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University of Tsukuba
Multicultural Campus Project Toward Social Impact
Multicultural Co-Learning Program
"Story Co-Creation for Sustainable Futures"
Call for Participants: University of Costa Rica

1. About the program

In this multicultural co-learning program, participants will examine shared challenges between Japan and Costa Rica that must be addressed to achieve a sustainable future and build a common vision for such a future through collaborative storytelling.

Specifically, students from the University of Tsukuba and the University of Costa Rica will engage in a learning process that includes fieldwork—such as visits to museums and exchanges with research institutes and local governments. Through these activities, they will identify the challenges that must be overcome and propose solutions in the form of stories. Through participation in this program, students will gain a deeper understanding of issues related to building a sustainable society. In addition, by engaging in problem-solving that incorporates storytelling in an intercultural environment, they will explore new ways to express their ideas effectively and creatively.

As the program aims to foster an interdisciplinary learning environment, it is designed so that students from all academic fields can participate effectively.

2. Application guidelines

Participation Fee: Free.

Participants:

University of Costa Rica: 6 students

University of Tsukuba: 10: students

Eligibility: Undergraduate students (all nationalities and academic fields)

Participation requirements:

- Participants must arrange their own airfare, travel insurance, transportation to the University of Tsukuba, accommodation, meals, etc. (these costs will not be covered by the University of Tsukuba).
- Applicants must have an interest in international exchange, storytelling, and sustainable development.
- Applicants must be able to hold an everyday conversation in either English or Japanese.

Application Period: June 24, 2026, 12:00 – July 10, 2026, 12:00 (JST)

Application form: <https://forms.office.com/r/Xi5wFY7tPy>



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- If the number of applications exceeds the available spots, selection will be based on grade point average (or admission score for first-time first-year students) and academic field.
- Applicants must also submit a certificate of their grade point average (or admission score for first-year students). Certificates must be issued between June 24 and July 10, 2026, and submitted to mena.aaron.gb@u.tsukuba.ac.jp by July 10, 2026, at 12:00 (JST).
- If needed, a second round of applications may be conducted.

Program Schedule

Activities in Costa Rica (Online)

- December 16, 2026: Orientation, lecture, and discussion
- January 8, 2027: Lecture and discussion
- February 10, 2027: Reflection on learning results and discussion

Activities in Japan (In-person)

- January 19, 2027: Lectures and discussion.
- January 20-22, 2027: Field work
- January 23-24, 2027: Free time
- January 25-26, 2027: Field work
- January 27-28, 2027: Problem-solving and story co-creation
- January 29, 2027: Story presentation and discussion.

Total program duration: **60 hours**.

Locations for in-person activities: University of Tsukuba, research facilities in Tsukuba, museums in Tokyo and Ibaraki prefecture.



3. Certification

Participants who attend all program activities and are recognized as having successfully completed them will be awarded a **Gold Digital Badge** through JV-Campus, a Japan-based online learning platform.

For information on the University of Tsukuba Social Impact Project digital badge system, please refer to the website below: <https://social-impact.projects.tsukuba.ac.jp/digitalbadge>

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