

# SUSP2016



**Saga University Summer Program 2016**  
**Creating Innovation for Sustainability in Young Leaders**  
**July 4 - July 22, 2016**

## **About Saga University**

Saga University was founded in 1949 and later integrated with Saga Medical School in 2003. The University consists of six faculties: Education, Art and Regional Design, Economics, Medicine, Science and Engineering, and Agriculture. The total number of students is about 7,400 including undergraduate, graduate, and research students. The university is undertaking various kinds of projects aiming to be the center of knowledge in Asia and appealing to a broad range of students, including those from abroad.

Saga University promotes world-class research projects and has unique research facilities that address crucial global issues such as environmental and energy problems. The Institute of Lowland and Marine Research, the Marine and Highland Bioscience Center, and the Institute of Ocean Energy are several of Saga's research facilities. Saga University endeavors to be a university that has roots in the community, allowing students and faculty to discover and solve various problems in close cooperation with local and international society.



## **Program Description**

As Saga University declares in its charter, the University commits itself to the creating and inheritance of human wisdom in order humans to live together with nature. With this background Saga University will launch SUSP 2016 for a period of 3 weeks, from July 4 to July 22, 2016. The theme of SUSP 2016 is "Creating Innovation for Sustainability in Young Leaders" which focuses on how young generation can demonstrate leadership both locally and globally to address new challenges on sustainability.

In this program, participants from all over the world will learn about contemporary issues related to agriculture, energy, environment, arts, and heritage of traditional knowledge and technologies

by close examination of the cases in Saga and Japan. The participants engage in active and meaningful discussions and examine leadership of young generation at numerous levels in order to achieve sustainable society.

Students will participate in lectures, discussions, and hands on activities at various sites in Saga. All activities are conducted in English and Japanese, allow students to hear professors and experts in other organizations. Participants of the program are students from Saga University's partner institutions around the world while Saga University students partially join in the program.

For reference, the following URL provides detailed report on SUSP 2015:

<http://www.irdc.saga-u.ac.jp/en/interest/program.html>

### **Program Objectives**

SUSP 2016 aims to achieve the following:

- Offer students the opportunity to learn about various issues relating to sustainability with special focus on Saga and Japan;
- Provide learning basic Japanese language and culture;
- Provide practical approaches to examining contemporary issues on sustainability;
- Explore the concept of leadership of young generation for sustainability;
- Provide opportunities for networking, exchanging interdisciplinary perspectives and sharing best practices on leadership and sustainability.

### **Area of Focus**

Students will work on two main areas:

- Agriculture, Food, and Community
- Energy and Environment, and Sustainable City



### **Homestay Program**

Those who are interested in joining in the Homestay Program and learning more about the culture, customs, and lifestyle from local family in Saga can apply for the over night Homestay Program. Since numbers of homestay families are limited, we cannot guarantee your participation. If you wish to apply, please request though the program registration form.

### **Academic Credit**

Students will be awarded a certificate of completion at the end of the program. While academic credit will not be awarded by Saga University, home institutions may award credit to their own students upon the completion of the program.

### **Program Expenses**

Every participant shall pay the registration fee of 70,000 yen at the orientation session. The program fee covers accommodation for the duration of the program, homestay program, transportation to and from the events, program materials, and social activities and field trips.

### **Other Expenses**

Participants will need to pay for airfare, food (except organized lunch and dinners), and other daily expenses such as bus fare between hotel and campus (200 yen per trip). The average cost for a meal on the Saga University campus is 300 to 500 yen (approx. 3 - 5 USD). For your convenience, participants are strongly advised to bring along credit cards and exchange their home currency for some Japanese yen in their own countries before arriving in Japan.

### **Accommodation**

Arrangements for accommodation from July 3- July 23 have been made by Saga University. Students will be provided a single room at a hotel near Saga Station. The hotel provides breakfast. Laundry facilities, wireless internet access (free of charge) are provided.

