) C and D). In either case the students gain an active learning experience, which goes far beyond acquiring knowledge in the classroom.

The students are encouraged to participate in the Universal Festival, an event where students from different areas of the world introduce their countries and cultures to the audience, and to engage in joint events with Japanese primary schools in the vicinity of Chiba University. Both

projects help the students practice how to deliver their thoughts in the Japanese language, and are meant to broaden their relationships with the local Japanese community.

### 3. Conditions of application

Applicants must be at least second year students and should at least have Japanese language competence equivalent to the pass level N2 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test administered by the Japan Foundation at the time of application.

### 4. Completion of the program

To be granted a Certificate of Completion at this program one has to have acquired at least ten credits in each semester (from October to February and/or from April to August) and have attended at least six classes per week in each term.



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Faculty which J-PAC students belong to at Chiba University

J-PAC students will be enrolled in College of Liberal Arts and Sciences as “exchange students”. College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has three major courses, i.e. Global Studies, Contemporary Japanese Studies and Integrated Science (For more details, please see <http://www.las.chiba-u.jp/english/index.html>). If students want to be supervised by a Chiba University teacher in other study areas, they need to write their study area and research topic on their application form.

Please note that J-PAC students enrolled in College of Liberal Arts and Sciences may register for specialized undergraduate courses offered by any faculties with the teacher’s permission.

# Course Offerings

J-PAC students should select courses that match their interests and language ability from the courses listed in (01) to (04) below (subject to change). Except for courses marked with \*, courses in (01) and (02) are designed as General Education which are also offered to Japanese students. This creates a unique international study environment and enables students to broaden their perspectives.

In addition to the courses listed, J-PAC students may enroll in any other courses given at Chiba University with the teacher's permission. There are 8 teaching weeks in a term and the duration of classes at Chiba University is 90 minutes.

Students in the International Liberal Arts Program whose Japanese language competence is equivalent to Japanese 5xx at Chiba University or lower have to take two subjects in English or in both Japanese and English in each term. In courses where both Japanese and English are used, students are expected to work collaboratively under less pressure of language barriers.



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## 01

Courses taught  
in English / Courses  
where both Japanese  
and English are used

Students can take courses which deepen understanding of Japanese society and culture in the areas of Chiba University's greatest strengths, including courses called "Critical Japanese Studies" which can only be found at Chiba University:

Through a variety of courses, ranging from history and popular culture to environmental studies and design, "Critical Japanese Studies" offers implicit and explicit opportunities to think and critically consider issues that are related to both how Japan presents itself to the world, and to how people would like to see and imagine "Japan" today. More precisely, the aim of courses categorized under the rubric of Critical Japanese Studies is to teach about the world, using Japan as a case-study, and vice-versa. These courses do not just provide students with foundational knowledge about Japanese culture and society, but they also offer an environment that allows students to reconsider their image of Japan by reflecting on their own experiences and cultures, and to acquire new perspectives and a deeper awareness of a variety of global phenomena.

## 02

### Courses learning about Japan in Japanese

T4-5  
from October to early February

**[Courses taught in English]**

- Introduction to Japanese Language
- Introduction to the Japanese Grammatical System
- Globalizing Japan: Society and Culture
- Occultism in Global Japan
- Seminar on Global and Japanese Economy (Seminar Ib)\*
- Introduction to Architectural Design
- Climate Change Leadership
- Mitigating Urban Heat Islands
- Design Project Work

**[Courses where both Japanese and English are used]**

- Japanese Culture from Intercultural Perspectives
- Language and Media
- Language in Society
- Introduction to Intercultural Communication
- Intercultural Communication in the Japanese Context
- Religion and Society
- Japanese Modern History from a Global Perspective
- Global Project Work

T1-2  
from April to early August

**[Courses taught in English]**

- Introduction to Japanese Language
- Introduction to the Japanese Grammatical System
- Health and Healthcare in Japanese Culture
- Deviance and Taboo
- "Japanese" : Race in US Society
- Schooling and Equity
- Social Inequality and Stratification
- Global Social Changes
- Popular Culture in Japan
- Design Science
- Fascinating Aspects of Applied Sciences
- Fundamentals of Imaging Science

**[Courses where both Japanese and English are used]**

- Language and Media
- Language in Society
- Introduction to Intercultural Communication
- Intercultural Communication in the Japanese Context
- Education, Societies and Inequality
- "Japan" in American Film

