COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF PHILADELPHIA
JAPAN STUDY ABROAD INFORMATION AND DEADLINES

STUDY ABROAD IN JAPAN MAY 21 – JUNE 3, 2018
(These are tentative dates, subject to change until flights are booked)

Prof. David Prejsnar (History, Philosophy & Religious Studies) and Prof. Akiko Mori (Foreign Languages) will lead students through the ancient Japanese capitals of Kyoto and Nara, and the modern cities of Osaka and Hiroshima, site of the first use of the atomic bomb. Concentrating on the theme *Memories and Traditions in Ancient & Modern Japan*, we will visit beautiful historical and cultural sites in Kyoto such as the Nijō Castle, and the temples and gardens of Ryōanji. We will also experience how other cultures have influenced Japan through food, art, theatre and music performances, and will visit a Japanese comic book (*manga*) museum. The group will also travel to the breath-taking Buddhist holy mountain of Mt. Koya, stay in a Buddhist temple-inn, and join in meditation practice. In Hiroshima, we will explore Japan’s situation in the modern world and Japanese pop culture, visiting the Hiroshima Peace Museum and Park, and possibly meeting survivors of the atomic bomb attack on Hiroshima.

[PLEASE SEE SEPARATE FLYER AND INFORMATION FOR MERIDA, MEXICO.]

JAPAN: Highlights of what you need to know before applying for the JAPAN STUDY ABROAD.

1. You will be selected for an interview upon the basis on an on-line Scholarship Application including on a Statement of Interest, Faculty Recommendation, and your Transcript.
   - Be able to demonstrate why you are interested in visiting Japan, and the cities of Kyoto, Nara, and Hiroshima and Osaka.
   - Learn about Japan and go to an Information Session.
   - For a stronger faculty recommendation, talk to your professor about why Japan interests you.
   - Consider taking a Japanese Language course or Humanities 130: Introduction Japanese Culture and Civilization in Spring 2018 Semester.

2. Plan ahead so you have the necessary funds and can meet payment deadlines:
   - Know that the College scholarship covers international airfare, lodging, transportation in Japan, BUT it does not cover a Program Fee YOU PAY of $850 which pays for your travel insurance, many meals, most admission fees, etc.
   - In March, YOU need to register and pay for a one-credit course IDS 120: Introduction to Study Abroad in Japan. With fees this one-credit course costs $197.
Please begin the process of acquiring a passport, if you do not have one. Please realize that the passport fee is about $100 and you need a passport photo that costs about $25 at CVS, etc. We need a copy of the page of your passport or passport application before we can book an airplane ticket in your name. U.S. Passports last for 10 years, so getting one is a good investment.

JAPAN APPLICATION AND PAYMENT INFORMATION AND DEADLINES

To be eligible to apply by the end of Fall 2017, you must have completed in good standing at least 12 credits at Community College of Philadelphia; you must register for Spring 2018 classes at CCP.

❖ DECEMBER 1, 2017 EARLY APPLICATION DEADLINE.
The Selection Committee will begin to review applications and schedule interviews beginning in December 1, 2017. We will give some preference to students who have a complete statement, a faculty recommendation, and the College transcript by December 1.

❖ DECEMBER 18, 2017 FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE

❖ Between January 11 -22, 2018 Interviews with those Candidates the Selection Committee recommends for further consideration.

❖ For those interviewed, students accepted for the Japan Study Abroad Selected Candidates are notified by email or phone call and are requested to accept the invitation to participate by email.

❖ JANUARY 30, 2018. To hold your place, YOUR first payment of $450 is due to be paid to the Bursar's Office.

❖ FEBRUARY 21, 2018 Second payment of $400 is due to be paid to the Bursar's Office. If you cannot make the payment by this date, you will forfeit your place in the program.

❖ February 15 – March 2: Two meetings of the Study Abroad group will get together to review the itinerary, meet one another, and discuss health and safety factors.

❖ March 19, Beginning of Registration for Summer Term - You must register for a one credit course, Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS) 120: Introduction to Japan as a Study Abroad Site. The course is offered in the Summer I Semester. This is a required course that ensures that your time in Japan is a positive learning experience!

