

GUIDE TO THE 2026 AAACU-UPLB SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

20 – 31 JULY 2026 | UP LOS BAÑOS, PHILIPPINES

The AAACU Summer Enrichment Program Context

AAACU's summer program is a two-week intellectually stimulating program for students of agriculture and agriculture-related disciplines from member-institutions. It is designed to enable member-institutions to send student representatives to study agriculture and other related fields in a [host] member institution. It is conducted through a series of lectures about current developments, practices and technologies in the field of agriculture of the host country. During the Study Tour, students get the chance to visit farms, research facilities and experiment stations. They also attend and participate in discussions and practicum of an existing class offered on the campus. They are also exposed to the host country's culture and traditions, and there are interactions with selected agricultural organizations.

The COVID-19 pandemic has put the annual study tour in 2020 to a halt. In 2021, as knowledge and control over the pandemic started to improve, AAACU was able to conduct the very first online study tour through the able support of Nagoya University in Japan which has designed and developed a successful virtual program.

In 2022, AAACU literally brought back the annual student activity back on the road as it embarks on the first in-person study tour since the start of the worldwide health crisis. Alongside, AAACU launched a new label for the activity: "AAACU Summer Enrichment Program." The renaming considers the contemporary context of regional and international educational realities brought about by the global pandemic while maintaining the intellectually stimulating nature of the program. It further reflects the integration of pedagogical strategies and experiential learning into the application of concepts and principles learned by students in the classroom by providing the opportunity to show how traditional teaching and content delivery methods can be closely linked to multi-cultural exposures and experiences.

SUMMER ENRICHMENT (STUDY TOUR) HOSTS

2026 – University of the Philippines Los Baños
2025 – University of Eastern Philippines
2024 – Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia
2023 – Universiti Putra Malaysia, Malaysia
2022 – Kasetsart University-KPS, Thailand
2021 – Nagoya University, Japan (virtual)
2019 – National Chung Hsing University, Taiwan
2018 – Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia
2017 – Maejo University, Thailand
2016 – Tokyo University of Agriculture, Japan
2015 – Maejo University, Thailand
2014 – Seoul National University, South Korea
2013 – Universiti Putra Malaysia, Malaysia
2012 – Kasetsart University- KPS, Thailand
2011 – Universiti Putra Malaysia, Malaysia
2010 – University of the Philippines Los Baños, Philippines

TARGET PARTICIPANTS

The target participants of the program are **undergraduate students of agriculture and agriculture-related disciplines** from member universities/institutions of AAACU. A total of more or less 30 students will be chosen to represent member countries, based on academic performance, especially in the field of food and agriculture and natural resources.

DURATION OF THE PROGRAM

The SEP is a two-week summer program. For 2026, it will be conducted from 20 to 31 July 2026. Expected date of arrival is **19 July** and expected date of departure is **1 August 2026**.

PROGRAM CONTENT AND VISITS

During the Program, students are provided with a good balance of theory and practice. Lectures about current developments, practices, and technologies in the field of agriculture are conducted not only about the host country but of other countries as well which fosters knowledge sharing among the students. Students also get to visit farms, research facilities, experiment stations, and agricultural industries. In other words, the Summer Enrichment Program remains to provide students the opportunity to immerse themselves in an overseas and multi-cultural study environment with the aim at broadening their outlook towards the field of agriculture.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

Refer to the AAACU SEP Program Schedule.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applicants must submit the fully accomplished **SEP Application Form** together with the following requirements (ORIGINAL):

1. Letter of Recommendation from the President of the University or its equivalent (e.g., Dean of the College) wherein he/she is currently enrolled/registered.
2. Transcript of records (or True Copy of Grades) certified by the College Secretary or Registrar.
3. Certification of enrollment from the University Registrar.

After completing all the necessary documents, these are sent **via postal mail or courier** to:

**THE AAACU Secretariat
Office of the Dean, College of Agriculture and Food Science
University of the Philippines Los Baños
College 4031 Laguna, PHILIPPINES**

Students also have the option to send the documents in advance.

TAKE NOTE!

The completed Application Form and scanned copy of the documents may be sent **IN ADVANCE** by using the link below:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1yJmGmvMg4_2JIYyXaoqz2ylqf7Nf7ipl?usp=drive_link

COST

The sending institution recommending the student-applicant will shoulder the round-trip plane ticket of the applicant including local transport from and to the student's place of origin. AAACU will shoulder the accommodation, meals, kits, field excursions/local travel expenses of the participant while at the host country in the duration of the Summer Enrichment Program. Please note that AAACU will NOT pay for early arrival in and/or late departure from the host country and/or institution.

DEADLINE OF APPLICATION

AAACU must receive all applications and credentials **NOT LATER THAN THE CLOSING OF THE BUSINESS DAY ON 15 June 2026.**

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