

Musashi University is pleased to provide you with a pre-release notification regarding the launch of our inaugural Musashi University Summer Collaborative Learning Experience (MUSCLE) Program in Summer 2025. While we are in the final stages of internal approval and cannot officially announce the program just yet, we would like to share this early information so that potential applicants have time to prepare.

Program Overview

- **Dates:** June 3 – July 25, 2025 (7 weeks)
- **Courses Offered (All conducted in English):**
 - Seminar in Visual Cultures
 - Fieldwork in Japan
 - Seminar in Entrepreneurship
- **Format:** Interactive, project-based learning with international peers
- **Eligibility:** Open to students from our partner institutions, as well as those already studying at Musashi in the spring term
- **Language Requirement:** Students must have a strong command of English at an academic level
- **Course Requirements:** Students must enroll in at least two of the three courses but may take all three if they wish
- **Class Schedule:** Each course meets twice per week for 1 hour and 45 minutes per session (totaling three in-class hours per week per class)

The **MUSCLE Program** is designed to foster innovative learning and engagement by bringing together students from diverse backgrounds in a hands-on, collaborative setting.

Estimated Program Costs

While final program fees are still subject to confirmation, we estimate that the total program cost will range from **¥560,000 to ¥600,000** for the 7-week session. This includes:

- **Course Fees:** ¥40,000 per 2-credit course (¥80,000 for two courses, ¥120,000 for three)
- **Program Administration Fee:** ¥110,000
- **Housing Costs:** ¥140,000 to ¥200,000 (estimated for the duration of the program) - Provided in our new student housing facility (*subject to availability)
- **Estimated Meal Costs:** ¥2,500 per day, totaling **¥120,000** for the full program

Important Note: Travel expenses (airfare) and personal insurance are not included in this estimate. Students must arrange and cover these costs on their own.

Important Timeline Information

- **Official Announcement:** Expected on **April 17, 2025**
- **Application Period:** **April 18 – April 24, 2025** (one week only)
- **Application Requirements:**

- Completion of an **online application form**
- Submission of **one letter of recommendation** (to be submitted online)
- **Notification of Acceptance:** May 2, 2025

Next Steps

While we cannot formally open applications yet, we will notify you immediately once the official announcement is made. In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like further details, please feel free to reach out to either of us:

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