

FAQ for TISP2018

Application and Eligibility

1. What are the requirements for applying to TISP?

Students currently enrolled in a university (undergraduate, graduate or PhD programs), including those who will graduate in June 2018 are able to apply. Participants must be able to attend the program for the whole duration.

2. I am an exchange student studying in Japan, do I meet the requirement?

If your affiliation is at a university outside Japan, you meet the requirement to apply.

3. I have just graduated from high school and will be going to university from the fall. Am I eligible to apply?

If you can provide us with an official document from the university stating you will start your studies there, you will be eligible to apply. After the selection process is finished, we'll ask the participants to send us the certificate of enrollment.

4. I just graduated from university and will be going to a master program from the fall. Am I eligible to apply?

Yes, you are eligible, if you can provide us with an official document from the university stating you will start your master studies there. After the selection process is finished, we'll ask the participants to send us the certificate of enrollment.

5. My schedule doesn't allow me to join the fieldwork program. Can I participate just in Tokyo program?

We have designed the program so that each process contributes to the overall learning objectives. We can only accept participants who are committed to participate in the whole program.

6. When will you announce the results of the applications?

Due to many applications received each year, there will be a selection process based on the application you have submitted. The results will be communicated to you via email by the end of April. There may be a delay in the selection, and in that case we will let you know. We will not be able to respond to individual inquiries regarding the status of

the application process.

7. Will there be any additional call for students after the application period?

The application will close on March 31st, and there will be no additional call.

8. How are the participants chosen?

We will read your application and choose students who show high motivation and commitment. We also put emphasis on diversity of the team.

9. The program looks really interesting! Is there a way for me to get study credits from it?

This depends on your institution. Please bear in mind that TISP 2018 is not a program provided by a Japanese higher education institution.

10. What is the commitment during the program?

The students attending TISP 2018 will be asked to attend all events, workshops, and fieldworks during the 2-week program, including the regional program. If you cannot commit to doing this, please do not apply.

Travel and Accommodation

1. When shall I be in Tokyo and when shall I leave?

Registration will be on Monday, July 30th in the afternoon. All students will be asked to come and register on this day. We will all be flying to the regional areas of Japan on August 5th, and come back to Tokyo on August 10th. Accommodation will be provided from the night of July 30th to the night of August 10th (12 nights). Please check the schedule below. The duration of the program is fixed, but the schedule may be subject to change.

Monday, July 30th	registration & welcome party	stay: Tokyo
Tuesday, July 31st	fieldwork/Tokyo	stay: Tokyo
Wednesday, August 1st	workshop1 day 1	stay: Tokyo
Thursday, August 2nd	workshop1 day 2	stay: Tokyo
Friday, August 3rd	workshop1 day 3	stay: Tokyo
Saturday, August 4th	free day in Tokyo	stay: Tokyo
Sunday, August 5th	fly to regional area	stay: Region

Monday, August 6th	fieldwork/regional area	stay: Region
Tuesday, August 7th	workshop2 day 1	stay: Region
Wednesday, August 8th	workshop2 day 2	stay: Region
Thursday, August 9th	presentation	stay: Region
Friday, August 10th	back to Tokyo & closing	stay: Tokyo

Fee Payment and Cancellation Policy

1. When will I need to pay the participation fee and how?

Payment instructions will be given soon after the selection process is complete. We will be asking you to pay with credit card or PayPal account. Please be advised that no other payment form will be accepted.

2. What is the cancellation Policy?

The cancellation charge will depend on when you notify us.

<u>Cancellation period</u>	<u>Cancellation Charge</u>
April 1 – May 31	50% of the total fee (60,000 yen)
June 1- June 30	70% of the total fee (84,000 yen)
July 1 onwards	100% of the total fee (120,000 yen)

We will refund the remaining amount less 10% for management cost.

If you need to cancel, please notify us by email.

Application inside Japan

1. I am a student studying in a university in Japan. Am I eligible?

Students participating from Japan will be i.school annual students. There may be a small opening for other students, and in such case, there will be an announcement made on the i.school website. <http://ischool.or.jp/>

2. I'm not a student. Is there any way to join the program?

Companies can participate in the program as an i.school sponsor. Please check the i.school sponsorship program. <https://ischool.or.jp/>

About i.school

i.school is an annual innovation education program for university students, which started at The University of Tokyo in 2009. The focus of i.school is to challenge solving social issues through innovative ideas, putting emphasis on a human-centered approach. The one-year program bears no credits or degrees to the students, but has been able to attract highly motivated personnel who actively challenge the toughest social tasks. In 2017, i.school spanned out from The University of Tokyo, and today aims to provide open education opportunities to many university students in Japan. TISP 2018 is presented by i.school, and i.school is operated by Japan Social Innovation Center (JSIC).