

Global Student Leadership Summit (GSLS) Student Application Guidelines

The Global Student Leadership Summit (GSLS) (hereinafter referred to as GSLS) is led by the Malaysian Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) and is organized annually by a Malaysian university in collaboration with other universities around the world. In 2026, the University of Malaya will be the host university, and the summit will be held at the University of Tsukuba in Japan. Applications are now open for students enrolled at Japanese universities, as detailed below.

Theme: Nurturing future global leaders

Event period: January 9 (Fri.) to January 11, 2026 (Sun.) (total of three days)

Venue: University of Tsukuba, Tsukuba Campus (Tsukuba City, Ibaraki Prefecture)

Language: English

Cost: Participation fee of USD 230 (approximately JPY 30,000)

Participants are responsible for their own transportation and accommodation costs.

Host University: University of Malaya

Co-hosted by: University of Tsukuba

1. Eligible applicants and number of accepted participants

Approximately 80 undergraduate students (master's students are also accepted) from universities in Japan

The host university, the University of Malaya, will select participants after reviewing the submitted papers.

2. Application documents

Please prepare an academic paper (approximately 8-15 pages including graphs, figures, and photographs) focusing on your research topic using the attached form and submit it via the GSLS website.

Download and submit the application form through the following link.

<https://gslsmohe.com/paper.php>

When submitting your paper, you will be asked to indicate which theme your paper falls

under in the Google form to help determine which group you will present in. Please select the theme that best describes the content of your paper from the list below. If your paper does not clearly fall under one of the six themes below, it will be placed in a special interdisciplinary session.

(List of Themes)

- Climate Action and Sustainability
- Youth Empowerment and Civic Engagement
- Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technology for Social Impact
- Global Health and Wellbeing
- Lifelong Learning and Future Skills
- Digital Economy and Youth Entrepreneurship

5. Application Deadline

November 30, 2025 (Sun.)

Please submit all application documents available on the GSLS website to the International Co-Learning Office, Division of Education Promotion, Department of Education Promotion, University of Tsukuba (k-kyoshu@un.tsukuba.ac.jp) and clearly indicate your affiliation, student ID number, and contact information.

6. Notification of Application Screening Result

Mid-December 2025

7. Program (tentative)

(This may be subject to change due to various circumstances. Details will be announced once participation is confirmed.)

January 9 (Fri.): Opening ceremony, keynote speech, thematic presentations

January 10 (Sat.): Keynote speech (Industry speaker), thematic presentations, workshop
(Evening) Networking (including cultural performances by students)

January 11 (Sun.): Student Forum, Award Ceremony, Closing Ceremony

8. Other

(1) All accepted papers will be published in the Malaysian Journal of Student Advancement and indexed at: (<https://www.ukm.my/personalia/2025-current/>)

- Malaysian Citation Index
 - Copernicus International Index
 - Google Scholar
 - Scopus index (subject to registration application approval)
- (2) A University of Tsukuba Multicultural Co-learning Open Badge (Purple Badge) will be issued at students' request.
- (3) At the University of Tsukuba, when a paper is submitted jointly with University of Tsukuba faculty members, it is eligible for support under the Paper Submission Support Program. Please inquire with the faculty members involved regarding the application requirements for this program.
- (4) For the latest information, please visit the following website.

https://gslsmohe.com/about_us.php



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