

# SUMMER SCHOOL 2022

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Summer School 2022 Volunteer Role at UWC ISAK Japan Summer School

**Dates:** July 17 – Aug 3, 2022 (students will arrive on July 21 and depart August 2)

**Position:** Counselor

**Deadline\*:** January 31, 2022 23:59 (JST) - [Click here](#) for the application form

**Precondition due to covid-19 border restrictions\*\*:** Due to current border restrictions we can only accept team members who are residents of Japan (at the time of summer school) OR hold a Japanese passport and can comply with government quarantine regulations if coming from abroad.

**Volunteer Benefits:** Transportation cost within Japan to and from UWC ISAK campus. Room & Board for the entire stay on campus (housing, meals).

UWC ISAK Japan offers a unique volunteer experience for adults (must have at least graduated high school by July 2022) who enjoy working with children in a diverse school setting. Our short course ("ISAK Summer School") focuses on three core components: "Leadership", "Design" and "Diversity". Summer School brings in middle school students with a diverse background and is seeking energetic volunteers who can work with the students during our 13-day summer program held at our beautiful campus in Karuizawa, Japan. This year students will mainly come from within Japan as long as borders are closed to short term visitors. Students will be Japanese or international students living in Japan.

### Counselors' role in the program:

As a counselor, you will have the opportunity to assist with various tasks throughout the program and work closely with students and teachers:

- **Residential:** Act as a residential counselor in student dormitories, co-facilitate daily small group meetings, guide students to practice leadership throughout their experience
  - e.g., help students organize and clean their spaces, provide emotional support and encouragement / coaching, create spaces for students to share their experience, serve as a role-model of school culture
- **Community:** Join other team members to discuss feedback and improve the summer school experience in real time, make decisions that affect the community as it develops, take on unforeseen challenges and responsibilities as they arise
  - e.g., attend staff meetings, gather and share feedback from student perspective, guide students during off-campus activities, plan and adapt to changes and new community needs
- **Academic:** Assist experienced educators to plan and deliver program content. Help students to engage in challenging, project-based experiences. Provide language support to aid students' comprehension and engagement. Share your own expertise during planning and delivery.

- e.g., assist with curriculum design and lesson planning in advance of the program, guide students in understanding course objectives and content, facilitate lessons and experiences in collaboration with other team members

**If you are interested in the position, please**

1. Respond to the counselor interest survey at <https://forms.gle/gqy9EXsADXcvULkH9> (note: response includes upload of resumé/CV in PDF format)
2. Send any requests for additional information to our Summer School Office at [summer@uwcisak.jp](mailto:summer@uwcisak.jp)

**Program Goals** (these apply to students and staff alike!)

Participants will Practice	Participants will Experience
Bringing attention to <b>what is important</b> for themselves and for others	<b>Learning</b> new things about themselves, and <b>connecting</b> with others
<b>Taking action</b> , independently and collaboratively, based on what’s important	<b>Accomplishment</b> , large and small, and feeling <b>empowered</b> to do more
Approaching others with <b>empathy</b> , seeking understanding in their environment and community members	Creating a <b>diverse environment</b> that acknowledges and understands different values and opinions
Applying design thinking and leadership principles to <b>create change</b> in themselves and their communities	Being innovators who can <b>bring tangible growth</b> for themselves and others based on what is important and needed

**\*Recruitment Timeline**

All dates JST, all deadlines 23:59 PM JST on specified date

- *Jan 30* - application period ends
- *Feb 6* - qualified applicants notified of progress to round two, interview requested
- *Feb 7 -13* - interview period
- *Feb 20* - deadline for UWC ISAK to notify applicants of result/decision
- *Feb 27* - deadline for acceptance of offers, waitlist notified as appropriate
- *Mar 6* - UWC ISAK releases remaining waitlist, sends formal welcome to all team members, includes travel and health surveys

\*\* We are currently planning to hold Summer School on the UWC ISAK Japan campus in Karuizawa. We will work closely with local health authorities to ensure we are taking the utmost caution and employing virus prevention best practices (such as PCR testing, mask wearing, sanitization, distancing, etc.). Our final safety measures will be determined by the up-to-date circumstances as we approach the start of Summer School in July.

\*\*\*We are committed to an equitable, diverse, and inclusive UWC ISAK Japan Summer School Team. We welcome applications from all qualified persons. We encourage women; members of visible minority groups; persons with disabilities; persons of any sexual orientation or gender

identity and expression; and all those who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas at UWC ISAK Japan to apply.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### ABOUT UWC

Founded in 1962, UWC (United World Colleges) is a global education movement that makes education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future. UWC is comprised of schools and colleges in 18 countries, with national committees and selection contacts in more than 155 countries. UWC fosters a lifelong commitment to social responsibility, and to date has inspired a network of 60,000 alumni who believe it is possible to work for positive change.

The majority of students attending UWCs are selected by UWC national committees. In support of the belief that education should be independent of a student's ability to pay, 70% of national committee selected IB Diploma students receive full scholarships. The UWC movement places a high value on experiential learning, outdoor education, service and other cultural understanding, alongside the academically challenging International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP).

### ABOUT UWC ISAK JAPAN

UWC ISAK Japan is Japan's only full-boarding international high school and the newest member of the United World Colleges movement. Following the Japanese school system, UWC ISAK is a three-year high school, with all students in grades 11 and 12 following the IB Diploma Programme curriculum. The school is accredited by the Japanese Ministry of Education (MEXT), and all graduates receive a Japanese high school diploma. Currently, 187 students from 73 countries attend UWC ISAK Japan, with 70% of students receiving full or partial need-based scholarship support. 30% of enrolled students are Japanese, with the remaining 70% coming from homes outside of Japan.

In addition to the high school program, UWC ISAK Japan also runs annual Summer School and Winter School programs, as well as ISAKx, an online educational program.

### LOCATION

Karuizawa is located in Nagano Prefecture, home to the 1998 Winter Olympics and fondly referred to as the "Roof of Japan." Karuizawa has been attracting an international mix of visitors since the late nineteenth century. The mountainous climate keeps Karuizawa cool and comfortable during Japan's summer months, making it a popular escape from Tokyo's heat and humidity. Karuizawa experiences four seasons with regular snow in the winter which generally lasts from early December through February. Monthly temperatures average between 21 and -5 throughout the year.

While the full-time population of Karuizawa is fewer than 20,000, the population of the town increases dramatically during the summer tourist season. From Tokyo, it takes approximately 70 minutes to reach Karuizawa station on the Shinkansen (Japanese bullet train).

Karuizawa is a favorite destination for outdoor enthusiasts and offers year-round recreation including hiking, cycling, tennis, golf, and skiing. In addition, a vibrant arts & crafts scene includes art galleries and museums, a performing arts center, a symphony hall, and a community symphony. There are also many good restaurants with wide-ranging cuisines, a large upscale outlet mall with designer shops, a variety of onsen hot springs and a local volcano, Mt. Asama.

For more information about the town of Karuizawa, please go to the following website:  
<http://www.japanvisitor.com/japan-city-guides/karuizawa-guide>