

FAQ

How many hours do I need to reserve to participate in SEED Program?

The first part of the SEED Program is conducted from July to November, with online classes held twice a month for two hours each session (totaling four hours per month). The meetings are held over ZOOM, on Saturday night starting at 8p.m. (Argentina and Brazil), 6p.m. (Colombia), and 8a.m. (Japan, Sunday). Students may also need to research and hold meetings with their groups, as a part of the Saturday meetings.

Can I choose which group I want to work with?

Students are assigned to research groups based on the preferences they indicate on the application form. Although the program will attempt to match students with their preferred focal area, it is a condition of the application that students have an interest in and be willing to work on all focus areas. The focal areas serve as a lens through which students apply the skills and knowledge acquired through the program, and all of them are enjoyable and interesting research topics.

Do I need to have a background in business to participate?

No, the SEED Program welcomes all students regardless of their degree program or background. The program values diversity and creative thinking from various perspectives. If you have an interest in the Program Themes and business development, the SEED Program encourages you to apply.

What happens to the group project proposals? Will they be implemented?

The program's objective is to develop research and business development competencies and skills rather than physically implementing students' ideas. Although potential stakeholders or investors may sponsor a student's project, this is not a requirement or expectation of the program.

What costs do participants need to cover?

The students are required to be able to pay for their airfare, travel insurance, visa and food expenses. The expected costs will be detailed in a future announcement to be made soon.

Does GOROM Association help me to get my visa?

Each country has their own regulations with Japan regarding the visa acquisition, so students are advised to check the Japanese embassy website and see the documents necessary for the visa application.

Argentina: https://www.ar.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_es/VisitarJaponVisa.html

Brazil: https://www.sp.br.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_pt/visto.html

Colombia: <https://www.colombia.emb-japan.go.jp/ESP/consular/visas.htm>

Does GOROM Association offers scholarships?

This year, GOROM Association will offer need-based scholarships to cover the costs of airfare for a select number of students from each university. The criteria to receive the scholarship will be announced by each university. Note that students who receive the scholarship will not be able to arrive earlier or stay in Japan beyond the program dates.

What will I do during the study tour?

During the study tour, groups will visit companies, international organizations, embassies and attend other meetings/presentations beginning from 8AM and ending typically in the late afternoon. Additionally, each group will be advised to make changes in their projects where needed through consulting meetings and rehearse their public pitch.

Do the students have free time?

After their obligations with the SEED Program for the day are over, students can go out for dinner, sightseeing and rest. However, the main priority of the study tour is for students to develop their projects as designed by GOROM Association. Participants of the program bear responsibility for their behaviors and activities that might be done on free time.

Can I travel to other cities in Japan during the study tour?

Students are not permitted to travel to other cities during the study tour. However, participants are welcome to travel to Japan and sightsee prior to and after the study tour. Please note that the tourism visa for the program only allows for one single entry and exit.