

2026 Jinju International Youth Creativity Development Camp Call for Overseas Participants

Jinju City, Gyeongsangnam-do, Republic of Korea, is pleased to host the “2026 Jinju International Youth Creativity Development Camp” to foster creativity and cultural competency among young people. We invite enthusiastic students from UNESCO Creative Cities around the world to participate in this international exchange program.

May, 2026
Mayor of Jinju City

1. Camp Overview

- A. Event Title : 2026 Jinju International Youth Creativity Development Camp
- B. Period : **August 21 (Fri) – August 26 (Wed), 2026** (5 nights and 6 days)
- C. Venue : Various locations in Jinju City
- D. Format : Residential International Camp
- E. Participants : 20 university students
 - 10 domestic students from universities in Jinju City
 - *10 overseas students recommended by UCCN member cities*
- F. Main Programs
 - 1. Theoretical Lectures
 - Lecture 1: Diverse European Approaches to Creativity
 - Lecture 2: Youth in International Cooperation and City Networks
 - 2. Practical Workshops
 - Creative Mission Project (Theme: “What is the Beauty of Jinju?”)
 - Theme Exploration and Mission Activities
(Storyboarding, local exploration, short video production, etc.)
 - 3. Cultural Experiences
 - Jinju Fortress night tour (Traditional costume Hanbok experience and media art)
 - Traditional lantern making
 - Traditional craft-making
 - Small cultural exchange festival (“Jinju in the Forest”)
 - Learning Jinju Sword Dance, etc.
 - Exploration Activities
 - Jinju Silk Museum

- Kim Si-minho Night Cruise
- Jinju Namgang Lantern Exhibition Hall
- Local food experience
- City tours (Jungang Market and Olppam Saturday Night Market), etc.

G. Host / Organizer

- Hosted by Jinju City
- Organized by Jinju UCCN Steering Committee and YMCA Jinju

※ Tentative Camp Schedule

Time	Day 1 Aug. 21 (Fri)	Day 2 Aug. 22 (Sat)	Day 3 Aug. 23 (Sun)	Day 4 Aug. 24 (Mon)	Day 5 Aug. 25 (Tue)	Day 6 Aug. 26 (Wed)
10:00 - 10:30		Lecture 1 (Diverse European Approaches to Creativity)	Jinju Sword Dance Experience	Visit to Jinju Municipal Korean Traditional Music Orchestra	Lecture 2 (International Cooperation and Youth)	Closing Ceremony
10:30 - 11:00						
11:00 - 11:30						
11:30 - 12:00		Lunch				Wrap-up
12:00 - 13:00						
13:00 - 14:00		Lecture 3	Group Discussion			Lunch
14:00 - 15:00	Welcome Ceremony	Creative Mission Project (Theme exploration, team building, storyboard planning)	Creative Mission Project (Outdoor filming, meeting local citizens, group discussions, etc.)			
15:00 - 16:00	Move to Accommodation (Room Assignment)		Visit to Jinju Namgang Lantern Exhibition Hall	Traditional Games Experience	Traditional Craft-making	
16:00 - 17:00	Orientation					
17:00 - 17:30		Visit to Jinju Silk Museum	Traditional Lantern-making Experience			
17:30 - 18:00						
18:00 - 18:30		Welcome Dinner	Local Food Experience and City Tour (Jungang Market and Olppam Saturday Night Market)		Dinner	
18:30 - 19:00						
19:00 - 20:00	Jinju Fortress Tour (Traditional Hanbok Experience and Media Art)	Free Time		Kim Si-min Boat Experience	Small Festival (Cultural Exchange)	
20:00 - 21:00						
Accommodation	Local Hotel					

2. Recruitment Overview

- A. Number of Participants : 10 university students
- B. Eligibility : University students from UCCN member cities
- C. Application Period : May 11 (Mon) – June 19 (Sat), 2026
- D. Selection Method : Document screening
- E. Qualifications

Applicants must currently be enrolled in a university and have strong interest in:

- cultural and artistic activities
- crafts
- international youth exchange programs and related activities

3. Recruitment Schedule

- A. Application Announcement and Submission : May 11 (Mon) – June 19 (Sat), 2026
- B. Announcement of Final Selected Participants : **June 29 (Mon), 2026**

4. Application Submission

- A. Submission Period : May 11 (Mon) – June 19 (Sat), 2026 by 18:00

※ Only applications received at the email address below by 18:00 will be accepted.

- B. Submission Method : **By email (leegyungah@korea.kr)**

C. Required Documents

- Application Form (1 copy)
- Personal Statement (1 copy)
- Recommendation Letter from UNESCO Creative City Focal Point (1 copy)
- Certificate of Enrollment (1 copy)

- D. Announcement of Successful Applicants : **June 29 (Mon)**
(Individual notification via email)

- E. Inquiries : Cultural Heritage Division, Jinju City Hall (leegyungah@korea.kr)

※ The above schedule may be subject to change depending on operational circumstances.

5. Future Schedule

Category	Date / Venue	Main Contents
1 st Pre-Camp Orientation (Domestic Participants)	June 27 (Sat), 10:00 Jinju YMCA	Camp introduction, participant roles, mandatory training, etc. ※ Absence will result in exclusion from final selection. Applicants must confirm availability for the entire schedule before applying.
1 st Pre-Camp Orientation (Overseas Participants)	July 20 (Mon), 19:00 Online Meeting	Same as above
2 nd Online Exchange (Domestic & Overseas Participants)	August 3 (Mon), 19:00	Online pre-exchange with overseas youth participants (Information exchange, etc.)
Camp Activities (5 nights and 6 days)	Various locations in Jinju City	Exchange activities (joint youth activities, discussions, etc.) and cultural experiences

6. Additional Information

- A. The schedule and number of participants may be canceled or changed due to international circumstances, natural disasters, civil unrest, or requests from participating countries.
 ※ If the program is canceled due to circumstances in the partner country, selected participants will automatically lose their eligibility.
- B. Any fees incurred due to cancellation of participation caused by disqualification, illness, or personal reasons shall be borne by the participant. In such cases, reserve applicants will participate according to the waiting list order.
- C. Submitted documents will not be returned. If any information provided is found to be false, the final acceptance may be revoked.
 Any disadvantages caused by errors, omissions, false information, or inability to contact the applicant shall be the applicant's responsibility.
- D. The selection schedule may be changed due to circumstances, and any changes will be separately announced.
- E. For further inquiries, please contact the Cultural Heritage Division of Jinju City Hall (leegyungah@korea.kr).