

Application Guideline (For students from partner universities)

Niigata University Summer Program 2026 **Project-based Inter-Cultural Learning**

◆Aim

Niigata University (NU) will offer the Summer Program 2026. The program is designed for students from our partner universities who will learn remotely from their home country with NU students. It provides students with opportunities to contribute to the globalizing world in different social settings in the future. Program participants can interact with each other through collaborative online international learning (COIL).

◆Eligibility

An applicant must meet all of the following requirements.

- (1) The applicant is enrolled as a degree-seeking student during the period of the program in a university with which NU has concluded a student exchange agreement.
- (2) Group members are expected to actively engage in discussions with each other. Although this program is not primarily focused on language acquisition and Japanese will be the common language used, students are free to communicate in any language that best facilitates their activities. However, participants should still be mindful and accommodating of their partner's language proficiency to ensure effective communication. The applicant is expected to attend all the scheduled classes to complete the program successfully.

◆Method

The entire program will be conducted online via Zoom. Students are required to have laptops/PCs, (build-in) cameras, and microphones.

◆Maximum allowed

Students of partner universities: 16 maximum.

In the case of a large number of applications, we may select applicants.

◆Schedule

Japan Standard Time (JST) is used in the following schedule. The schedule is tentative, and we will inform you of the fixed one at a later date.

Purpose of the program: By collaborating with NU students, students acquire the language and communication skills that are the foundation for studying in Japan.

Time (JST)	14:45-16:15	16:30-18:00
Mon. August 24	• Orientation • Group decision (4 people x 8 groups) • Group work - Discuss an assigned topic in your group and create a digital Kamishibai (Japanese picture-story show) for the presentation on the final day	
Tue. August 25	• Sharing and feedback on problems from the previous day • Group work - Digital Kamishibai production	
Wed. August 26	• Sharing and feedback on problems from the previous day • Group work - Digital Kamishibai production	
Thu. August 27	• Sharing and feedback on problems from the previous day • Group work - Digital Kamishibai production	• Digital Kamishibai presentation • Discussion - Discuss the contents of the Kamishibai • Introduction of the NU by currently enrolled international students

*Group work will be done in small groups of NU students and students from partner universities. Small groups for the collaborative work will consist of students from both NU and its partner institutions.

*Depending on the total number of participating students, the contents of the program may be partially changed.

◆ Student Status at Niigata University

Students will be enrolled as “Special Auditing Student” at NU.

◆ Credit and Evaluation

Students will be evaluated according to their performance, including participation and discussion. 1 credit and the certificate will be given by NU after the successful completion of the program.

◆ Program Tuition

Free of charge.

◆ Notes

- In online discussions and other activities, you will often work together with NU students. Please participate actively and with enthusiasm.
- Photographs, videos, etc. taken during this program may be used for publicity activities. If personal information is to be used, we will ask you to submit the "Agreement on the Use of Personal Information" and upon receiving your consent, we will use the information only for publicity activities. (Details will be explained separately to those who have been selected to participate.)
- ZOOM will be recorded during class for research purposes. Please be aware of this before participating. If the information is used for public relations activities, it will be used in accordance with the "Agreement on the Use of Personal Information" above.

- After the program, we will conduct a questionnaire to improve the program. In addition to the above questionnaire, you may be asked to fill out a questionnaire on a voluntary basis for research purposes.

◆Application Process

➤ Application:

STEP1: Applicants must consult with the coordinator of their home university and express their intention of participating in the program.

STEP2: Applicants must be selected by partner universities, and the letter of recommendation must be submitted by coordinators to intl@adm.niigata-u.ac.jp by **5:00 p.m. (JST), July 10, 2026**. The format of the letter of recommendation will be sent to the coordinators via e-mail.

STEP3: Students who wish to participate in the program must fill in the necessary information by accessing the URL or scanning the 2D code below by **5:00 p.m. (JST), July 10, 2026**.

Notice: Please make sure to express your intention of participating in the program to the coordinator of your home university first before filling in the application form.

Application form for students: <https://forms.office.com/r/BPeSqh54r7>



➤ Due date for recommendation letter*: **5:00 p.m. (JST), July 10, 2026**

*The letter must be submitted by the coordinator of your home university by email.

➤ Application deadline for students*: **5:00 p.m. (JST), July 10, 2026**

*The application form must be filled in by students.

➤ Announcement of selection result: NU will inform our partner universities of the result by late-July.

◆Submission E-mail Address and Contact

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