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## Application information for “Shinkansen Summer Seminar for International Students 2023”

Association for Planning and Transportation Studies, The University of Tokyo (Dept. of Civil Engineering), National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Japan Railway Technical Service, Central Japan Railway Company (JR Central) and East Japan Railway Company (JR East) are jointly planning to hold a "Shinkansen Summer Seminar for International Students 2023." This seminar aims to help students understand the purpose of the construction of the Shinkansen, its contribution to promotion of economic growth in Japan, and the technologies and systems that support it. Through a series of lectures given by top professionals and researchers, with technical tours including the visit at the train maintenance workshop, participants will deepen their understandings of the Shinkansen system. This seminar started in 2014 and was held in 2016 and 2018.

Students are invited to take advantage of this opportunity.

Chairman of Shinkansen Summer Seminar Committee  
Hironori KATO, Professor  
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### 1. Schedule

Thursday, September 14th to Friday September 15th (two days and one night)

Detailed information is shown below.

<http://intl.civil.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp/docs/TentativeSchedule2023.pdf>

### 2. Attendance fee

- JPY 5,000 must be paid for materials.
- Transportation and accommodation expenses during the seminar will be covered by the organizer.
- Other costs (such as transportation cost to Tokyo and meals) must be paid at your own expense.

### 3. Number of attendees

30 international students studying in the undergraduate/graduate programs of Japanese universities and 10 Japanese undergraduate/graduate students

### 4. Eligibility

You are eligible to apply for this seminar if you are studying in any academic fields including, but not limited to, the interdisciplinary field of transportation such as transportation planning/policy, urban/regional/national planning, economics and policy studies; and any specific engineering fields related to transportation such as mechanical engineering and electronic engineering. Additionally

applicants should follow ALL of the following conditions:

- You are a student enrolled in an undergraduate/graduate programs of Japanese universities.
- You are supervised by instructors of Japanese universities.
- You must accept the conditions outlined in “8. Conditions.”

#### 5. How to apply

- Application deadline: Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 23:59 JST
- Applicants for this seminar are required to complete the application form available from the link below and submit it to the organizer at the e-mail address shown in “10. Contact.”

<http://intl.civil.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp/docs/ApplicationForm3SIS2023.docx>

#### 6. Screening of participants

- When the number of applicants exceeds the given capacity, participants will be selected through a screening process.
- The screening process is handled by a review committee, whose members are represented by the Seminar Committee.
- The screening process highlights the applicant’s background knowledge about high-speed rail systems, her/his motivation and intended future career, which are shown in the application form.

#### 7. Selection of participants

All the applicants will be notified of the results by e-mail no later than Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

#### 8. Conditions

- Business casual attire is acceptable, but please dress respectfully.
- Personal safety insurance during the seminar must be purchased at applicant’s own expense.
- If you would cancel the seminar participation for personal reasons after you are selected, you should report it to the organizer at the e-mail address shown in “10. Contact.” by August 11<sup>th</sup>. Cancellation after this date is not acceptable.
- All participants must follow the organizer’s instructions.

#### 9. Language during the Seminar

English

#### 10. Contact

Shinkansen Summer Seminar Committee

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