

## **Immersive English Experience for Study-Abroad Preparation Program in AY2023** **Application Guidelines**

### **1. Purpose**

“Immersive English Experience for Study-Abroad Preparation Program in AY2023” will be implemented. This program will provide training in an environment as close as possible to an overseas environment, which will lead to future short-term and medium-term study abroad programs, and will develop outstanding human resources with an international perspective.

### **2. Overview of the Program**

Dispatching students to British Hills (Tenei Village, Fukushima Prefecture) for a 5-day 4-night-training program to simulate an overseas experience. We will provide partial financial support for those students who are participating in this program. Students who participate in the training program are required to complete an extracurricular activity class called Immersive English Experience for Study-Abroad Preparation Program ", and students who meet the grading criteria will be awarded one credit.

### **3. Program Activities**

Details of training

- (1) English lessons to improve presentation skills, and develop discussion and listening skills in English, as well as participate in extracurricular activities to learn about British culture and manners.
- (2) Experience English-immersed communal life in an English-speaking language environment and facilities that replicate an authentic British environment.

### **4. The Number of Student Delegates**

Approximately 12 student delegates

### **5. Duration of the Program (Scheduled date)**

From Thursday, September 21 to Monday, September 25, 2023

### **6. Qualifications and Conditions of Application to the Program**

(1) Applicants for this program are first- to third-year undergraduate students with excellent academic performance in the 2023 academic year when they apply for the program.

International students (regular students) are also eligible. The number of accepted international students are limited, and they are expected to play a role of English conversation leader during the program.

(2) Applicants must take the extracurricular course called "Immersive English Experience for Study-Abroad Preparation Program" and complete the assigned task appropriately to receive one credit. However, students who have already registered and completed another extracurricular project will not receive credit, but will be allowed to participate in the project on the condition that they attend class and complete the assigned tasks.

(3) Students must have taken one of the following language exams: TOEFL, TOEIC (including the TOEIC IP test offered by the university), IELTS, or any other Practical English Proficiency Test.

(4) The applicant must have no mental or physical hindrance to the studies and life in British Hills.

(5) The applicant must be willing to contribute the results of the training by getting involved in international exchange activities of the University and the region.

(6) The student(s) selected for the program will be asked to complete a survey or questionnaire related to the training program in order to improve its content. They must respond to the survey or questionnaire on the specified date.

(7) Classes and activities in British Hills are mandatory and must be attended. If you must be absent due to illness or other unavoidable circumstances, please consult with the coordinator of British Hills in advance.

(8) Be sure to participate in online sessions with the partner university after the training.

- (9) Participants are requested to submit their reports and questionnaires by the designated date after the completion of the training. The report will be posted on the website. Please note that no credit will be given if the requested items are not submitted by the deadline.
- (10) Presentation of the results of the study and research and exchange activities at the end of the training.

## 7. Program Expenses

The expenses described below will be supported within the budget limitations (some co-payment is required).

### (1) Language training

The University will subsidize the cost of the lessons, accommodation, and transportation. The expenses for the English course, transportation to and from the University and British Hills, and 4 nights' accommodation (including breakfast and dinner) will be supported by the university. All other local expenses must be paid by the student.

## 8. Expenses Ineligible for Support by the University

Living expenses (lunch, food, souvenir, etc.)

## 9. How to Apply

Students applying to the Program must submit the following documents to the International Affairs Section in the Center for Globalization (Room No. 123 on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Research Quadrangles)

Application deadline: 17:00, July 7<sup>th</sup> (Fri.), 2023

### **【Application Sheets and Self-promotion video】**

- a) An application form (available to download from OSIP website or get them at the International Affairs Section office)
- b) A copy of a certificate of an English proficiency test
- c) A self-introduction video in English

For more information on how to create and evaluate the video, please see the "Introduction Video Instructions"

※ International Affairs Section will register the applicants for the "Immersive English Experience for Study-Abroad Preparation" class after selection is finalized.

## 10. Selection and Result Notification

Selection of student delegates and result notification will be implemented as follows:

- a) Submitted documents and their self-promotional video in English will be screened.
- b) Notify the applicants of the selection results.
- c) International Affairs Section will submit a list of students who have passed the interviews to the President of the University. The President will make a final decision regarding applicants to be accepted to the program and notify successful applicants of the final results in an acceptance letter.

## 11. Cancellation of Decision on Student Delegate Selection or Training Program, Financial Refund

The University of Aizu may cancel a decision made regarding the selection of student delegates or cancel a training program for a student in any of the cases below. In these cases, the University may require the relevant student delegate to return all or a portion of support funds received from the University.

- a) In cases where false information is found in application documents.
- b) In cases where a relevant student delegate receives official disciplinary punishment, etc. from the University of Aizu or British Hills.
- c) In cases where the student delegate withdraws from the University of Aizu
- d) In cases where the University decides to cancel the training program due to unavoidable circumstances, such as situations where the safety of participants cannot be assured.

- e) In the event that an applicant declines to participate in the program, in principle the applicant will be responsible for bearing the various expenses related to declining participation, as well as expenses that have already been paid.
- f) In cases where the student delegate does not submit assignments for the “Immersive English Experience for Study-Abroad Preparation Program”. In cases when the student delegates were absent from classes, programs, or events held at the British Hills without proper reasons.

## 12. Inquiries

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