

FY2026 'RUN-UP Activities' Call for Applications

(Student Version)

1. Purpose

RUN-UP activities, implemented as part of University of Tsukuba's Social Impact Project, aim to reduce the psychological barriers that newly enrolled students may feel toward studying abroad and engaging in multicultural co-learning. These activities seek to spark students' interest in going overseas and participating in activities abroad, fostering their intrinsic motivation to take part in such experiences. The goal of these activities is to encourage a greater number of students to join multicultural co-learning activities and, ultimately, develop into globally minded individuals.

Financial support will be provided for activities that meet the requirements listed below. If you have an initiative that applies, please apply using Application Form 1.

2. Eligible Activities and Applicants

- **Eligible Activities:** RUN-UP activities that will be implemented during FY2026 and meet the requirements listed in Section 3.
- **Eligible Applicants:** Undergraduate or graduate students of the University of Tsukuba (including international students).

3. Requirements

RUN-UP activities must meet **all** the following 4 conditions:

(1) Help University of Tsukuba students recognize the value of overseas experiences. Examples are provided below for reference, but these are illustrative only.

- **Example 1:** Organize exchange events where international students enrolled at the university introduce the culture and customs of their home countries, helping University of Tsukuba students develop interest in those countries.
- **Example 2:** Invite University of Tsukuba alumni to give seminars that stimulate students' interest in studying abroad and help them form a concrete image of what studying abroad is like.
- **Example 3:** Conduct events or seminars that contribute to improving students' language proficiency.

(2) Be related to one or more of the following Multicultural Co-learning Competencies:

- **Understanding of Cultural Differences:** Ability to understand others across cultural differences.
- **Cross-cultural Communication:** Ability to communicate in foreign languages
- **Awareness of Global Issues:** Ability to understand difficult-to-solve issues both in Japan and abroad.
- **Career Design:** Ability to understand the relationship between multicultural co-learning and one's future career.

(3) Include a brief explanation (a few minutes) of the Social Impact Project at the time of implementation. The actual content will be explained later.

(4) Have been approved in advance by a "partner" faculty or staff*

*Faculty and staff who endorse the purpose and content of the activity (homeroom faculty, student club advisor, laboratory supervisor, administrative staff, etc.)

4. Support

- (1) The activity will be accredited as a “RUN-UP Activity” under University of Tsukuba’s Social Impact Project.
- (2) Issuance of digital badges (Purple Badge) to participants is available (in the case that the organizer wishes to issue badges and can identify the participants’ names and contact information).
- (3) Financial support is available for up to 50,000 yen (see the table below for examples of what can be supported).

Examples	Eligible for support	Not eligible for support
Facility fees	Renting an off-campus facility for event	Museum entrance fee
Supplies	Printing flyers, materials for making posters	Buying food and drinks, prizes

Note: For support regarding expenses not listed above, please contact the Social Impact Office social.impact@un.tsukuba.ac.jp.

5. Application Procedures (Before the Event)

- **Complete the required fields in Application Form 1** and print it out.
- Get the **signature or stamp of approval** from a partner faculty or staff and convert it to a PDF.
- **Submit both the PDF and Excel file of the completed Application Form 1** to social.impact@un.tsukuba.ac.jp before the deadline indicated in the table below. Write “RUN-UP Student Proposal” in the subject line.
- After your application is received by email, a confirmation email will be sent to you. If you do not receive a confirmation email, please be sure to contact the email above.

Table: Application Deadlines and Corresponding Activity Periods

	Application Deadline	Activity Implementation Period	Estimated Notification Date of Selection Results
1st round	2026/6/16 (Tue)	August 2026-March 2027	July 14th, 2026 (Tue)
2nd round	2026/7/17 (Fri)	September 2026-March 2027	August 18th, 2026 (Tue)
3rd round	2026/8/17 (Mon)	October 2026-March 2027	September 14th, 2026 (Mon)
4th round	2026/9/16 (Wed)	November 2026-March 2027	October 14th, 2026 (Wed)
5th round	2026/10/16 (Fri)	December 2026-March 2027	November 13th, 2026 (Fri)
6th round	2026/11/16 (Mon)	January 2026-March 2027	December 14th, 2026 (Mon)
7th round	2026/12/11 (Fri)	February 2026-March 2027	January 15th, 2027 (Fri)
8th round	2027/1/15 (Fri)	March 2027	February 12th, 2027 (Fri)

6. Selection Process

- **Step 1: Interview**

Within two weeks after applying, you will be invited to an interview at the Administration Building. A representative from the Social Impact Promotion Office will discuss with you the feasibility of holding the event and the budget needed. Additionally, as stated in Requirement (3), you will be required to give a brief explanation (lasting a few minutes) of the Social Impact Project during the activity. In the interview, we will explain the specific content and presentation methods for this explanation.

- **Step 2: Selection**

Applications will be reviewed and evaluated by the Multicultural Co-Learning Promotion and Planning Committee. The applicant will be notified of the approval status and the amount of support prior to the implementation of the RUN-UP activity.

7. Administrative Procedures for Budget Spending

The budget will be centrally managed by the Department of Educational Promotion. We will be making the required purchases for you, so please do not spend money on your own for the event (we will not be able to reimburse you).

8. Outcome Report (to be submitted after the activity)

- Please **complete the Outcome Report (Form 2)** promptly after the completion of the activity (ideally within one week).
- In the Outcome Report, please **describe the activity's specific results and outcomes. Include pictures of the event and the list of participants (Form 3)**. Submitted reports will be compiled and utilized as reference materials for committee meetings and for documents related to educational reform.

9. Important Points to Note

- Since this funding is intended to support students' activities, please ensure that you **do not outsource this activity** to external organizations.
- Applications must be submitted **at least one month and a half** before the planned activity date. The acceptance of applications may close once the budget has been fully allocated. Early submission is thus recommended.
- Once your activity has passed the selection, please **carry out the event** as planned (cannot cancel)!
- For those who wish for a digital (purple) badge to be distributed to participating students of your activity, please **remember to ask them to fill out Form 3 during your event**.

10. Attached Documents

- Form 1: RUN-UP Activities Application Form
- Form 1 Example: Sample of completed Application Form
- Form 2: Outcome Report
- Form 3: List of actual participants of the event (for organizers wishing to issue a digital badge)

(Reference)

University of Tsukuba “**Multicultural Campus Project Toward Social Impact**” Project Plan

https://www.jsps.go.jp/file/storage/j-social-i/data/sentei_jigyo/R6keikaku_12.pdf

[Submission and Contact Information]

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