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My experience in the Takase-Ejiri lab [at Todai] is unforgettable. I learned so much in the three months that I was there, about both physics and Japanese. Although much of the plasma physics was unknown to me, both the students and the assistant professor were willing to help me and offer explanations. I believe that I learned more plasma physics in these past three months than in my previous research experience which lasted two years! But studying at the University of Tokyo wasn't just about learning physics, I learned a great deal of Japanese from my new friends in the lab. Being able to practice a foreign language with native speakers helped me out a lot and I appreciate the solidarity that exists in the Takase-Ejiri lab. Everyone works together, and I felt included and like I was part of the group.

I participated in the Belle II project of Prof. Aihara's lab of Physics Department over six weeks as a UTRIP intern. Nothing feels better than being able to gain from and contribute to science at the same time. Exciting physics and technologies were introduced, and a reassuringly vibrant academic environment was presented in front of me. The six weeks have shown that doing high energy physics at Todai is undoubtedly very promising. Aside from research, cultural and bonding experiences had been life-changing to me. I could not show how much I appreciated activities organized by UTRIP and my lab.



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I had quite a unique and productive summer by taking a course at UC Berkeley College of Environmental Design Summer Institute. Before I took this program, I assumed landscape design had something to do with being artistic and having an experienced background in the field of fine arts. This idea made me recoil from determining my future career. I realized my experience and knowledge that I cultivated during my four years in Todai is well enough to compete with my peers who have experience in the field of arts. This realization crystallized my vision of myself as a landscape architect and encouraged me to decide to take my next leap; apply to graduate schools in the U.S... The people I met throughout the six weeks were people I could never encounter if I had spent my summer in Tokyo."



Genki Takahashi
Todai, Agriculture, Senior

I took history and political science courses at Yale Summer Session. Throughout the Session, I struggled to keep up with my classes and tried hard to perform well. Speaking up in class was difficult at first due to my language incapacibilities; however I gradually got used to discussion by preparing questions and opinions that I would bring up in class and purely by trying many times. Yale Summer Session has been a truly extraordinary experience for me. I gained a lot both in and out of the classroom, moreover it was really enjoyable. My experience there strongly motivated me to pursue graduate education after some years of work experience. I express my sincere gratitude to the members of Friends of Todai, Inc. and those who granted, which made my wonderful experience possible.



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