T4-5  
from October to early February

- Selected Aspects of the Japanese Language
- The Japanese Language in Its Diversity
- Japanese Grammatical System
- Japan Viewed through Current Events
- The Japanese Spiritual Mind and Traditional Culture
- History of Cultural Relations between Japan and Asia
- Understanding Cultural Relations between Modern Japan and China
- Method to Know the Area, and to Plan in the Area
- Japanese Food Culture\*
- Language and Society in Contemporary Japan\*
- Seminar of Communication in Contact Situations\*
- Seminar on Multicultural Education\*
- Seminar on International Education\*\*
- Education Affairs in Japan\*\*
- Reading Topics of Education\*\*

T1-2  
from April to early August

- Japan Viewed through Current Events
- The Japanese Spiritual Mind and Traditional Culture
- Images of Japan
- Studies of Multicultural Communication\*
- Japanese Pragmatics from Cross-Cultural Perspectives\*

Courses marked with \* are specialized courses for students of College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Courses marked with \*\* are specialized courses for international students of Faculty of Education.

### 03

#### Specialized seminars for J-PAC students

T4-5  
from October to early February

- Research Work (Humanities) A
- Research Work (Science and Engineering) A
- Research Work (Humanities) C

T1-2  
from April to early August

- Research Work (Humanities) B
- Research Work (Science and Engineering) B
- Research Work (Humanities) D
- Research Work (Humanities) E
- Language and Culture Exchange

### 04

#### Japanese language courses

Aims	Level and course code	Courses
Advanced language skills required to study or research in Japanese	Advanced	Japanese 800 T4/5 Oral Expression, Making Presentation Documents, Report Writing, T1/2 Oral Expression, Reading Comprehension, Report Writing, Grammar
		Japanese 700 T4/5 Oral Expression, Reading Comprehension, Making Presentation Documents, Grammar T1/2 Listening, Reading Comprehension, Report Writing, Grammar
	Intermediate	Japanese 600 T4/5, T1/2 Oral Expression, Reading Comprehension, Written Expression, Grammar, Kanji
		Japanese 500 T4/5, T1/2 Integrated, Oral Expression, Composition, Grammar, Kanji
Basic language skills	Pre-intermediate	Japanese 300 T4/5, T1/2 Integrated, Reading Comprehension & Composition, Conversation, Grammar, Kanji
		Japanese 200 T4/5, T1/2 Integrated, Reading Comprehension & Composition, Conversation, Kanji
	Basic	Japanese 100 T4/5, T1/2 Integrated, Conversation, Oral Expression, Kanji

# Student Life at Chiba University

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## FALL SEMESTER

Term4 - Term5

Late September	Orientation, Class registration
October	First half of Fall semester (Term 4) begins
Early November	University Festival
Late November	Home visit
Early December	Second half of Fall semester (Term 5) begins
Late January	Home stay (overnight)
Mid-February	Spring vacation / Departure from Japan

The fall semester (Term 4 - Term 5) starts in early October and ends in early February. There is no break between terms. There is a one-week winter holiday which starts in late December and lasts till early January.

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## SPRING SEMESTER

Term1 - Term2

Early April	Orientation, Class registration
April	First half of Spring semester (Term 1) begins
Early June	Second half of Spring semester (Term 2) begins
Mid-to-late August	Departure from Japan

The spring semester (Term 1 - Term 2) starts in April and ends in early August. There is no break between terms.

Please note that J-PAC students are required to arrive at Chiba University International House on an appointed day before the semester starts. Orientation will be held in the following week.

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## International House

J-PAC students stay at Chiba University International House in single rooms, which are furnished with a bed, desk, kitchenette, shower and toilet. The monthly rent is ¥19,000 (subject to change). Additionally, a one-time payment of ¥15,000 (subject to change) is required when moving in. The International House is located in Inage, one short train stop from the university.



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## Living expenses in Japan

For your reference, living expenses including meals, electricity and phone bills are about ¥70,000 per month. You will also need to pay for textbooks, travel and other activities. Please note that under the Japanese law you will NOT be able to receive overseas money transfers until you have lived in Japan for six months. Please take this into consideration in your financial planning before you apply for the program. Chiba University does not allow short-term exchange students to do part-time jobs; however, students who may be allowed to take a part-time job after having studied at Chiba University for at least one term, only in exceptional circumstances.



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## Insurance

In addition to the National Health Insurance (about ¥1,600 per month), students are required to buy the accident insurance policies (about ¥1,500 for one year) which are offered at Chiba University.

