

SJEC Mission

- Conduct research about issues in the US (and Japan)
- Develop communication and presentation skills
- Practice English and Japanese language abilities
- Form lasting and meaningful relationships between participants and Stanford students (to be continued at SKIP, Stanford BOSP, etc.)

Timeline

- **Early-November:** Applications open
- **Mid-November:** Applications due
- **Late-November:** Application decisions released
- **December to January:** Online meetings with academic groups + social event
- **Mid-February:** SJEC Program!

Other Information

- **Location:** The entire program is online.
- **Program Fee:** \$0 USD!!!
- **Language Requirement:** No formal requirement, but program communication will occur primarily in English. English proficiency is highly recommended.

SJEC 2020-2021 Program Summary

Academic Program

The main goal of this year's academic program is to explore the similarities and differences in how individuals in the US and Japan perceive a particular topic. Participants will be split into groups of 3-4 according to their topic preferences and work together to gain a profound understanding of the assigned topic. In the process, they will uncover similarities and differences in perspectives, and perhaps realize any cultural assumptions that underlie the (different) points of views observed. Each group will consult student organizations and professors at Stanford University to learn about the topic, and discuss among themselves as well as with Stanford students to nourish their understanding of the topic. At the end of the program, each group will share their journey with the rest of the group at the Farewell Gala.

Social Program

As in past years, the goal of the social program is to cultivate close and long-lasting bonds among the participants, SJEC officers, and Stanford affiliated individuals. There will be 2 social events each week during the program to learn more about each other and share some joyful time together (amidst a global pandemic!!!). We are also planning some (asynchronous) social activities in December and January for the SJEC officers and participants to facilitate pre-program communication.

SJEC 2020-2021 Schedule

*all times in JST

*dates are confirmed, times are subject to change

Pre-program

December

- Academic Team Meeting
 - (TBD, team dependent)
 - Go over the academic program. Get to know the group. Review the topic and assign “homework” (read provided sources, find a source to share next meeting)
- Social Event
 - TBD
 - Have fun.

January

- Academic Team Meeting
 - (TBD, team dependent)
 - Discuss sources. Start brainstorming approaches to topic research.
- Social Event
 - TBD
 - Have fun. (SJEC officer vlogs?)

Program (February 16 - March 5)

Week 1

- Welcome Orientation + Social Event
 - Tuesday, February 16
 - 9:00 - 12:00
 - Officially commence the program. Self-introduction and fun activities. Go over program details.
- Academic Team Meeting
 - Tuesday, February 16
 - 14:00 - 15:00
- Social Event
 - Thursday, February 18
 - 10:00 - 12:00
- Academic Team Meeting
 - Thursday, February 18
 - 14:00 - 15:00
- Meeting with Stanford Student Organization
 - (TBD, team dependent)
 - Meet with a relevant student organization at Stanford to learn about the assigned topic.
- Stanford Event
 - (TBD)

Week 2

- **Social Event**
 - Tuesday, February 23
 - 10:00 - 12:00
- **Academic Team Meeting**
 - Tuesday, February 23
 - 14:00 - 15:00
- **Social Event**
 - Thursday, February 25
 - 10:00 - 12:00
- **Academic Team Meeting**
 - Thursday, February 25
 - 14:00 - 15:00
- **Meeting with Stanford Professor**
 - (TBD, team dependent)
 - Meet with a relevant Stanford faculty to learn about the assigned topic.
- **Stanford Event**
 - (TBD)

Week 3

- **Social Event**
 - Tuesday, March 2
 - 10:00 - 12:00
- **Academic Team Meeting**
 - Tuesday, March 2
 - 14:00 - 15:00
- **Social Event**
 - Thursday, March 4
 - 10:00 - 12:00
- **Academic Team Meeting**
 - Thursday, March 4
 - 14:00 - 15:00
 - Prepare for Farewell Gala.
- **Farewell Gala**
 - Friday, March 5
 - 10:00 - 12:00
 - Have each academic team present their learning. Officially close the program.