

# University of the Ryukyus Summer Program 2026

## 琉球大學 2026 年度 Summer Program 招募要項

### 1 Program Description

The Program welcomes students from the University's partner institutions in Taiwan and Hawai'i to the University of the Ryukyus, where they will engage in collaborative learning with Japanese students under the theme of regional sustainability. Participants will take part in practical learning activities combining lectures and fieldwork on renewable energy, the environment, well-being, and coexistence. This program will be conducted jointly with the University's FY2026 Inter-island Sustainability Educational Program. While learning about regional issues in Okinawa, participants will work together with students from the University and partner institutions through group discussions and collaborative presentations. Through these activities, participants will gain multifaceted perspectives and approaches toward solving regional challenges.

### 2 Program Period

August 12 – August 21, 2026 (10 days)

### 3 Eligible Partner Institutions

Among University of the Ryukyus' partner institutions in Taiwan and Hawaii, the following 15 universities are eligible.

Taiwan		Hawaii
National Taiwan University 國立臺灣大學	Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages 文藻外語大學	University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
National Yunlin University of Science and Technology 國立雲林科技大學	National University of Tainan 國立台南大學	University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu
National Taiwan Ocean University 國立臺灣海洋大學	National Penghu University of Science and Technology 國立澎湖科技大學	Hawai'i Community College
National Sun Yat-sen University 國立中山大學	Kainan University 開南大學	Honolulu Community College
Tunghai University 東海大學		Leeward Community College
		Maui College

### 4 Application Conditions

Participants must fulfill the following conditions.

- (1) Students must be enrolled as undergraduate students (not on leave of absence) at the partner institutions listed in Section 3 and be nominated by their home institution.
- (2) Students must participate in all program components, including pre and post-programs.
- (3) Students must be keenly interested in learning about Okinawa and the Pacific Island Region and be expected to interact actively with program participants including Japanese students. Japanese language skills are not required for program participation.

- (4) As English will be the language of instruction, students are expected to communicate actively in English.
- (5) Students must continue their studies and graduate from their home institutions after participation in the Program. Students who plan to terminate their studies or take a leave of absence from their home institution will not be eligible.
- (6) Students selected for the program must obtain overseas travel insurance.

## 5 Number of Participants

Up to 10 students (maximum of 2 students from each partner university).

\*Approximately 8–10 students from University of the Ryukyus will also participate.

\*If the number of applicants exceeds capacity, participants will be selected through document screening by the University.

## 6 Program Overview

### (1) Languages Used

The primary language of the Program is English. Chinese and Japanese may also be used as necessary.

### (2) Program Schedule (\*Lecture contents are subject to change.)

Date	Contents
Pre-Program	Orientation I (including program introduction) Take the BEVI
August 12 (Wed)	Arrival at Naha Airport *Participants are requested to travel to Tedako-Uranishi Station by themselves. Transportation from Tedako-Uranishi Station to University of the Ryukyus will be provided by University staff.
August 13 (Thu)	Opening Ceremony, Opening lecture Welcome Party and Campus Tour
August 14 (Fri)	Lecture 1 - Peace, Gender, and Human Rights Lecture 2 - Tourism
August 15 (Sat)	Fieldwork 1 (South part of the Okinawa Island)
August 16 (Sun)	Free Research Project
August 17 (Mon)	Lecture 3 - Terrestrial Environment Lecture 4 - Marine Environment
August 18 (Tue)	Fieldwork 2 (North part of the Okinawa Island)
August 19 (Wed)	Lecture 5 -Program Summary Preparation for Presentation
August 20 (Thu)	Final Presentation Closing Ceremony and Farewell Party
August 21 (Fri)	Departure from Naha Airport *Transportation from University of the Ryukyus to Tedako-Uranishi Station will be provided by University staff.
Post-Program	Take the BEVI

## 7 Cost of Participation

### <Participant Expenses (Self-funded Items)>

- (1) Program fee: JPY 46,000  
This includes accommodation and admission fees for fieldwork facilities (Peace Memorial Museum, Himeyuri Peace Museum, Oceanic Culture Museum, etc.).  
\*Accommodation: Researcher Exchange Facility 50th Anniversary Memorial Hall (9 nights, 10 days) Reservations will be made by the University after participant selection.  
<https://kenkyu.skr.u-ryukyu.ac.jp/main/public/suishin/pg5982803.html>
- (2) Round-trip airfare (from departure airport to Naha Airport)
- (3) Transportation costs between place of residence and departure airport, and between Naha Airport and Tedako-Uranishi Station, as well as accommodation costs during transit if required.
- (4) Expenses incurred due to flight delays or excess baggage
- (5) Passport application fees and visa-related costs for entry into Japan
- (6) Overseas travel insurance (mandatory)
- (7) Medical expenses incurred during the Program
- (8) Meal expenses during the Program
- (9) Personal expenses, including souvenirs
- (10) Cancellation fees due to withdrawal for personal reasons

### <Expenses Covered by the University of the Ryukyus>

- (1) Partial costs related to fieldwork in Okinawa Main Island (bus transportation)

## 8 Application Documents and Procedure

The responsible office at each partner university is requested to widely inform students about the Program, select up to two candidates from among the applicants, rank them in order of priority, and submit the following documents to the University of the Ryukyus.

○Application Documents:

2026 Summer Program Application Form

Photocopy of passport page with photo

○Submission Deadline:

June 19 (Fri.) at 4:00 PM (Japan Standard Time)

○Submission Method:

Email to: International Collaboration Section, University of the Ryukyus

Email: [kosoumu@acs.u-ryukyu.ac.jp](mailto:kosoumu@acs.u-ryukyu.ac.jp)

\**Subject line: "2026 Summer Program"*

\*Applications must be submitted by the designated staff member of their home institutions. Direct applications from students will not be accepted.

## 9 Selection of Participants

If the number of applicants exceeds capacity, selection will be conducted by the University of the Ryukyus based on document screening. The results will be announced to each partner university by email in mid-July.

## 10 Contact

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