

GUIDE TO THE 2025 AAACU-UEP STUDENT ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

20 JULY TO 2 AUGUST 2025

The AAACU study tour for students of agriculture is back on the road!

The COVID-19 pandemic has put the annual study tour in 2020 to a halt. In 2021, as knowledge and control over the pandemic started to improve, AAACU was able to conduct the very first online study tour through the able support of Nagoya University in Japan which has designed and developed a successful virtual program.

In 2022, AAACU literally brought back the annual student activity back on the road as it embarks on the first in-person study tour since the start of the worldwide health crisis. Alongside, AAACU launched a new label for the activity: "AAACU Student Enrichment Program." The renaming considers the contemporary context of regional and international educational realities brought about by the global pandemic while maintaining the intellectually stimulating nature of the program. It further reflects the integration of pedagogical strategies and experiential learning into the application of concepts and principles learned by students in the classroom by providing the opportunity to show how traditional teaching and content delivery methods can be closely linked to multi-cultural exposures and experiences.

PREVIOUS STUDY TOUR DESTINATIONS

- 2024 – Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia
- 2023 – Universiti Putra Malaysia, Malaysia
- 2022 – Kasetsart University-KPS, Thailand
- 2021 – Nagoya University, Japan (e-Study Tour)
- 2019 – National Chung Hsing University, Taiwan
- 2018 – Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia
- 2017 – Maejo University, Thailand
- 2016 – Tokyo University of Agriculture, Japan
- 2015 – Maejo University, Thailand
- 2014 – Seoul National University, South Korea
- 2013 – Universiti Putra Malaysia, Malaysia
- 2012 – Kasetsart University- KPS, Thailand
- 2011 – Universiti Putra Malaysia, Malaysia
- 2010 – University of the Philippines Los Baños, Philippines

TARGET PARTICIPANTS

The target participants of the program are **undergraduate students of agriculture** from member universities/institutions of AAACU. A total of more or less 30 students will be chosen to represent member countries, based on academic performance, especially in the field of agriculture.

DURATION OF THE PROGRAM

For this year, the SEP will be conducted from 20 July to 2 August 2025. Expected date of arrival is **20 July** and expected date of departure is **2 August 2025**.

PROGRAM CONTENT AND VISITS

During the Program, students are provided with a good balance of theory and practice. Lectures about current developments, practices, and technologies in the field of agriculture are conducted not only about the host country but of other countries as well which fosters knowledge sharing among the students. Students also get to visit farms, research facilities, experiment stations, and agricultural industries. In other words, the Summer Enrichment Program remains to provide students the opportunity to immerse themselves in an overseas and multi-cultural study environment with the aim at broadening their outlook towards the field of agriculture.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

Refer to **SEP Handbook**.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applicants must submit the fully accomplished **SEP Application Form** together with the following requirements (ORIGINAL):

1. Letter of Recommendation from the President of the University or its equivalent (e.g., Dean of the College) wherein he/she is currently enrolled/registered.
2. Transcript of records (or True Copy of Grades) certified by the College Secretary or Registrar.
3. Certification of enrollment from the University Registrar.

After completing all the necessary documents, please send **via postal mail or courier** to:

DR. FILMA C. CALALO
AAACU Technical Assistant
Office of the Dean, College of Agriculture and Food Science
University of the Philippines Los Baños
College 4031 Laguna, PHILIPPINES

You also have the option to send the documents in advance.

TAKE NOTE!

The completed Application Form and scanned copy of the documents may be sent **IN ADVANCE by using the link below:**

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1x3_-w3hu2YXdvOHuSj6Cav3rXDJBdZPO?usp=drive_link

COST

The sending institution recommending the student-applicant will shoulder the round-trip plane ticket of the applicant including local transport from and to the student's place of origin.

AAACU will shoulder the accommodation, meals, kits, field excursions/local travel expenses of the participant while at the host country in the duration of the Summer Enrichment Programme. Please note that AAACU will NOT pay for early arrival in and/or late departure from the host country and/or institution.

DEADLINE OF APPLICATION

AAACU must receive all applications and credentials **NOT LATER THAN 31 MAY 2025.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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