

e-START Program Application Guidelines (Second Semester, AY 2025)

1. Purpose and Overview

(1) Purpose

The e-START Program is a new type of international collaborative program where Hiroshima University students work together with students from overseas universities on various tasks. The program aims to develop global competencies by using foreign languages and collaborating online with people from different cultural backgrounds.

(2) Overview

The program is mainly conducted during the year-end vacation period (some courses may start earlier). Participants will attend lectures by Hiroshima University faculty and partner university faculty on relevant themes and basic knowledge about the partner country/region. Students will then form groups with overseas students to engage in exchange activities and collaborative tasks, culminating in group presentations.

The e-START Program is offered as a liberal arts course, “Online International Collaborative Seminar (e-START) A” (1 credit).

2. Courses Offered

Courses for the second semester of AY 2025 are listed in the attached “Course List.” Please refer to the “Course Details” for more information.

3. Eligibility

Eligible Year	Undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at Hiroshima University (excluding those on leave of absence). * Eligibility by year depends on the course. Please refer to the Course List and Course Details.
Eligible Schools and Graduate Schools	All Schools and graduate schools.
Enrollment Capacity	Details vary by course. Please check the attached Course List and Course Details.
Other Requirements	• Have a strong interest in international exchange or studying abroad, with a clear purpose for participation and a high level of motivation. • Possess a certain level of English proficiency and demonstrate willingness and initiative to communicate in English or other foreign languages (specific test scores are not required, but please submit them for reference if available). • Be able to cooperate with program evaluation and promotional activities after completion of the program.

4. Application Requirements for e-START and START/START+

Participation in e-START course is mandatory for joining START/START+ programs in the second semester. Please check the “Course List” and “Course Details” for requirements.

	Course	e-START+START/START	Only e-START	Only START
第 102 回	Indonesia, Thailand	○ (Course 1 is mandatory)	○	×
第 103 回	Lithuania	○		
第 104 回	USA (ASU)	(One of Courses 1-4)		

	Course	e-START+START+	Only e-START	Only START
第 3 回	Egypt	○ (One of Courses 1-4)	○	×
第 4 回	India			
第 5 回	USA (Purdue)			
第 6 回	Malaysia			
第 7 回	China			

5. Program Fee

Participation in the e-START Program is free of charge. However, students are responsible for costs related to textbooks or reference materials as instructed by faculty, as well as data communication fees.

6. Application Procedure

If you wish to apply for this program, please enter the required information and submit the necessary documents via [the online form below between Friday, October 24, 2025, and the application deadline for each course.](#)

Application Form: <https://forms.office.com/r/qZC9igmDaL>

Notes:

- Submission of English proficiency test scores (TOEIC, TOEFL, IELTS, Eiken, etc.) is required. If unavailable, indicate this in the form.
- After submitting, check “Receive a copy of your responses” and confirm your details. If incorrect, resubmit. The latest submission will be considered valid.

7. Selection and Notification

- Selection will be conducted for each course.
- Methods vary by course and may include document screening and interviews.
- The selection notification will be announced via Momiji or by email within approximately one week after the application deadline for each course. We will contact you through Teams and your Hirodai email address, so please check them daily.

8. Registration and Evaluation

- **After selection, the Global Exchange Group will register the course on your behalf.**
- Once course registration is completed, no changes or cancellations to the registered content will be permitted for any reason.
- Evaluation will be based on participation, attitude, group work contribution, presentations, and reports.
- Registration is scheduled for late January 2026.

9. Schedule

Period	Content
Oct 24 - Course deadlines	e-START Application period
After deadlines	Participant Selection
Within approximately one week after the application deadline	Participant Notification

Course period	Start of course-specific learning (lectures, student interaction, group presentations) Detailed schedules for each course will be provided by the respective instructors.
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10. FAQs

Q. Can I join e-START again if I participated before?

→ Yes. Participation is allowed regardless of previous experience.

Q. How many times can I join?

→ Once per semester, up to six times (6-12 credits).

Q. What if I've reached my credit limit?

→ e-START may be excluded from the limit depending on your faculty. Please confirm with your student support office.

11. Contact

• General inquiries and application:

Global Exchange Group (Student Plaza 2F)

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• Course content

Contact the respective course instructor (see “Course Details”).