

WHAT PROGRAM IS THE BEST FIT FOR ME?

Language classes:

- What language skills do I want to improve the most?
 - Speaking, reading, writing, listening
- How do I learn best?
 - Class structure
 - Teaching style
 - Out of classroom opportunities
 - Research projects
- Would I benefit from and commit to a language pledge?

Time outside of class:

- Would I be able to join on-campus groups?
- Does the program arrange any trips?
- Is it important to me to have time outside of class to explore the city on my own?

Housing options:

- Do I want to live with a local roommate or another program participant?
- Would I enjoy living with a host family?
- Does the program assist with housing? If not, am I prepared to find my own housing?
- How far is the housing from the program?
- Are meals provided or will I need to cook?
- Do I need any special accommodations?

Living environment:

- What size city would I prefer living in?
- Do I want to spend my time with other students or experience living independently?
- Are there certain resources or programmatic support I need access to?
- Would I prefer a large university or small program setting?

PROGRAMMATIC STRUCTURE AND SUPPORT

Programs at these sites require a **high level of independence**, most suitable to students who have had **prior experience living abroad** on your own and **do not anticipate needing strong programmatic support or rich extracurricular offerings**.

Chinese Sites:

- Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies (IUP)
- International Chinese Language Program (ICLP)

Japanese Sites:

- Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies (IUC)

Korean Sites:

- Yonsei Korean Language Institute
- Inter-University Center for Korean Language Studies at Sungkyunkwan University (SKKU)

CHOOSING A PROGRAM

- Think about your academic and personal goals
- Decide what term you want to study abroad
- Explore programs on the Light Fellowship website
- Read blogs and final program reports
- Visit the program websites
- Meet with former Light Fellows
- Make an appointment with the Light Fellowship office
- Discuss your plans with language instructors, faculty, deans, and DUS/DGS's

Additional resource:

<https://studyabroad.yale.edu/get-started/choosing-program>

APPLYING TO PROGRAMS

- Check application deadlines on each program's website
- Check the Light website for Approved Program Names, Program Application Notes, and Light Requirements specific to each Approved Site Abroad
- Let your recommenders / language instructors know if you will need additional recommendations
- Pay any application and transcript fees
- Consider applying to at least one backup program
- Reach out to the programs directly with any program or application-related questions