

# Q&A for the Japan Study Tour 2025

## 1. When is the Japan Tour, and what are the key dates?

The tour is scheduled from 26th January to 10th February 2025. Key dates to remember are:

Application Deadline: 8th September 2024

Acceptance Notification: By 27th September 2024

Deposit and Passport Submission: 18th October 2024

Full Payment Deadline (for International and non Fee-Help students): 6th December 2024

## 2. What programs are eligible for this tour?

The tour is open to students enrolled in the Bachelor of Creative Arts (Animation), Bachelor of Creative Arts (Game Design), and Bachelor of Design (Visual Communication). Students entering Trimesters 3 to 6 in February 2025 are eligible to apply.

## 3. What is the application process for the tour?

Students must complete the online application form by the 8th September deadline. Selected students will need to submit the required documents by 18th October and ensure all fees are paid by 6th December.

## 4. What will students do in Japan?

The first week will be spent in Osaka and exploring cultural landmarks in Kyoto, Nara, and Kobe. The second week will involve travelling to Tokyo, engaging in activities including classes at the Nippon Designers School and visits to teamLab Borderless and the Ghibli Museum (subject to availability).

## 5. What are the costs for Unit COL400?

The unit fee is AU\$7,700. A \$1,500 deposit is required to secure a place. This fee is refundable for students who are FEE-HELP eligible and will serve as the first part of the payment for those who are not.

## 6. Are students responsible for airfare, accommodation, and travel-related expenses?

Students accepted into the program will be eligible to receive a travel grant which covers airfares, accommodations, and planned activities. Personal expenses such as

passport, insurance, shopping, additional activities during free time, and meals during the tour will need to be covered by the students.

**7. Are there any financial aids available for this tour?**

This unit is eligible for FEE-HELP for students who qualify. The \$1,500 deposit is refundable upon return for FEE-HELP eligible students, subject to meeting certain conditions.

**8. What are the visa requirements for traveling to Japan?**

Students must have a valid passport with an expiry date at least six months after the tour's end date. Visa requirements depend on nationality, so it is advised to check with the Japanese Embassy.

**9. Where will students stay during the tour?**

In Tokyo, accommodation will be at the APA Hotel Nihombashi Bakurocho Ekimae, and in Osaka, accommodation will be at the Cityroute Hotel.

**10. Will there be free time for personal exploration during the tour?**

Yes, students will have ample free time to explore the cities and experience Japanese culture.

**11. Who will be supervising or leading the tour?**

JMC Academy staff members will supervise and lead the tour, ensuring that all educational and logistical aspects are managed during planned activities.

**12. What is expected after returning from the tour?**

After returning to Australia, students will engage in a 12-week special project on campus, applying what they have learned during their time in Japan.

**13. Are there language requirements?**

There are no specific language requirements, but any knowledge of Japanese can enhance the experience.