

Cultural Internship Scholarship

International Exchange Student Benefits as a “Cultural and Language Ambassador”

International exchange students from our reciprocal partner schools in Australia, North America, and Europe who choose to enroll in the SCH Cultural Internship Program will receive a scholarship to assist them in financing their travel and living expenses in Korea. (Exchange Students from our partner schools in other countries are not eligible for these benefits.)

The key highlights of the scholarship include:

❖ **Airfare reimbursement**

- Up to 800,000 won (approximately \$670 USD). You will receive 400,000 won at the beginning of the semester and 400,000 won at the end of the semester. If a student decides to leave before the end of the semester, he / she is required to return the initial portion (400,000 won) of the airfare reimbursement to the international office.
- Half of this amount (400,000 WON) will be deposited in your Korean bank account within the first several weeks of your arrival in Korea. You will receive the second half at the end of the semester.

❖ **A weekly stipend of 120,000 won (approximately \$100 USD)**

- for your participation in language exchanges with Korean students and other official cultural events. The stipend will be paid for 11 weeks of the semester – a total of 1,320,000 won (approximately \$1,100 USD).
- The one-on-one exchange program starts on the third week and your payments will start on the third Friday of the semester. Weeks 1 and 2 are when students can change their classes, Weeks 8 and 15 are exam weeks and week 16 is a make-up week so there are no exchanges during these five weeks. Since there are no exchanges, you will not receive a stipend for those five weeks. (You will not receive a stipend for Week 1, 2, 8, 15, or 16)

❖ **Campus housing at no cost to you in Global Village dormitory**

- Participants in our Cultural Internship Program do not have to pay for a dorm room during the semester. However, students wishing to stay in the dorms during the summer or winter breaks must pay for a dorm room. The cost is approximately 9,000 won per day and the minimum numbers of days is 10. Rooms can only be booked in ONE solid block starting from the end of the semester. Rooms cannot be booked for the middle or end of the breaks. Students wanting a dorm room during the break book rooms near the end of the semester and must pay the full amount upon booking a room.

Students do not have to enter the Cultural Internship Program to be accepted as an exchange student. However, if students choose not to enter the program, they will not receive the benefits associated with being in the program.

Everybody has different spending habits so it is hard to tell you how much you will need. The weekly stipend you will be receiving as part of the Cultural Internship Program Scholarship (approximately \$100 USD per week) is usually enough for food expenses for that week, but this doesn't mean that you will be enough with it. The stipend will be paid on Fridays. The stipend is only paid for 11 weeks. There will be **NO** stipend for weeks 1, 2, 8 (midterm week), 15 (Finals week), and 16 (make-up week).

It is suggested you have access to additional funds for off-campus activities such as travel, shopping, and personal expenses/entertainment. Please be aware that you will not receive your first stipend until Week 3. Budget accordingly.

*Students have found that they spend between \$1,300 - \$2,300 (USD) in addition to the stipend and airfare reimbursement for travel in Korea, personal expenses and entertainment. You will be able to see more and do more in Korea if you have additional financial resources.

****If Korean students do not move in to a Global Village Dormitory then the one-on-one Language Exchange program will be cancelled, then partial amount of scholarship (Airfare Reimbursement & Dormitory fee waiver) will be given.***