❖ Please visit your doctor or a clinic to review what shots you need. No special inoculations are needed for Japan, but you should discuss the demands of international travel with your doctor.

❖ Please be aware that you should between $200- $300 available to you through ATM in traveling as a CCP student in Japan. This will cover meals and snacks when you are away from the group, optional activities added to the itinerary while in Japan, and buying presents, etc.

❖ For Japan Only: How to access the CCP Scholarship Application 2017-2018:
1. Go to the NEW MyCCP Portal and login
2. Select the Student Tab
3. Scroll down on the left to Scholarships and Awards
4. Click on link and then click on Scholarship Application
5. Scroll down and select blue button to begin the 2016-2017 scholarship application
6. Please be sure to answer the question “Are you interested in Studying Abroad?” by saying YES
7. Also, you MUST complete the Essay Question immediately following. In your essay, address why you want to go to Japan.

Please call the Scholarship Office at 215-496-6182 if you have any questions about the scholarship application process.
I have read the above information and am applying for a College Study Abroad Scholarship with the expectation that I can meet these requirements.

_____ IDS 120 (Japan). Cost $197. Please initial here that you understand that upon acceptance to the program, you will be required to register for the one-credit course Interdisciplinary Studies 120: Introduction to Study Abroad (Japan). Attendance for at least 9 hours pre-departure on campus is mandatory. In IDS 120, students will read, write and discuss materials about Japan’s history, cultural traditions and current circumstances. After return, you are required to attend at least two meetings on campus.

STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS Interested students with special needs are encouraged to consult our Center on Disability to discuss how this opportunity will fit into your plans and needs.

PASSPORT INFORMATION Place a check mark next to the appropriate statement.

_____ I have a valid United States passport with an expiration date of at least 6 months

_____ I do not have a passport, but I will apply for a United States passport by January 30, 2018. I understand that obtaining a passport takes several weeks to months, and I plan to start the process right away.

_____ I am not a US citizen. I understand that it is my responsibility to know what is required of me (if anything) to travel to my destination and return to the USA. I understand that it is my responsibility to obtain all necessary documents and to make arrangements for my legal travel.

AS PART OF MY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION, BY DEC. 18, I HAVE INCLUDED:

______STATEMENT OF INTEREST I have included in my Scholarship application a carefully written, typed statement of 300-600 words explaining past coursework, reading and/or experience that led me to be interested in Japan, and how studying and visiting Japan would further my personal or career goals.

______FACULTY RECOMMENDATION The recommendation addresses: (a) The student’s interest in the JAPAN, intellectual curiosity, and/or relevant personal/career goals, as well as markers of solid academic work. (b) The student’s reliability, as demonstrated through his/her activities, including prepared for and attending class. (c) The student’s ability to contribute to and function abroad in a small group: getting along with faculty, other student participants, and people he/she meets abroad.

_____ The following CCP faculty member has agreed to send a recommendation letter. It needs to be uploaded with your application when you apply, no later than Dec. 18, 2017.
The faculty’s name is______________________ Email: ____________________

TRANSCRIPT

_____ I will have completed 12 or more credits at Community College of Philadelphia by the end of Fall 2017. I will be enrolled in Spring Semester 2018, and I am a student in good academic standing.

_____ I have uploaded with my application a copy of my transcript that includes my registration for Spring 2018.

PROGRAM FEE PAYMENTS:

______ I understand that if I am selected for the program and a College scholarship, I must pay $850, a share of my expenses. I will pay $450 by January 30, 2018 and $400 by February 21, 2018.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

_____ I understand that the trip that I am applying for will include extensive walking on a daily basis.

SIGNATURE. By giving my name and information below, I acknowledge that I have read and understood the information and instructions. By applying, I agree to abide by all due dates, rules, regulations, and requirements.

PLEASE TYPE Your Name: ___________________________ J # __________________

Telephone number (cell or other best number): ________________________________

Email Address: ________________________________