Each single room has:

- en-suite toilet
- shower, bathtub, and washbasin
- air-conditioning
- writing table and chair
- full-height wardrobe
- refrigerator
- TV
- bed making and cleaning service every four days (in case of five nights stay, it will be provided on third day)
- clean towels on bed making and cleaning day
- toothbrush and razor (one of each per person)

## Eligibility

- Participants must be enrolled in full-time undergraduate degree programs at one of the institutions listed below.
- Participants must be nominated by their home institutions.
- Participants must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.1 or better on a 4.0 scale (or the equivalent) for the academic year prior to the registration.
- Participants must have basic knowledge of the Japanese Language ( holding an understanding Hiragana, Katakana and Kanji )
- Participants must be proficient in English. Non-native English speakers should possess a TOEFL-PBT score of 500; TOFEL-IBT61; TOEIC750, or IELTS5.0.
- Students who do not have the above certificate must submit an official proof of letter stating he or she has sufficient English language proficiency.

## List of Institutions

### ***Thailand***

Thammasat University  
Kasetsart University  
Khon Kaen University  
Chiang Mai University  
King Mongkut's Institute of  
Technology Ladkrabang

### ***Cambodia***

Royal U of Phnom Penh  
Royal University of Law and  
Economics  
Royal University of Agriculture

### ***Vietnam***

Hanoi Agricultural University  
Nong Lam University  
University of Engineering and  
Technology- Vietnam National  
University, Hanoi  
University of Science- Vietnam  
National University , Hanoi,  
An Giang University

### ***South Korea***

Pukyong National University  
Kookmin University  
Daegu University

### ***Laos***

National University of Laos

### ***Indonesia***

Gadjah Mada University  
Hasanuddin University  
Sam Ratulangi University  
Sriwijaya University  
State University of Malang  
Bogor Agricultural University

### ***Sri Lanka***

University of Peradeniya

### ***Australia***

La Trobe University  
University of Technology, Sydney

### ***China***

Beijing Polytechnic University  
China Agricultural University  
Southwest University of  
Political Science & Law

Liaoning University

**Taiwan**

National Chengchi University

**Canada**

University of Manitoba

Wilfrid Laurier University

**USA**

Pacific University

Slippery Rock University

**France**

University of

Burgundy

University of Orlean

**Finland**

University of

Jyväskylä

**Lithuania**

Vytautas Magnus University

**Poland**

Lublin University of Technolog

### **Application Procedures**

To apply for this program, students must be nominated by their home institutions and submit all the documents by E-mail.

1. Registration Form for SUSP 2016
2. Portrait picture
3. Personal Statement (It should describe why you wish to join in this program. It has to be typed on a separate sheet of A4-sized paper.)
4. Copy of your passport
5. Academic Transcript
6. Certificate of Language Ability (Non-native speaker of English)

### **Application Deadlines**

1. Report of Information about Nominated Students by the Partner Universities

Please provide the following information by email by May 11, 2016

- a. Name of Nominated Student
- b. Date of Birth
- c. Sex
- d. Affiliation (University, School or Faculty)

2. Submission of Required Documents by e-mail by May 18, 2016

### **Number of Students accepted**

20 students

### **Scholarship**

Saga University will grant JPY 80,000 scholarship to 20 participants. Students will be asked to participate in all activities during the program and submit a report of the participation before the deadline indicated during the program. Participants who do not fulfil these conditions may be asked to return the scholarship.

### **Announcement of Application Result**

The result of the selection will be sent to the applicants as well as to the person-in-charge at each university by E-mail before June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **VISA Application**

Students should check if they are required to have a visa to enter Japan. If you need a visa,

we will send you an invitation letter to apply for a visa at the Japanese Embassy in your country. Please indicate on your registration form whether you require a visa to enter Japan and stay for 16 days.

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**References**

SUSP 2016 Tentative Schedule; The schedule is subject to change.