TUJ Program Cancellation Message TU/Non-TU Combined

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This message combines key updates sent to Temple and non-Temple students. **Temple students** may have additional options for summer program courses and internships. Please check the email you received from our office for details and deadlines.

Dear Temple Japan students,

We are very sorry to inform you that after a thorough review of current circumstances and much discussion with our colleagues in Japan and on Main Campus, Temple University will not be able to offer the summer study abroad program at Temple Japan.

Unfortunately, the Japanese government’s entry ban impacting citizens from many countries around the world remains in effect, and there is still no indication as to when the entry ban will be lifted for students. The Japanese immigration authorities will not issue visas until entry restrictions are lifted. Given the timing of the program, there will not be sufficient time to obtain student visas in time for the start of the summer program.

We know this news is disappointing to you, and we share your sadness and frustration about the loss of this learning opportunity. Please know that this decision was not taken lightly.

We would like to share some important information related to the program cancellation and future study abroad plans.

**Deposits**

**Temple Students:** Any program or housing deposits you made via the study abroad portal will be credited to your next Temple bill. The only exception to this is for students who will be participating in the Temple Rome Summer I program; your deposits will be applied to the Rome program.

**Non-Temple Students:** If you submitted deposit(s) for the program, your deposit(s) will be refunded to you through a check in the mail. Please allow 4-6 weeks for your refund to be processed. If your permanent or mailing address has changed, please email Japan Program Manager Maddy Sullivan (madelyn@temple.edu) by April 15.

**Study Abroad in Future Semesters**
Fall 2021 and Spring 2022

If you would like to defer your study abroad term to Fall 2021 or Spring 2022, you may do so by following these instructions:

- Complete this [SURVEY](#) to confirm your plans.
- Open a [Temple Japan Application](#) for your new term.
  - Note: Although the deadline to apply for Fall 2021 is April 1, program and scholarship applications from TUJ summer program students will be accepted until **April 12, 2021**. Because the online application will close to the general public on April 1, be sure to complete the above survey before April 12 so that we can open your application for you.
- We can copy over a number of materials from your summer application, though you will be required to submit a new preliminary course selection. **Temple students** will also be required to submit a new academic advisor recommendation. **Non-Temple** students will also be required to submit a new home college approval form. For Fall 2021, these items will be due by April 12, 2021. We encourage you to meet with your advisor as soon as possible to discuss your participation on another term.
- Non-Temple students applying for Spring 2022 will also be required to submit an updated unofficial transcript with your Spring 2021 grades.

Students with cumulative GPAs lower than the 2.75 requirement for fall and spring will have their transcripts reviewed prior to admission to a future fall or spring semester term. All students must be in good academic and disciplinary standing at their program start date.

Your Certificate of Eligibility will be valid for 6 months, so students accepted for Fall 2021 will not be required to re-apply for a Certificate of Eligibility.

Please note that we are unable to transfer scholarships from the summer program to future semesters. You will be able to reapply for a scholarship.

If you have trouble accessing your application or have any other questions, please email Japan Program Manager Maddy Sullivan ([madelyn@temple.edu](mailto:madelyn@temple.edu)).

Terms Beyond Spring 2022

If you are interested in any term beyond Spring 2022, please email Japan Program Manager Maddy Sullivan ([madelyn@temple.edu](mailto:madelyn@temple.edu)).

Again, we are so sorry to relay this news. We look forward to working with many of you on plans to study abroad in a future term, and we wish you and yours continued health and safety.

As always, please contact us with any questions.

Best wishes,

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