# The United Nations Youth Volunteer

**\*Applications for AY2025 already closed.**

\*Application information for AY2026 will be available on the recruitment website for this subject (see below) around February 2026.

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**<Overview>**

- Approximately five-month volunteer program for students to work at UN organizations in developing countries, which has been established through collaboration between the UN and four universities in Japan
- Participants are sent to UN offices etc., to carry out work with the UN organization staff and locals
- Participants work with people raised in a different environment
- Participants are involved in activities such as project management support, various surveys and public relations in the fields of education, environment, human rights protection, and health and sanitation, etc.

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**<Objectives>**

- Build experiences in international cooperation to develop your abilities as global human resources
- Gain the knowledge and a perspective on the real nature of global issues

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【Application Website】 Details of application information is on following recruitment website for this course on 'SPIRIT'
https://spirit.rikkyo.ac.jp/ghrd/unyv/SitePages/index.aspx   \*URL is subject to change

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**<Schedule for Selection/Dispatch>**

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| MId March（previous AY) | Application deadline |
| Mid-Late March (previous AY) | Selection by Rikkyo (Application Screening / Online Interview) |
| Late March | Announcement of University-recommended candidates |
| | *Withdrawal due to personal reasons is not permitted in principle |
| April-Mid June | Selection by the UN (document screening, online interview , etc.) |
| June | Announcement of selected candidates |
| July | Prior training at Rikkyo University |
| August | Prior training for selected candidates (intensive lecture training) |
| | *To be given a total of around 10 days |
| September-February 2026 | Overseas volunteer work |
| March 2026 | Return home and make presentations on assignments |

**< Course qualifications >**

- Must be a 2nd to 4th year undergraduate student.

- Must be enrolled in both the Spring and Fall Semesters of AY2025(students on leave of absence are not eligible to participate).

- Must be aged 18 or over and under 26 years old as of September 1, 2025, and be of sound mental and physical health.

- Must fulfill any one of the following English competency requirements (copy of English proficiency certificate must be submitted).

  TOEFL®ITP 500, TOEFL®iBT 61, TOEIC® 590, IELTS 5.0

  *Note: In addition to meeting the above scores, applicants must also possess a high level of English proficiency necessary to perform their duties.

- Overseas travel experience of two weeks or more to a developing country is desirable (but not necessary).

- Volunteer experience is desirable (but not necessary).

- Must be able to work well with others.

- Must possess basic computer skills (Word, Excel, PowerPoint).

- Should an applicant has not obtained a credit(s) for compulsory language subjects within the university-wide liberal arts courses, the application will be denied.


*Nationality will not be asked. However, the applicant is required to have the Japanese language proficiency necessary to understand lectures and materials given in Japanese, and to communicate smoothly in the prior training program commonly conducted by the consortium etc., in order to conduct appropriate safety management.


**<Course Registration>**

- Students who have been selected by the UN for assignments will be registered by the university as "Fall semester other courses". As such, there is no need to go through the registration process themselves, however, be sure to check that the course registration status screen that will be updated after course registration.

- Students who are registered for this course cannot take any other courses during the same semester. Should a participant has registered for a full-year course, the registration for that course shall be treated as suspended, and the evaluation shall appear as a "Q", and the participant will not be able to gain a credit for that course.

- When students register for this course, the maximum number of registered credits for the University-wide liberal arts courses for that fall semester shall be set, as a special exception, at 12 credits.


**<Grade Evaluation>**

- Students will receive either a "pass" or "fail" as an evaluation for this course.


**<Points to Note>**

- Participants must attend in the prior training and returnees debriefing session.

- Participants will be responsible in carrying out the necessary procedures, such as obtaining visa, arranging

for accommodations, etc., with the cooperation of the United Nations Volunteers.

- Should participants be unable to acquire the necessary visa after they have been selected to be dispatched, they will not be able to be dispatched.

- Even after participants have already been selected or dispatched, the volunteer program may be subject to cancellation or early withdrawal depending on evolving circumstances in the international environment or local conditions. The decision to travel to the destination countries will be made by the UN Volunteers and Rikkyo University in accordance with the prescribed criteria. Check the application guidelines for more details.

- The costs of dispatching participants to this program will be funded by Rikkyo University's funds through UNV, except for some costs that the participants are required to bear on their own. Participant must understand this fact, and participate in this program responsibly as a Rikkyo student, and actively cooperate in publicity activities for the program during and after participation (both while in school and after graduation).

**<Remarks>**

- Destinations: Developing countries (countries in Asia, Central and South America, Africa, Oceania, etc. Subject to change each academic year)

- Host organization/duties: To be indicated in the Duty Instructions before screening by UN begins
  [Previous host organizations]: UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees), UNDP (United Nations Development Program), UNV (United Nations Volunteers), UN Women, IOM (International Organization for Migration), FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations), UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund), etc.

- For details on this course, applicants must be sure to completely verify all recruitment materials released in the relevant semester, such as the application guidelines and training descriptions, as well as the recruitment website.