

**2010 East Asia and Pacific Summer Institutes
FAQ**

Estimated Timetable

- December 2009 - January 2010 - NSF internal review and compliance check of proposals
- January 21 & 22 - EAPSI Review Panel at NSF
- February –Notification of TENTATIVE Acceptance or alternate status or Decline
- February/March- Pre-departure Orientation travel instructions sent
- March- FINAL acceptance from foreign hosts
- April 11 - April 13 - Pre-Departure Orientation
- April - Authorization and instructions for foreign travel issued
- April/May - Official awards issued by NSF
- June – Awardees travel to host locations
- August – Participants return to the United States
- December 1, 2010 – Submission of final project reports to NSF through FastLane.

KEY DATES FOR 2010 Summer Institutes

DC Orientation April 11 – April 13, 2010

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Australia *June 15 to August 7
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China *June 14 to August 8
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Japan *June 15 to August 25
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New Zealand *June 15 to August 13
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Singapore *June 13 to August 6
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Korea *June 14 to August 13
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Taiwan *June 27 to August 22
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**Expected date of arrival and earliest date of departure*

1. Must I be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident in order to participate?

YES.

2. What were the odds of getting selected?

Overall, EAPSI received **533** applications for **205** slots this year. However, competition varies between locations. Available slots for each location were as follows: Australia-20; China-40; Japan-65; Korea-15; New Zealand-15; Singapore-25, and Taiwan -25.

3. What are my chances of being selected if I am currently in “alternate” status?

If your location has attrition, alternates will be selected based on discipline and/or the next highest average score. Last year, a total of 8 students overall were selected to participate in EAPSI from the pool of alternates.

5. Must I accept placement at other than my FIRST choice location?

No. However we strongly encourage you to consider accepting placement at your second or third location, if applicable. Otherwise your application will be declined.

6. What is the next step in the selection process?

a. In order to participate, you must respond affirmatively to the Tentative Acceptance email sent from NSF.

b. NSF will forward your application to NSF’s foreign counterpart agencies for review and final matching with a host.

c. We ask that you do contact your host(s) mentor(s) listed in your application and inform them of your initial selection by NSF. NSF’s foreign counterpart agencies will contact and confirm the placement.

d. If you learned that your host is no longer able to host you, please notify NSF immediately and begin the process of finding a new host. Please advise NSF and the PRIMARY point of contact at NSF’s foreign counterpart agencies as soon as possible if/when you locate a host. Foreign counterparts contact information can be found on the location specific Handbook located at http://www.nsf.org/eapsi_locations. NSF’s foreign counterpart agencies may also seek hosts in coordination with you during this time.

7. When do I make travel arrangements for the EAPSI Orientation?

a. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the EAPSI Orientation scheduled for April 11 – April 13, 2010 to take place at the Sheraton National Hotel, 900 South Orme Street, Arlington, VA 22204. **NSF will reimburse your costs for attending the orientation. However, you should NOT make reservations**

until instructed to do so. A separate notice with instructions is slated to be sent out the last week in February 2010.

b. You should begin the process of obtaining a passport if you do not have a valid passport. NSF will not reimburse the cost for obtaining a passport. Do not delay as the demand for passports is especially high. [**Note:** Alternates may not get selected.] <http://travel.state.gov/>

c. You should not apply for a visa until you receive further instructions from NSF at the Pre-Departure Orientation.

8. If you anticipate any problems with your ability to accept this award please put requests in writing and send to eapsi@asee.org with a copy to jhahm@nsf.gov.

9. Finally, PLEASE READ THE HANDBOOKS for your location located on the NSF EAPSI website for an overview of all requirements:
http://www.nsf.gov/eapsi_locations

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