

Application Guide for Coordinator

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1. Timetable for September 2020 entry

Event	Date	Process
Home university's nomination deadline	29 February 2020	
Students' online application deadline	23 March 2020	STEP 1*
Notification of admission	29 May 2020	STEP 2
Students' Pre-enrolment documents submission deadline	15 June 2020	STEP 2
<i>Student's CESR registration period:</i>	<i>15 June 2020</i>	<i>**Support Office website</i>
Accommodation allocation notification	By the end of July	STEP 3
Student's VISA application & Flight booking	End of August to early September	
Student's arriving itinerary submission deadline	4 September 2020	STEP 3
Recommended dates of arrival (dorm check-in)	14 - 25 September (TBC) 11 or 14 September (Maple)	
Mandatory on-campus orientation	28 - 30 September (TBC) 15 – 30 September (Maple)	

*Students must be registered by the coordinator in advance to log on his/her application web page.

**CESR registration is an independent web page administrated by Osaka University Support Office.

2. Notes for Nomination

Incoming exchange student places

In one of the following cases, please contact the inbound team before you start online nomination.

a. Exceeding the maximum number

We start counting the exchange place from September in our university-wide incoming student exchange programs. We basically consider the total number of student sent from your institution in a year from September to August, regardless of full-year or half year study.

b. Imbalance: There has been an apparent imbalance in the number of incoming and outgoing students for the past few years.

c. School-level partners: The student exchange partnership is **NOT university-wide but discipline-specific**, i.e. Your student exchange agreement is established between your institution and one or a few of OU academic schools (Departments) or research institutes.

Minimum Requirement

Residency Requirements

The residency requirement at home university is at least one year for undergraduate students and six months for postgraduate students by the time of application. Students who are (or will be) continuing to earn higher degree are also edible to apply if their total enrollment at home university is more than one year. Continuous enrolment and progress as a full-time degree-seeking student at home university is essential.

Official Nomination

Prospective incoming students to Osaka must go through a selection process at the study-abroad/student mobility office and receive nomination from home university. We do not accept students' self-nomination and independent application for one of OU exchange programs. Please note that we do not accept second-time exchange participants in principal if they are applying in the same degree level.

Academic Requirements

It is expected students with good academic performance are nominated to the university-wide exchange programs, e.g. 3.0 in GPA 4.0 scale; upper second class in undergraduate honours grading system; B in ECTS grading scale; or 80-85% in Chinese and Korean top universities in the current degree program at home university.

Language Requirements

Student must have Japanese or English proficiency required by the applying exchange study track. All students, including students with a good level of Japanese proficiency for iExPO, must be able to read and understand simple English guides, messages and online navigation to apply for these programs.

Citizenship

Student must be a citizen, legal resident or visa holder in the country/region of home university. Student with Japanese citizenship can be considered if they are mainly educated outside of Japan.

Health

Minimum conditions of physical, mental and social health to study abroad.

◆ **Postgraduate student?**

- ✓ Postgraduate students are welcome in FrontierLab if they wish to do full-time research.
- ✓ OUSSEP is a general study/liberal arts program tailored for bachelor's degree students and therefore, Master's degree or postgraduate level courses are not offered within the program. If your institution has approved these undergraduate level modules as appropriate to take and there are no issues in transferring credits at home university, we will consider postgraduate students' application to OUSSEP. However, due to the form and contents of the program, it is not recommended a postgraduate student takes up a full-year OUSSEP. (Currently we do not offer a 'hybrid' of OUSSEP and iExPO/FrontierLab program.)

◆ **Final year student?**

- ✓ Check if our academic calendar and formal grade release do not conflict with your student's graduation/grade report schedule.
- ✓ If your student is graduating from home university within 1-2 months after proposed exchange period, please check whether it is feasible for him/her to fully participate in an exchange program AND to complete the degree (graduation) procedures at home university in time.

- ✓ The OU grade release is after mid-September for spring / summer term, and late March for fall / winter term. Please be reminded that the grade release timing is NOT negotiable as it tends to involve many different academic schools and departments. If exchange credits and grades must be transferred to home university immediately after exchange period, Osaka may not be a right exchange destination for your students.

