



Transfer Application for Temple University in Japan (TUJ)

Overview

This document outlines the transfer application process for Temple University Japan Campus (TUJ) and highlights the parts that LaGuardia students should pay closest attention to: transfer-credit expectations, deadlines, required documents, fees, and admissions contacts. As of April 9, 2026, TUJ uses rolling admissions and publishes semester-based deadlines rather than a single Fall 2025 schedule. Students should still apply as early as possible, especially if they will need student visa sponsorship through TUJ.

1 Why Consider Transferring to TUJ?

- **Study in Japan while earning an American degree:** TUJ allows students to live and study in Japan while completing a Temple University degree taught in English. This combination is especially attractive to students who want a serious study abroad experience without stepping away from an American university system.
- **Build daily experience in Japan:** Studying in Tokyo gives students regular exposure to Japanese language, transportation, food culture, business etiquette, and everyday social life. That kind of immersion can deepen classroom learning in ways that are difficult to reproduce from New York alone.
- **Benefit from the LaGuardia-TUJ connection:** LaGuardia Community College is one of TUJ's affiliated schools (with an articulation agreement), so students are not applying through a random transfer route. This existing institutional relationship gives LaGuardia students a clearer pathway to TUJ and reinforces TUJ as a realistic next step for students who want to continue their education in Japan.

2 Check Eligibility Requirements

- **Academic Credits:** Ensure you have completed at least **15 semester hours (credits)** of college-level coursework at an accredited institution if you want to apply as a transfer student.
- **Transfer Status:** TUJ treats applicants with **15 or more transferable semester credits** as regular transfer applicants. Students must **graduate from LaGuardia (with 60 credits)** to become qualified for a transfer student under the articulation agreement between TUJ and LaGuardia.
- **GPA:** TUJ evaluates transfer applicants using college coursework, and a stronger GPA will make the application more competitive.
- **Good Standing:** You must be in good academic and disciplinary standing at your current or previous institution.
- **High School Transcript:** If you have completed fewer than **30 semester hours** of college coursework, TUJ also requires your high school transcript.
- See <https://www.tuj.ac.jp/ug/admissions> and <https://www.tuj.ac.jp/ug/admissions/how-to-apply/faq> for current transfer details.

3 Review Application Deadlines

- **Rolling Admissions:** TUJ accepts applications year-round and allows students to apply up to three semesters in advance.
- **Fall Admission:** Completed applications are due by **April 1** for students who need a TUJ-sponsored student visa and by **July 1** for those who do not need visa sponsorship through TUJ.
- **Spring Admission:** Completed applications are due by **October 1** for students who need a TUJ-sponsored student visa and by **November 1** for those who do not need visa sponsorship through TUJ.
- **Summer Admission:** Completed applications are due by **February 15** for students who need a TUJ-sponsored student visa and by **March 1** for those who do not need visa sponsorship through TUJ.
- **Scholarship Timing:** TUJ also lists separate scholarship-eligibility deadlines, so students interested in merit aid should review those dates early.
- See <https://www.tuj.ac.jp/ug/admissions/how-to-apply/deadlines> for the current deadline table.

4 Prepare Required Documents

- **Completed Application Form:** Fill out the online application via TUJ's website at <https://www.tuj.ac.jp/ug/admissions/how-to-apply>



- **Personal Statement/Essay:** A written essay explaining your reasons for transferring, academic goals, and why you wish to attend TUJ. 250-400 words, typed in English
- **Official College/University Transcripts:**
 - Request official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended.
 - Transcripts should be sent directly from the issuing institution to TUJ or through an approved digital transcript service.
- **Standardized Test Scores** (for native English speakers):
 - **SAT/ACT:** TUJ is test-optional for native English speakers. Scores may still be useful if you believe they strengthen your application.
- **English Proficiency Test Scores** (for non-native English speakers):
 - TUJ accepts several English proficiency exams, including TOEFL, IELTS, PTE, Duolingo, ITEP Academic Plus, and Cambridge qualifications.
 - Waivers may apply in some cases, so applicants should check the current eligibility page before scheduling a test.
- **Letters of Recommendation** (optional): Usually from professors or academic advisors who can attest to your academic abilities.
- **Visa Materials** (if applicable): Students needing visa sponsorship through TUJ must also submit the required visa documents by the visa application deadline.

5 Pay the Application Fee

- **Application Fee:** The non-refundable fee is **JPY 10,500**. TUJ's payment page also lists a higher amount for applicants applying from overseas.
- **Payment Methods:**
 - Credit card payment through the online application system.
 - Wire transfer may be available if arranged with TUJ.
- **Fee Waivers:** LaGuardia Community College appears on TUJ's affiliated-school list, and affiliated-school applicants may qualify for an application-fee waiver when applying through TUJ's institution application rather than the Common Application. Confirm the waiver process with TUJ before paying.

Important Note: TUJ updates deadlines, fees, visa rules, and scholarship procedures periodically. Always verify the current details on TUJ's official admissions pages before submitting your application materials.

Contact Information for Temple University Japan

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