see the World from a new perspective

Exchange Ambassador Programs
Sponsored by the College of Staten Island (CSI)
The City University of New York (CUNY)

OBJECTIVE OF EXCHANGE:
These programs aim to provide CSI students with a core knowledge and skills in Japanese language and other Japan related subjects (in English) at the same tuition costs as CSI. Exchange students will live with Japanese and international students while enabling them to experience life in Japan. In addition, CSI exchange students will serve as “CSI Student Ambassadors” and will gain a global perspective that helps them to achieve career goals in an increasingly interdependent world. This program is operated on the basis of reciprocal exchange.

SEINAN GAKUIN UNIVERSITY (SGU)
http://www.seinan-gu.ac.jp/eng/
Open to All CUNY Students

FUKUOKA: The city of Fukuoka, also known as Hakata, is the cultural and economic capital of Kyushu, the southern most island of Japan. The city has a population of 1.3 million people and has been considered an international city for centuries. It is known for its natural beauty. Fukuoka is also known for its excellent public transportation system, beautiful mountains and beaches.

SGU: SGU was founded in 1916 by Baptist missionaries. The campus has always had an international flavor and accepts students from around the world.

COURSES: Asian Studies, Business, Comparative Religion, Economics, Law, History, Literature, Political Science, Psychology, Social Work & Sociology. Exchange students are required to take Japanese Language. All courses except the Japanese language are taught in English.

RITSUMEIKAN ASIA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY (APU)
http://www.apu.ac.jp/
Open to CSI Students Only

BEPPU: The city of Beppu overlooks Beppu Bay which connects to the Pacific. On a clear day, Shikoku is visible in the distance. Oita Prefecture was one of the sites for the 2002 World Cup Soccer Games while Beppu City is an internationally known city for its hot springs resort that is a favorite tourist destination.

APU: APU is the first Japanese University to devote all its resources toward the pursuit of an international education. Its bilingual curriculum structure and highly multicultural campus make it a unique institution, not only within Japan, but worldwide. Students study in an environment that fosters an unbiased worldview and encourages critical thinking that integrates a wide range of perspectives.

PROGRAM DATES:
SGU: Fall  September-December  
   Spring  January-May  
APU: Fall  October-January  
   Spring  April-July

HOUSING:
Students live in student dorms with other Japanese and international students. The housing fee is not included in the program costs and paid directly to SGU or APU.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:
The program is open to students who are in good academic and student standing at CSI, with a minimum 2.75 GPA. Applicants must submit a statement of purpose, 2 letters of recommendation from faculty members, an official transcript and have an in-person campus interview. These exchange programs require a certain level of maturity, independence, seriousness of purpose, and an ability to adapt to new environmental and academic conditions. Late admission can only be considered on a space by space basis.

REGISTRATION:
Students accepted to the exchange program will be registered for a minimum of 12 study abroad credits per semester and pay CSI tuition before departure.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:
FALL SEMESTER  March 1  
SPRING SEMESTER  October 1

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL COSTS (per semester):
Airfare  $1800  
Housing  $1700-$2600  
Meals  $2000  
Miscellaneous Expenses  $2500-$4000

TUITION PAYMENT:
Students will be required to pay CSI full-time tuition prior to departure for the program. No additional tuition is charged by SGU or APU.

FINANCIAL AID:
Students may apply for financial aid. State TAP aid, federal Pell grants, and direct student loans may be available based on eligibility to students applying for the exchange program.

PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATION:
Students will be required to attend a pre-departure orientation at CSI.

QUESTIONS?
Contact the Center for International Service, College of Staten Island, at 718-982-2100 or satoko.fukai@csi.cuny.edu.

CSI Sponsored Exchange Programs  
Australia: University of Canberra  
France: IPAG  
Hong Kong: City University of Hong Kong  
Ireland: Dublin Institute of Technology  
Japan: Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University  
Japan: Seinan Gakuin University

CUNY Sponsored Exchange Programs  
France: CUNY/Paris Exchange  
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