

Exchange Programs: Application Steps & Timeline

Step 1: Research - 12-18 months before departure

- Review GEO's exchange guide, student guide, and program pages to choose the programs that you are most interested in. Make sure to review the courses offered by each university and information about eligibility requirements.
- **Key contacts:** GEO Advisor, Academic Advisor, Scholarships & Financial Aid Advisor

Step 2: GEO Application - 9-15 months before departure

- Exchange applications are due January 1 for summer and Japan programs, and February 1 for all other programs. This deadline is for both fall and spring programs (ex. February 1, 2022 deadline for Fall 2022, Academic Year 2022-2023, and Spring 2023 programs)
- **Key contacts:** GEO Advisor, Academic Advisor, Scholarships & Financial Aid Advisor

Step 3: GEO Interview - 1-3 weeks after the application deadline

- In most cases, GEO will invite you to a short interview after the application deadline. This will be an opportunity for you to discuss why you are interested in this specific exchange program and how you have prepared for an exchange program.
- **Key contact:** GEO Advisor

Step 4: Accept your "Nomination" - within one week of receiving an offer

- Upon receiving GEO approval, you will receive a "nomination" offer for an exchange program. You will have one week to decide if you will be accepting your nomination offer.
- Review GEO's post-acceptance checklist and start making preparations
- **Key contact:** GEO Advisor

Step 5: Complete secondary application - 3-6 months before departure

- After you accept your nomination, GEO will provide instructions about the documents needed for the secondary application, which is submitted directly to the university you will be studying at.
- You will have about one month to complete the secondary application. Your host university is also a good resource for specific questions about the documents needed.
- In most cases, the secondary application process will take place in March or April for fall programs, and September or October for spring programs.
- **Key contacts:** GEO Advisor, Host University Coordinator

Step 6: Host University Acceptance - 1-3 months before departure

- Your host university will review your application and make the final decision regarding acceptance. Make sure to send a copy of your acceptance letter to your GEO advisor
- **Key contacts:** GEO Advisor, Host University Coordinator

Step 7: Prepare for Departure - up until departure

- If your program requires a visa, you should apply as soon as possible after receiving your acceptance letter
- Complete GEO pre-departure requirements, such as health forms, additional documents to sign, and book flights
- Your host university will provide more instructions regarding accommodation and course registration. Work with your academic advisor at the UO to choose courses
- GEO will provide a pre-departure orientation
- **Key contacts:** GEO Advisor, Academic Advisor, Host University Coordinator

Step 8: Arrive at Host University

- Your host university will provide an orientation upon arrival. Depending on the university, you might register for classes after arrival
- **Key contacts:** Host University Coordinator