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Education Abroad and Overseas Campuses

Dear Temple Japan Fall 2021 Applicants,

We know that studying abroad this coming fall in Japan is important to you. Despite positive signs on vaccination rates here in the U.S., at this time, the Japanese government is not permitting international travelers, even those with valid visas, to enter Japan. Unfortunately there has been no indication when entry restrictions may be relaxed for travelers, including students, though we remain hopeful that the restrictions will change with enough time to be able to offer the fall 2021 study abroad program. We will be closely monitoring the situation in the coming months and provide updates as they are available.

Given the unknowns and our inability to guarantee that the Temple Japan study abroad program will run as planned, we are writing to explain how to create an alternate plan for fall 2021 study abroad. If you want to create an alternate plan for fall 2021, you must do so right now. Waiting to see if the Temple Japan study abroad program is cancelled to begin sorting out alternate plans is impossible and that is why we are reaching out to you today.

Please read below for important information about choosing an alternate backup study abroad option to pursue for Fall 2021.

Alternate study abroad options for Temple students:

- **Have a second program application opened as a backup.**
  There are a small number of programs that we can offer, space permitting, if you are interested in having a backup program should your program be cancelled. You may only select ONE of these options:
  - Temple Rome
  - Exchanges in the United Kingdom ([Lancaster University](https://www.lancaster.ac.uk) and [University of East Anglia](https://www.uea.ac.uk))
  - Exchanges in South Korea ([Sogang University](https://www.sogang.ac.kr) and [Hankuk University of Foreign Studies](https://www.hufs.ac.kr))
  - Please note: we cannot offer any External Programs as alternates; this includes direct-enroll programs.

By having a backup application, you are not withdrawing from your first-choice program. Instead, you will simultaneously complete requirements for both programs so that if your first-choice program is cancelled, you may be able to easily transfer your application materials to your backup program in a different location. In order to have a backup application available to you, you must complete the SURVEY by April 15. You must be logged in to your Temple AccessNet account in order to access the survey. Please note that completing the survey does not guarantee acceptance to your backup program, it is just the first step in indicating interest in a backup program.
For reasons that are beyond Education Abroad’s control, it is imperative that students understand that they (or their families) cannot register their interest in a backup program after April 15th. **If fall 2021 is the only semester feasible for study abroad, please understand that this message serves as a student's one and only opportunity to develop a backup study abroad plan should your original plans fall through.** If your first-choice program is cancelled and you have not completed the above survey by April 15, you will not have the opportunity to open a backup application for any fall program. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.**

Once you complete **the survey** to indicate your selected backup program, we will open an application on your behalf and copy most of your information from your first-choice application. You must then meet all Education Abroad deadlines and:

- Submit a new preliminary course request, including the course(s) you would plan to take on the program you choose
- Discuss your new study abroad plans with your academic advisor, and request that they complete a new recommendation for your backup program

**Note:** Since the application deadline has passed, students who select to open a backup application with Temple Rome will be placed on a waitlist in the order in which they complete the survey. Admission to the program is based on program enrollment and admission from the waitlist is not guaranteed. For exchange programs, the exchanges program manager will reach out to interested students to discuss the feasibility of the exchange, appropriate university placement and application processes.

**Deposits and scholarships:** If you switch to your backup program and have already submitted deposits for TUJ, your deposits will be transferred to the new program or will appear as a credit and will be applied to your future fall semester balance on your Temple account.

If you applied for and are awarded a scholarship from Education Abroad with your first-choice program, which is then cancelled and you transfer to your backup program, your scholarship application will then be reviewed again based on the program you are transferring to. Please note that we cannot guarantee that students in this situation will be awarded a scholarship for their backup program, though you should know we have a process by which you will be considered.

The pandemic has taught us all to have backup plans for our backup plans. **Thus, since main campus fall 2021 registration is opening next week you should also register for a full semester of main campus courses prior to the end of priority registration to meet your Fly in Four checkpoint and have course registration in place if you are not able to study abroad.** Registration for your study abroad program will take place at a later date, at which time your program manager will provide more information and instruct you to drop your main campus courses.

Please monitor your Temple email for updates regarding the status of your current program.
and share this message, which will soon be posted on our website, with your family. Please understand that it is your responsibility to develop a backup plan that is most suitable to your academic goals. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate sending students abroad, and offering alternate options, during this challenging time.

Best,
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