

Technos International Week

One faculty or staff member and two students are invited for a two-week trip to Japan to participate in Technos International Week held in Tokyo every year in June.

Technos International Week is an event organized by Technos International College of Japan. Its goal is to promote international exchange and understanding between the international guests and the members of the host institution, as well as to offer the guest group the opportunity to experience and appreciate Japanese life and culture. Trinity College is one of 10 colleges and universities from around the world to participate.

Eligibility

This is an opportunity for those who have genuine interest in Japan, but who have little or no chance to pursue it academically. The hope is that the experience will lead the candidates to take up Japanese studies at Trinity College. Students who are either currently in first-year Japanese or planning to study first-year Japanese in the fall of 2019 are given the highest consideration.

Other selection criteria:

- Thoughtfulness and feasibility of the proposed project
- Personal qualities appropriate to represent Trinity College and to work within a team
- An excellent academic record
- A willingness to meet people from different racial and cultural backgrounds and to experience elements of Japanese culture, living conditions, and cuisine that may be unfamiliar
- No previous experience living in Japan/language proficiency required
- Little or no proficiency in Japanese required
- A citizenship status that allows visa waiver conditions for short-term entry to Japan (If you do not know the status of your visa waiver condition, please check online)

Application Process

There is no formal application form; however, interested candidates need to submit a copy of their Trinity transcript (unofficial transcript accepted), and a one-to-two page letter of interest in which they:

- Describe their interest in Japan
- Outline how they may pursue their interest in Japan
- Propose a project they would like to embark on during the two-week stay in Japan
- Include the name of one person within the Trinity community, either faculty or administrator, who knows them well and can support their application

Applications should be electronically submitted to Professor Jeffrey Bayliss. The application deadline for students is February 15, 2020. Once applications have been submitted, we will begin the selection process immediately following the deadline by interviewing the finalists and notifying those selected.

Review Committee

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Reo Matsuzaki, Assistant Professor of Political Science
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