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## Academic Transcript

After completion of the program, Chiba University will issue academic transcripts for all the students and mail them to their home institutions. Home institutions will normally get transcripts either in mid-October in case students study at Chiba University until August or in mid-April in case students study at Chiba University until February. Those students who want to have their Chiba university credits recognized by their home institutions are strongly advised to consult their academic supervisors in their countries beforehand.

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## Experience the Culture of Japan Program

International students have the opportunity to attend home visit and home stay programs and interact with people of various social and professional backgrounds. They also have a chance to experience traditional Japanese culture such as the tea ceremony or calligraphy. Other events such as bus tours within Chiba Prefecture or attending kabuki theatre performance at Tokyo's National Theatre are also scheduled.

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## Exchange with Chiba University students who have studied or plan to study overseas

The number of Chiba University students who go overseas to study at our partner universities keeps growing every year. We encourage them and J-PAC students to get together and exchange their opinions. Having the same experience of studying abroad at different countries as well as hosting international students at their countries enables both groups of students to compare different cultures and educational systems and objectively look at Japan as a host country.

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## The tutor system

Each J-PAC student is introduced to a Chiba University student, who becomes his or her fellow-tutor, and often the very first friend at Chiba University who can provide invaluable help in settling down and everyday life. All J-PAC students are strongly encouraged to make the most of this unique tutor system.

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## Japanese Language Study Room

The Japanese Language Study Room is a facility where international students can find a variety of Japanese language teaching materials and references, use computers and the internet and also find help from student-tutors who are there on duty during the opening hours.



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## English House

English House located on-campus provides a relaxing atmosphere to meet new people and have English conversations.



# Recruitment Requirements

## How to apply

To be eligible, applicants must be enrolled at an institution of higher education that has an inter-university agreement with Chiba University. Eligible international students will be exempted from the registration, admission and tuition fees at Chiba University and may have their credits obtained at Chiba University recognized at their home institutions. Applicants must have completed at least one year of undergraduate course work at the time of application. Also, students accepted into the program must agree to return to their home institution upon completion of the exchange program. The selection of participants will be made at Chiba University on the basis of their academic record, personal statement of purpose and a recommendation letter from their current teacher. Applicants should send completed applications to the address shown in page 15 through their home institution.

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## Documents to submit

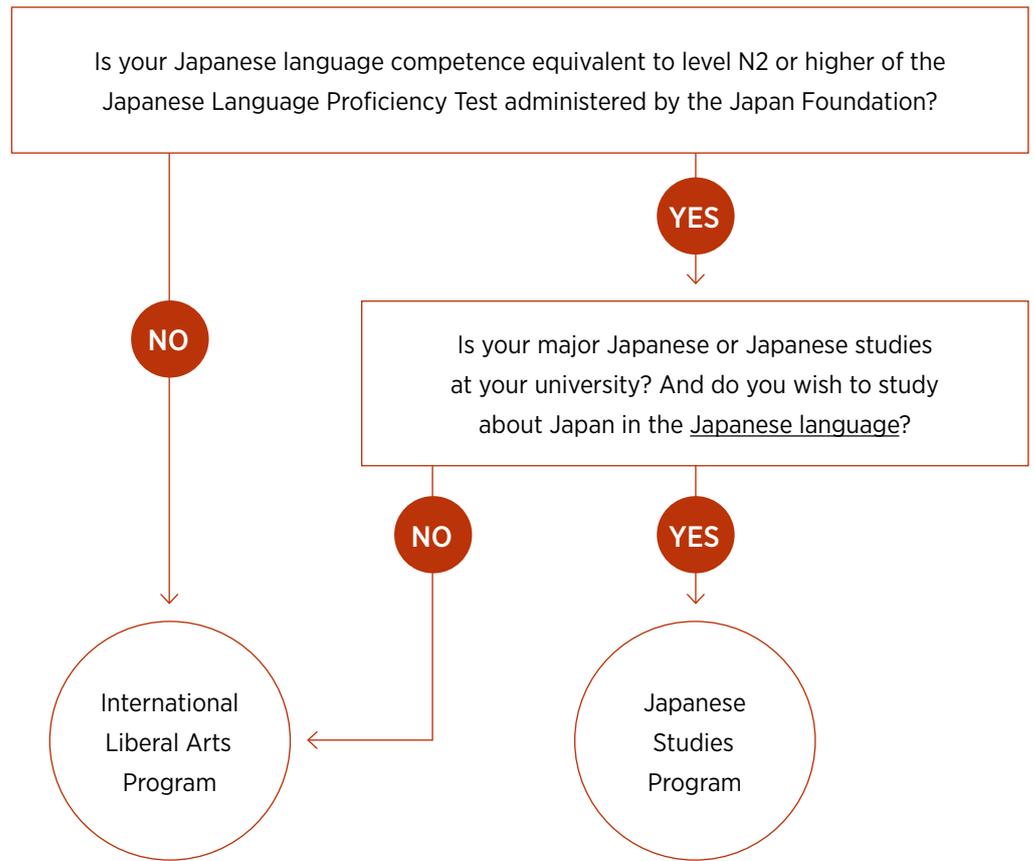
(a) Application forms, (b) Plan of study, (c) Academic transcript from the applicant's home institution, (d) 1 letter of reference from an academic teacher at the applicant's home institution who has known the applicant for at least one year, (e) Certificate of Japanese language proficiency by a Japanese language instructor, (f) Scores of TOEFL or IELTS in case the applicant's Japanese language ability has not reached N2 and English language ability is intermediate or lower than intermediate, (g) 1 copy of the photo page of your passport, (h) 2 photos with size : 3 cm x 4 cm.

