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?

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?

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?

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?
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.

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

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

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