

# Center for Japanese Language Education

In April 2024, the Center for Japanese Language Education (JLE)was established for the purpose of enhancing education for international students and promoting campus internationalization. JLE offers programs that allow students to acquire the Japanese language and academic skills needed for specialized fields. There are also courses on practical business communication that are useful for job search and internship. JLE will support international students and create opportunities for collaborative learning and activities between international students and Japanese students to help them become women who play leading roles in environments with diverse individuals.

## Life and Academic Support

To assist with essential administrative procedures and personal support needed to start living in Japan, each new student is paired with a senior student known as a "host sister." Additionally, senior students from the same department provide one-on-one tutoring support to help new students begin their university life smoothly and keep up with specialized subjects in their department.





### **Career Education**

Starting from the first year, "Career Courses" are available to cultivate students' ability to design their own way of life and career. SWU also offers career prep courses such as self-analysis and interview preparation, and visa support for international students. In this program, all students intern at a partner company in a specialized industry to put newly gained knowledge into practice before graduation.

# Scholarships

All international students are fully exempt from the admission fee and can receive a 20-60% tuition reduction each semester by applying for the tuition reduction. Students participating in the Showa Direct 4.5 program can also apply for the "Showa Direct 4.5 Scholarship," which provides a 50% tuition reduction for the first semester and a 15% reduction for the following two years. For more details, please refer to the separate scholarship information.



### **Message from Past Internatinal Student**

When you study at and participate in Showa Women's University's events, you can feel the enthusiasm and friendliness of the teachers, school staff, and students. SWU students are very active, sociable, and open-minded. This is probably due in part to the exchange activities that the school regularly holds. You will have the opportunity to talk, learn, and connect with students and see that the campus is not only for Japanese students, but also international students from around the world.



Living away from home can be a bit difficult – the climate is different, and you may feel confused by what's going on around you – but don't worry; You will receive enthusiastic support from SWU teachers, staff, and host sisters students who will support your arrival and school life.

















# SHOWA DIRECT4.5



- Global campus located in the heart of Tokyo
- Comprehensive Japanese language education
- Specialized courses eligible for qualifications recognized by companies
- Internship opportunities with partner companies









# **BEST University for Care and Guidance BEST University for Global Education**





SWU in Number

Showa Women's University is a private women's university with a history of over 100 years since its founding in 1920. In the 2023 National Preparatory School Survey, it ranked first among women's universities nationwide in five categories: "Employment," "Global Education," "Care and Guidance," "Universities that Nurture Students after Enrollment," and "Universities with High Reform Capability." The university offers thorough guidance unique to women's universities and specialized education tailored to the levels and needs of each student. With career education and support starting from the first year, it boasts the highest employment rate among women's universities.

Additionally, the university provides extensive support not only academically but also for the general student life of international students.

The main campus, located in the heart of Tokyo just 10 minutes from Shibuya, is shared with the British School in Tokyo and Temple University Japan Campus, creating a vibrant international environment for students. Showa Women's University also owns its own educational facility in Boston, USA (Showa Boston), where more than 500 students study abroad annually. Furthermore, the university has exchange agreements with 53 universities worldwide, offering various studyabroad opportunities.

Undergraduate **Enrollment** 

6,453

International **Students** 



as of AY 2023

Global **Partners** 



as of July, 2024

Academic **Projects** 

240+



as of May, 2024

**Student Number** per Full-time **Faculty** 



as of April, 2024

Internship **Sites** 



as of AY 2023

Career Support Courses



as of AY 2023

**Alumni** 100,000+



as of April, 2024

**Employment** Rate

98.6%



as of May, 2024

# Study in Japan. Work in Japan Spread your wings into the world.

Showa Direct 4.5 accepts excellent students completing high school and Japanese language school overseas. This program features a 4.5-year curriculum in which students study academic Japanese for half a year before starting to learn specialized subjects in their chosen field. By providing internships at partner companies and comprehensive employment support, we strive to help our students to become adults who can find employment as specialists in Japan and overseas after graduation to play an active role in the global society.

#### 1. APPLICATION



Students must obtain a recommendation from their high school or Japanese language school to apply. Students should have equivalent to CEFR B1 level Japanese proficiency and have completed designated subjects during high school with excellent grades.

### 3. ADMISSION & LANGUAGE IMPROVEMENT



After October enrollment, students will start an intensive Japanese language course for specialized subjects at the Japanese Language Education Center. To prepare for the curriculum of their chosen field, students will learn the specialized Japanese terminology for their major. Afterwards, students will continue studying Japanese needed for internships and employment in Japan.

### **5. CORPORATE INTERNSHIPS**



Students will put their Japanese skills and specialized knowledge to work in a two-week internship at partner companies. There, students will apply the theories and knowledge gained in the classrooms into practice and develop the business skills necessary for employment at Japanese

### 2. ACCEPTANCE & DEPARTURE

After acceptance, students will apply for a student visa and prepare for travel to Japan.

Once the visa is issued, students travel to Japan on the designated dates in September and attend orientation to prepare for the October enrollment.



### 4. SPECIALIZED CLASSES

Starting from the following April after admission in October, students start their four-year degree program. Students do everything from studying the basics of their field to applying their advanced skills. In addition to studying for qualifications, students will acquire practical knowledge through lab works, practical training, projects, etc.



### 6. GRADUATION & EMPLOYMENT

Students will engage in graduation research, thesis, and other final projects for graduation on a theme of their interest. After graduation, students will find a job at a Japanese or international company that actively recruits international students. Students will use their expertise in the field of their major and play an active role in a global work environment.









