



On campus summer school programme

UCL-Japan Youth Challenge 2024

The UCL-Japan Youth Challenge is a prestigious annual summer school programme.

This programme was established in 2015 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Choshu Five¹ and the Satsuma 19 students². They were the first Japanese students who studied at UCL (University College London). Upon return they played leading roles in modernising Japan. In this summer school, pre-university students from Japan and the UK attend a series of university-style lectures on a wide range of subjects by academics from UCL, and engage in UCL Grand Challenge Workshop, which aims to investigate one of the social issues in the world and explore solutions to it through discussion between Japanese and UK-based participants.

In the 10th year 2024, we hold our programme on campus in the UK, in three places: Rikkyo School in England, West Sussex; University of Cambridge, Cambridge; and UCL, London.

The UCL-Japan Youth Challenge 2024 is organised by the UCL-Japan Youth Challenge Committee.

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¹ Choshu Five: <https://blogs.ucl.ac.uk/ucl-global/tag/choshu-five/>

² Satsuma 19 students: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Japanese_students_in_the_United_Kingdom

Why join us?

By participating in the UCL-Japan Youth Challenge 2024, you can:

1. Experience **university education** by attending a series of lectures in various subjects.
2. Learn **Japanese culture** from a wide range of lectures and interact with participants from all over the country. **You can make friends from Japan!**
3. Learn how to get on to **UCL and other top UK universities**. The UCL admissions team guide you through the application process.
4. Engage in lectures and activities around topics relating to this year's programme: Resilience.
5. Have information about the Japan Foundation, London's programmes.
6. Explore various fields with world-leading lecturers, engage in dedicated activities, and develop your ideas through participating the UCL Grand Challenge Workshop.

Theme: Space and Us

Embark on an extraordinary voyage with the UCL-Japan Youth Challenge 2024, the 10th acclaimed summer school programme hosted at UCL and the University of Cambridge. Tailored for forward-thinking pre-university students, this immersive experience offers a blend of university-style lectures and various cultural exchange activities. Dive into the captivating mysteries of space and contemplate our place in space with like-minded participants. Join us as we journey into the depths of Space and Us, uniting participants from Japan and the UK in a transformative exploration. Expand your horizons and ignite your intellectual curiosity with us.



Programme outline

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Dates: Saturday 27th July – Sunday 4th August 2024 (9 days)

Accommodation is available at Rikkyo School in England, the University of Cambridge and UCL (University of London), with additional fees.

You must attend Days 1 and 4–8 (six days in total) regardless of your accommodation option.

Days 2 and 3: Sunday 28th and Monday 29th July are optional to attend if you are not staying at our Cambridge accommodation.

If you do not require UCL (University of London) accommodation, your last day on the programme is Day 8: Saturday 3rd August.

If you stay at UCL (University of London) accommodation, you will check out on Day 9: Sunday 4th August.

Day	Date	Location
1	Saturday 27 th July	Rikkyo School in England West Sussex RH12 3BE All participants must attend, first day
2	Sunday 28 th July	University of Cambridge Cambridge CB2 1TN Optional for participants without our accommodation
3	Monday 29 th July	
4	Tuesday 30 th July	UCL London WC1E 6BT All participants must attend
5	Wednesday 31 st July	
6	Thursday 1 st August	
7	Friday 2 nd August	
8	Saturday 3 rd August	
9	Sunday 4 th August	Participants staying at our accommodation only: check-out day

Fee

The fee below covers the complete cost of the UCL-Japan Youth Challenge 2024.

To secure your place on the UCL-Japan Youth Challenge 2024, you will need to pay your fees in full. Details of how to pay your fees will be provided as part of the application process.

£100

* Our standard programme fee was £300, however by courtesy of various sponsors in the UK, we are pleased to announce that the fee for UK based participants has been reduced to £100.

** If you require accommodation, additional fees will apply.

How to join us?

Visit our programme website and start your application now!

ucl-japan-youth-challenge.com/join-us/

We are looking forward to seeing you at the UCL-Japan Youth Challenge 2024 this summer.

More information about the programme: ucl-japan-youth-challenge.com