International student?

- ✓ Double-check that your student has a relevant visa with a sufficient validity period to study at home university and that he/she is eligible and guaranteed to re-enter the country of home university.

Admission Cycles

Osaka University currently receives exchange applications for university-wide programs twice a year, for April intake and September intake. **As the enrolment timing and duration will NOT be flexible after students receive an offer, please be sure to apply for the right admission cycle with the right period of exchange.**

3. Program (iExPO, OUSSEP, FrontierLab, Maple)

iExPO

iExPO students will be accepted in a school or graduate school of Osaka University to take courses in a specific major or do postgraduate research under the guidance of a faculty member. Special Auditor is for those who wish to take specialized courses in a degree program while postgraduate students who wish to do research under the guidance of a faculty member can choose Special Research Student option. Since the majority of degree courses are taught in Japanese, participants need to have a high level of general Japanese language proficiency.

FrontierLab

FrontierLab is an academic internship in science and technology and very unique as a long-term exchange study program. Participants will become a student member of a research group in one of Osaka University's internationally renowned science and technology fields and do full-time research work under the academic supervision of a faculty member. With the advice of their supervisor, students may attend Japanese language classes or take courses relating to their own study fields. Special Auditor status enables student to earn credits through their research (and additional course work), while Special Research Student is non-credit based. **It is recommended that students receive informal acceptance from a prospective supervisor, though this is not a requirement.**

Please note the following as this program is becoming popular.

- Students may not be assigned to one of their prioritized lab due to the capacity/popularity of the labs.
- We may need to ask students to reconsider their research topic in case we couldn't find an appropriate lab.
- When we couldn't find a supervisor after all, we may need to reject student's application in the end.

OUSSEP

This program has been designed for undergraduate students in their 3rd or 4th year from overseas partner universities across the globe. Participants are offered Japanese language classes and lecture courses taught in English called “International Exchange Subjects” or CIEE courses. No postgraduate courses are offered within this program, while Master’s students could be accepted if both home university and student agree that he/she will enroll in undergraduate “International Exchange Subjects” courses.

Find International Exchange Subjects at: <http://ex.ciee.osaka-u.ac.jp/oussep/current/syllabus/index.html>

Maple (Available only in Sep. intake)

Maple program is offered by CJLC office. Please contact Center for Japanese Language and Culture for further information.

Email: kouryu<@>cjlc.osaka-u.ac.jp Phone: +81 72 730 5072 / Office hours: Mon-Fri, 08:30-17:15

Type of Program

Program	iExPO		FrontierLab		OUSSEP		Maple	
	UG	PG	UG	PG	UG	PG	UG	PG
Credit-based (“Special Auditor”)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	(✓)	✓	✓
Non-credit basis (“Special Research Student”)	-	✓		✓		-	-	-
Full-time class work only	✓	✓	-	-	✓	(✓)	✓	✓
Full-time class work with tutorial/independent study	-	-	-	-	✓	(✓)	✓	✓
Full-time research with supervision & guidance	-	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	-

UG : Undergraduate/Bachelor’s degree (Bologna First Cycle equivalent)

PG : Postgraduate/Master’s or PhD (Bologna Second/Third Cycle equivalent)

(✓) : Not exclusively for undergraduates; postgraduate-level courses are not offered.

Program Details

	iExPO	FrontierLab	OUSSEP	Maple
Applicable exchange agreements	Active university-wide agreement only	Active university-wide agreement (or active and relevant schoollevel, discipline-specific student exchange agreement if conditions met)		
Campuses	Toyonaka, Suita or Minoh**	Toyonaka or Suita	Toyonaka, Suita, Minoh**	Minoh**
Study type	SA : class work SR : research work	Research work	Class work	
Medium of language	SA: Japanese based SR: Japanese or English	English or Japanese	English based	English / Japanese
Japanese Class	Optional	Optional	Recommended	Mandatory
Work load	SA: Full-time credit load SR: Full-time research load		Full-time credit load	