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## Schedule

- (1) Applicants should send applications by March 10, 2018 for admission to the program beginning in October 2018 and by September 10, 2018 for admission to the program beginning in April 2019.
- (2) We will inform the applicant's institution of the result of application in the end of May 2018 (in late November for applicants for admission to the program beginning in April). Guide for J-PAC Students as well as information on what preparation is necessary before arrival in Japan will be mailed to successful applicants at a later date.
- (3) We will mail a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) to the applicant's institution by the end of August (in late February for applicants for admission to the program beginning in April). This certificate is required for Japanese visa application.

Before you apply, please check the following flowchart.



# Scholarships

Applicants may be eligible for a JASSO (Japan Student Services Organization) scholarship of approximately ¥80,000/month (subject to change). Chiba University will normally recommend several eligible candidates for JASSO scholarships. Applicants who are due to commence their study in October will be notified about the JASSO decision by June 30 and those who are due to commence their study in April will be notified by the end of February. Applicants cannot apply to JASSO directly.

Please note that the number of JASSO scholarships is limited and they are not always allocated to J-PAC applicants. Also, being accepted as J-PAC student does not guarantee your scholarship nomination will be successful.



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For more information or application forms for the J-PAC, please contact :

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# Student Voice

**Minna Eveliina Vaelimaeki**

University of Eastern Finland, Finland

My year at Chiba University was simply amazing. I got much more opportunities to experience Japan and the culture than I expected! During the year I met a lot of people from all over the world, which helped me gain knowledge about many cultures. I grew conscious about stereotypes I never knew I had and was able to overcome them. I think it led me to grow as a person. The variety of Japanese classes offered made learning the language very efficient and easy. I was surprised to realize how good my Japanese skills became! The teachers and other staff members were very nice and helpful; I never had to struggle alone with any problems. I made a lot of memories I will never forget. Now that I'm back in Finland, I have continued to study Japanese and I'm already planning to go back to Japan!

**Christin Wolf**

Leipzig University, Germany

Studying at Chiba University provided me with so many great opportunities to get a deeper insight into Japanese culture and society. By participating in 'Japanese Studies' courses, for instance, I was able to learn side by side with Japanese students as well as other exchange students from all over the world about the various facets of cultural and social life in Japan, which opened up new perspectives I had never considered before. The teachers were highly competent and kind, having made the learning atmosphere very enjoyable and having given me the feeling of being able to express my opinion freely while conducting discussions, debates and creative projects on Japanese customs and festivals as well as more serious topics like taboos and stereotypical representations. It was thus academically challenging and fun to learn at the same time, especially because I did not only learn for my academic career, I learnt for life.

**Konstantin Plett**

Düsseldorf University, Germany

My year in Japan and the participation in the J-PAC program was an enriching and life changing experience for me. During my time in Chiba I had the chance to learn so much about Japanese society and culture by making lots of Japanese friends. Additionally, I met so many exchange students from all around the world like Australia, Thailand, China, USA or other countries from Europe. Also, my Japanese skills improved a lot in my opinion, because everyday I had all kinds of different Japanese classes and seminars in Japanese at Chiba. Especially the grammar and Kanji classes helped me to understand Japanese culture and society even more deeply in my daily life in Japan. I had also the opportunity to help teaching German in the German classes at Chiba. There I could learn a lot about the role of being a teacher in a foreign country, which made me reflect on my own mother tongue and culture as well. I'm thankful for the opportunity that was given to me to study for one year in the country and culture I care so much about. In the future I want to come back to Japan to work there as a German teacher and I think J-PAC made my dream coming closer.