

Immersive English Experience for Study-Abroad Preparation Winter Program in AY2021 **Application Guidelines**

1. Purpose

“Immersive English Experience for Study-Abroad Preparation Winter Program in AY2021” will be implemented. This program will provide training in an environment as close as possible to an overseas environment, which will lead to future short-term and medium-term study abroad programs, and will develop outstanding human resources with an international perspective.

2. Overview of the Program

Dispatching students to British Hills (Tenei Village, Fukushima Prefecture) for a 6-day 5-night-training program to simulate an overseas experience. We will provide partial financial support for those students who are participating in this program. Students who participate in the training program are required to complete an extracurricular activity class called Immersive English Experience for Study-Abroad Preparation — Summer Program", and students who meet the grading criteria will be awarded one credit.

3. Program Activities

Details of training

- (1) English lessons to improve presentation skills, and develop discussion and listening skills in English, as well as participate in extracurricular activities to learn about British culture and manners.
- (2) Experience English-immersed communal life in an English-speaking language environment and facilities that replicate an authentic British environment.

4. The Number of Student Delegates

Approximately 26 student delegates

5. Duration of the Program (Scheduled date)

From, Monday February 14 to Saturday, February 19, 2022

6. Qualifications and Conditions of Application to the Program

(1) Applicants for this program are first- to third-year undergraduate students with excellent academic performance in the 2021 academic year when they apply for the program.

International students (regular students) are also eligible. The number of accepted international students are limited, and they are expected to play a role of English conversation leader during the program.

(2) Applicants must take the extracurricular course called "Immersive English Experience for Study-Abroad Preparation — Summer Program" and complete the assigned task appropriately to receive one credit. However, students who have already registered and completed another extracurricular project will not receive credit, but will be allowed to participate in the project on the condition that they attend class and complete the assigned tasks.

(3) Students must have taken one of the following language exams: TOEFL, TOEIC (including the TOEIC IP test offered by the university), IELTS, or any other Practical English Proficiency Test.

(4) The applicant must have no mental or physical hindrance to the studies and life in British Hills.

(5) The applicant must be willing to contribute the results of the training by getting involved in international exchange activities of the University and the region.

(6) The student(s) selected for the program will be asked to complete a survey or questionnaire related to the training program in order to improve its content. They must respond to the survey or questionnaire on the specified date.

(7) Classes and activities in British Hills are mandatory and must be attended. If you must be absent due to illness or other unavoidable circumstances, please consult with the coordinator of British Hills in advance.

(8) Speaking tests will be conducted before and after the training. Also, be sure to participate in online sessions with the partner university after the training.

(9) Participants are requested to submit their reports and questionnaires by the designated date after the completion of the training. The report will be posted on the website. Please note that no credit will be given if the requested items are not submitted by the deadline.

(10) Presentation of the results of the study and research and exchange activities at the end of the training.

(11) In order to prevent the spread of the COVID-19, participants are required to fill out a health check sheet two weeks prior to the start of the training and submit it to OSIP (Office for Strategy of International Program) before the start of the training. Be sure to record your health status on the health check sheet every day during the training and submit it to OSIP after the training has ended.

7. Program Expenses

The expenses described below will be supported within the budget limitations.

(1) Language training

The University will subsidize the cost of the lessons, accommodation and transportation. The expenses for the English course, transportation to and from the University and British Hills, and 5 nights' accommodation (including breakfast and dinner) will be supported by the university. All other local expenses must be paid by the student.

8. Expenses Ineligible for Support by the University

(1) Exam fees: TOEIC Speaking Test

Support membership fees (for two tests): 10,370 yen

* Students with a high score in TOEIC Listening-Reading/Speaking will be given a Skill-up

Scholarship by University Support

Association.

(2) Living expenses (lunch, food, souvenir, etc.)

9. How to Apply

Students applying to the Program must submit the following documents to the Office for Strategy of International Programs (OSIP) (Room No. 123 on the 1st floor of the Research Quadrangles)

Application deadline: 17:00, November 19th, 2021

【Application Sheets】

a) An application form (available to download from OSIP website or get them at the Center for Globalization office)

b) A copy of a certificate of an English proficiency test

※ OSIP will register the applicants for “Immersive English Experience for Study-Abroad Preparation” class after selection is finalized.

10. Selection and Result Notification

Selection of student delegates and result notification will be implemented as follows:

a) Submitted documents will be screened. Applicants will be notified of the results of the preliminary review.

b) Interviews for applicants who have passed the preliminary review will be implemented.

c) Results of the interviews will be notified to applicants who have passed the interviews.

d) OSIP will submit a list of students who have passed the interviews to the President of the University. The President will make a final decision regarding applicants to be accepted to the program and notify successful applicants the final results in writing.

11. Cancellation of Decision on Student Delegate Selection or Training Program, Financial Refund

The University of Aizu may cancel a decision made regarding the selection of student delegates or cancel a training program for a student in any of the cases below. In these cases, the University may require the relevant student delegate to return all, or a portion of support funds received from the University.

- a) In cases where false information is found in application documents.
- b) In cases where a relevant student delegate receives official disciplinary punishment, etc. from the University of Aizu or British Hills.
- c) In cases where the student delegate withdraws from the University of Aizu
- d) In cases where the University decides to cancel the training program due to unavoidable circumstances, such as situations where the safety of participants cannot be assured.
- e) In the event that an applicant declines to participate in the program, in principle the applicant will be responsible for bearing the various expenses related to declining participation, as well as expenses that have already been paid.
- f) In cases where the student delegate does not submit assignments for the “Immersive English Experience for Study-Abroad Preparation Winter Program”. In cases when the student delegates were absent from classes, programs, or events held at the British Hills without proper reasons.

12. Inquiries

The Office for Strategy of International Programs (OSIP), The University of Aizu,

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