Core courses	SA: Courses for degree modules offered by the student's affiliated school SR: None (independent research project)	SA: FrontierLab research module SR: None (independent research project)	International Exchange Subjects (offered by the CIEE)	Special Seminar on Japanese Language and Culture, Research Subjects in Japanese Studies, Independent Study, Japanese Language Subjects
Standard credits	14 credits/ each semester			30 credits/year
Start date	Beginning of April (spring/summer term) / Late September (fall/winter term)			Late September
Duration	SA: Two terms (5/6 months) or Full academic year (10/11 months) SR: Three months to full academic year (10/11 months)			Full academic year (11 months)
For who?	SA: Students who have proficient Japanese skill and wish to take courses in undergraduate or graduate schools. SR: Students who wish to do research under the supervision of advisor without credit award for three to eleven months.	SA: Students who wish to do research in a scientific research group under the supervision of academic advisor. SR: Students who wish to do postgraduate research in a scientific research group under the supervision of academic advisor without credit award.	Students who wish to take CIEE liberal arts courses taught in English and beginners or intermediate Japanese classes.	Students who have interest in studying Japanese culture and society by taking courses and seminars.
Academic and language requirements	SA: - Have a high proficiency in academic Japanese - Have completed at least one year tertiary study in a relevant academic discipline before exchange SR: - Have a sound basis of the field of study - Have a good command of English or Japanese	SA:- Have a sound basis of the field of study -Have a good command of English or Japanese SR: - Have a sound basis of the field of study - Have a good command of English or Japanese	- Have a high proficiency in spoken and written English. Prior Japanese language knowledge is not required.	- Have Japanese language proficiency equivalent to or higher than N4 (pre-2010 Level 3) in Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)
Requirements for "Program Completion Certificate"	SA: 1. Successful completion of 14 or more credits for students who wish to stay for one semester 2. Successful completion of 28 or more credits for students who wish to stay for two semesters SR: Sufficient work and progress in the research project recognized by academic supervisor	SA: Successful award of FrontierLab research work credits and giving a research presentation in the 'Final Presentation' SR: Sufficient work and progress in the research project recognized by academic supervisor	Successful completion of 14 or more OU credits including 12 or more credits from International Exchange subjects and participation of mandatory guided field trips	Successful completion of 30 or more OU credits in an academic year
Program-specific activities		Final presentation (Optional for SR)	Mandatory guided field trips	study tours and cultural experience activities
Accommodation	Assignment to one of the university accommodation is basically guaranteed. Off- or on-campus, dormitory or flat, preference to be considered but not guaranteed. In the event that university accommodation is not available, we will assist in finding a private accommodation. Please note that UR Senri-Aoyamada Flat is available only for OUSSEP program participants.			
Airport pick-up	Not available - directions and transportation information to the residence hall or university will be distributed.			

* SA: Special Auditor Students (Credit-based)

* SR: Special Research Students (Non-Credit based)

** Minoh campus will move to its new location within Minoh City in April 2021.

Language Requirement

FrontierLab	OUSSEP
<p><u>Submit any one of them.</u></p> <p>a) TOEFL iBT 80 / IELTS 6.0 or higher b) Cambridge English with CEFR B2 level or higher c) Official assessment report (on both receptive and productive skills) of home university's language centre d) Official certificate/letter which proves English is the medium of instruction at student's faculty</p> <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <p>a) Japanese: JLPT N2</p>	<p><u>Submit any one of them.</u></p> <p>a) TOEFL iBT 80 / IELTS 6.0 or higher b) Cambridge English with CEFR B2 level or higher c) Official assessment report (on both receptive and productive skills) of home university's language centre d) Official certificate/letter which proves English is the medium of instruction at student's faculty</p>

*Test scores older than two years are acceptable if student has a copy of score report.

