Application Guidelines for EDI Program for Global Leaders in Ochanomizu University, Japan

This year, Ochanomizu University was selected as one of the "Inter-University Exchange Projects", offered by the Japanese government's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology.

The name of this program is the "Practice-Based EDI Program for Future Global Leaders", and four universities were invited as the international partner universities.

In this program, Ochanomizu students will study at our partner universities and the participants from these universities will study at Ochanomizu University for eight months about "EDI: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion". The program aims to develop their global leadership capabilities through participating in a variety of EDI-related courses, experiencing internship at a global company in Japan, and learning Japanese language and culture.

I Summary of the Project

1.　Goals

Ochanomizu University has the longest history as a women's college in Asia. Focusing on gender perspectives, Ochanomizu University has been pioneering women's leadership education. Representing social minority viewpoints as women's college in Asia, this program will enable us to construct a program in which students can learn about equity, diversity, and inclusion together with those students from UK, Australia, USA and Canada. By offering practice-based EDI program, we want to educate globally minded future leaders who can realize the society respecting equity, diversity and inclusion.

2.　Global Human Resource on the Project

This program aims to educate future global leaders who can demonstrate leadership in a rapidly changing international society and contribute to the realization of a sustainable society. To accomplish these objectives, we need to nurture students' three skills, including comprehension, communication, and collaboration. According to the charter of Ochanomizu University, "we define our mission as being a place where all women who are motivated to learn can realize their earnest dreams", and "we actively promote human and cultural exchanges in research and education with overseas universities". To achieve these goals, we, at Ochanomizu University, encourage all women to realize their dreams and participate in the international community.

3.　Contents of the Program

The program offers students with an opportunity to learn together with students from five countries about leadership that can create diversity, equity, and inclusion in a society. The program is mainly divided into the following three categories.

1. Career Design: Foster employability of students through the internship program. Internship experiences will enable the students to reach their life goals and to solve social problems.
2. Global 3Cs: Students will master three skills that are required in global community: Comprehension, Communication and Collaboration in order to become global leaders who can be active in the world filled with unpredictable situations.
3. Gender: Empower all the female and male students who can proactively engage in solving social problems in the future.

Listed below are tentative schedule of the program for 2023 to 2024:

Kick-off Symposium (March, 2023)

Summer Program (July-August, 2023)

Global Internship in English (September, 2023)

EDI Interdisciplinary Curriculum (July, 2023 – February, 2024)

International Student Forum （February, 2024）

II Requirement Information

1. Requirements: Applicants must:

    be undergraduate students at one of the four universities at the time of arriving in and leaving from Japan.

    be interested in EDI-related subjects and have clear plans to study in this program.

    have a GPA score required for studying at the host university.

    be willing to engage in international exchanges.

    be interested in learning Japanese language and culture though Japanese language proficiency is not required.

2. Number of Applicants: 8 students (2 students from each university)

3. Period of Implementation: From July 2023 to February 2024. The program will last until the fiscal year of 2026.

4. Host University: Ochanomizu University (Tokyo, Japan)

5. Required Documents：

    Application for EDI Exchange Students (Form 1)

    Recommendation Letter (Form 2)

    Study/research plan (Form 3)

    Academic transcript

    Application form for Certificate of Eligibility （COE）

    A photo data with no background for COE

    Photocopy of Passport (ID page)

    * Health Certificate is not required

    * Required documents must be submitted via online platform by March 10th, 2023 (JST). We are preparing the online platform and the partner institutions will be notified when it is open.

6. Selection Criteria

    Being interested in EDI-related subjects

    Minimum GPA required by the host university

    Possessing appropriate aims and plans to study in this program

    Possessing high motivation and experiences in international exchange

7. Selection and Notification

    Results of the selection will be sent to partner universities about two months after the applications are submitted.

8. Others

Preparations for travelling to Japan

(1) Procedures

    Participants must apply for a visa, arrange air tickets, and purchase insurance.

(2) Expenses

    Tuition fee will be paid to the university that students are enrolled in, and examination fees, admission fees, and tuition fees are exempted from the host university.

Participants are responsible for necessary expenses related to travel procedures (including travel expenses and overseas insurance premiums) and living expenses while studying abroad (dormitory fees, etc.).

(3) Scholarship

Participants will be granted scholarships from the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO), if they meet the specified conditions.

(4) Accommodation

Participants will be given an offer of accommodation by the host university

After leaving Japan
(1) Requirements

Please submit an achievement report and a questionnaire about the program.

(2) Certification

Students who have earned the required credits in this program will be certified and given a certificate of eligibility.

(3) Credit transfers

Please contact the home university for credits which may be transferred from the host university.

9. Schedule

March 10tht, 2023: Deadline of Application to Ochanomizu University

April 12th, 2023: Acceptance from Ochanomizu University

July 2023 - February 2024: Participating in the EDI Program at Ochanomizu University

* The final acceptance is determined by the host university. If there is a significant drop in academic performance or poor conduct before the start of the program, the acceptance at the host university may be revoked

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Attachment 1   Concept image of the Program

Attachment 2   Practice-Based EDI Curriculum for Future Global Leaders

Note: Provisional as of November 21, 2022