

## PRELIMINARY APPLICATION FOR MTSU EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

### **Final Deadlines:**

**Fall 2022/Academic Year 2022-23: February 15, 2022**

**Spring 2023: September 15, 2022**

*Applications will be considered in the order in which they are received.*

### **What is the Preliminary Application for MTSU Exchange Programs?**

Students must be officially nominated to the exchange partner universities by the MTSU Office of Education Abroad, the Exchange Faculty Advisor, and the Vice Provost for International Affairs. This application is used to determine which students will be nominated.

### **Please check that you meet the following eligibility criteria:**

- ☐ You have been pre-approved through the Office of Education Abroad prior to submitting this application.
- ☐ You have completed at least one semester at MTSU and have an established MTSU GPA, *before the deadline listed above*. Transfer students may contact our office for additional guidance.
- ☐ You maintain at least a **2.5 GPA**, although many exchange programs require a 3.0 GPA or even higher.
- ☐ Exchange programs may require a certain level of language skills. Please indicate you are aware of any language requirements for the program to which you are applying.
- ☐ You understand that you must be enrolled full-time while participating on an exchange program.
- ☐ In addition to this application, you agree to follow the procedures required through the Office of Education Abroad, including required paperwork submission and participation in the mandatory pre-departure orientation.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

MTSU ID# (M number): \_\_\_\_\_ Current Overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

MTSU email: \_\_\_\_\_@mtmail.mtsu.edu Primary phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Current status (credit hours completed): ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior ☐ Graduate

Anticipated graduation date (month/year)? \_\_\_\_\_

MTSU Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_

MTSU Minor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever participated in education abroad? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, where and when? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a passport? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What is your country of citizenship? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently studying a foreign language? ☐ Yes ☐ No Language: \_\_\_\_\_

How many university semesters of this language have you completed? \_\_\_\_\_

How many semesters do you plan to study abroad? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of MTSU Exchange Program to which you are applying: \_\_\_\_\_

### JAPAN EXCHANGES ONLY

Please note the following chances of placement at the exchange universities in Japan:

- Saitama University – excellent
- Seinan Gakuin University – excellent
- Nagoya Gakuin University – excellent
- Kansai Gaidai University – fair to good
- Reitaku University – good

**You are required to provide a 2<sup>nd</sup> choice of university if your first choice if you are selecting Seinan Gakuin University or Kansai Gaidai University due to the popularity of these programs.**

If you are applying for any other program in Japan, you do not need to list a 2<sup>nd</sup> choice.

Japanese Programs - 2<sup>nd</sup> choice (in case 1<sup>st</sup> choice program is full): \_\_\_\_\_

### APPLICATION SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

Please attach the following supplemental materials to this application.

**1. Short essay: One to two pages (typed) answering the following questions.**

- a. What are your reasons for studying abroad? What do you hope to achieve?
- b. Exchange programs work best for **motivated, independent students**. You may be the only MTSU student participating on this particular exchange program in the term you are abroad. In addition, you may have to apply for a student visa without a great deal of guidance. When you email your host university with questions, it may take a few weeks to receive a response. Keeping all of this in mind, what qualities do you possess which make you a good candidate for an exchange program?

**2. EA Course Approval Form signed by student and Academic Advisor(s).**

*Students: Please read the page of instructions before meeting with your Academic Advisor(s) to complete the form.*

**PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY AND SIGN:**

MTSU Exchange programs are offered through bilateral exchange agreements between MTSU and our partner universities abroad. This means we are only able to send as many students abroad as we will receive from that university. Therefore, some exchange programs may only be available during certain semesters and/or only a few students may be chosen to participate. Participation in a particular exchange program is not guaranteed and a back-up education abroad program is recommended for all exchange applicants.

Participants will be enrolled as regular students at the partner university but will pay MTSU fees for tuition (and sometimes room and meals depending on the exchange agreement). Exchange programs are ideal for students who want to challenge themselves by fully integrating into the day-to-day academic and personal life of the host country.

Because these programs do not offer the level of support other education abroad programs do, participants should be highly motivated, interested in planning their own semester activities and excursions, and feel comfortable seeking out details without a great deal of guidance and reminders. Students who are not comfortable with these responsibilities should apply for a different type of education abroad program which offers more support.

I have read and understand the above details. I meet the above general eligibility requirements, but understand that I need to meet the individual university requirements as well. I have participated in an advising session with the Office of Education Abroad and I understand the level of support that will be offered with the exchange and I am comfortable with my responsibilities.

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_