iExPO - Special Auditor (Credit based)		
School/Graduate School	Undergrad. student	Postgrad. student
Letters	JLPT N1	
Economics		
Science		
Foreign Studies/ Language and Culture	JLPT N2	JLPT N1
Law / Law and Politics	JLPT N2	
Human Sciences		
Pharmaceutical Sciences (Graduate school for PhD candidate only)		
Engineering		
Engineering Science		
Faculty of Medicine Graduate School of Medicine (for PhD candidate Only)		
School of Allied Health Science Graduate School of Medicine, Division of Health Science		
Dentistry (for PhD candidate Only)	JLPT N2	
Osaka School of International Public Policy		
Information Science and Technology		
Frontier Biosciences		
iExPO – Special Research Student" (Non-credit research)		
Graduate School/Research Institute	Postgrad. student	
Graduate Schools of Letters, Language and Culture	JLPT N1	
Graduate Schools of Law and Politics*, Economics, Human Sciences, Science, Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Engineering, Engineering Science, OSIPP**, Information Science and Technology, Frontier Bioscience	JLPT N2 or TOEFL iBT80	
Institutes of Microbial Diseases, Scientific and Industrial Research Protein Research Social and Economic Research Joining and Welding Research		

*PhD candidate Only, Exchange period needs to be a year

** You must receive informal acceptance from a prospective supervisor.

OU Academic Schools and fields of study

<i>Undergraduate School</i>	<i>Postgraduate School</i>
School of Letters http://www.let.osaka-u.ac.jp/en	Graduate School of Letters http://www.let.osaka-u.ac.jp/en
School of Human Sciences http://www.hus.osaka-u.ac.jp/english/	Graduate School of Human Sciences http://www.hus.osaka-u.ac.jp/english/
School of Foreign Studies http://www.sfs.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/	Graduate School of Language and Culture http://www1.lang.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/
School of Law http://www.law.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/	Graduate School of Law and Politics http://www.law.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/
School of Economics http://www.econ.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/	Graduate School of Economic http://www.econ.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/
School of Science http://www.sci.osaka-u.ac.jp/index.html	Graduate School of Science http://www.sci.osaka-u.ac.jp/index.html
Faculty of Medicine http://www.med.osaka-u.ac.jp/index-e.html	Graduate School of Medicine* http://www.med.osaka-u.ac.jp/index-e.html
School of Allied Health Science http://sahswww.med.osaka-u.ac.jp/	Graduate School of Medicine, Division of Health Sciences http://sahswww.med.osaka-u.ac.jp/
School of Dentistry* http://www.dent.osaka-u.ac.jp/english/	Graduate School of Dentistry* http://www.dent.osaka-u.ac.jp/english/
School of Pharmaceutical Sciences http://www.phs.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/	Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences http://www.phs.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/
School of Engineering http://www.eng.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/index.html	Graduate School of Engineering http://www.eng.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/index.html
School of Engineering Science http://www.es.osaka-u.ac.jp/	Graduate School of Engineering Science http://www.es.osaka-u.ac.jp/
	Osaka School of International Public Policy http://www.osipp.osaka-u.ac.jp/index_en.html
	Graduate School of Information Science and Technology http://www.ist.osaka-u.ac.jp/english/index.html
	Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences http://www.fbs.osaka-u.ac.jp/index-e.php

4. Application

Please use Osaka University's online application system. **Email attachment or postal application will not be accepted** and there is no need for your university to send the original documents by post after completing online submission. Student and/or coordinators will need to have access to the following system and hardware.

Windows PC or Mac computer with secured internet access

The online application system is designed to operate with desktop/laptop computers and not guaranteed to work on tablet computers, smartphone or any other mobile devices.

PDF converter software

Several pieces of documents will have to be submitted in PDF and no other file types are accepted. The computer should have a PDF convertor, such as Adobe Acrobat, Microsoft Office add-in etc.

Image scanner

Students will have to upload scanned PDF files from the application website.

E-mail

As we are unable to check undelivered emails on the system, it is extremely important that students register an active and reliable email account. Both university and personal email, web-based and client based email can be used.

Please note that the following emails may be rejected from our university emails.

'@naver.com' '@daum.net' and '@qq.com' domains

Use of student's personal information

The applicant's personal data such as name and address obtained through our application website will be used only for the purpose of admission. The submitted personal information and documents will be kept strictly confidential.

Application Process

Online nomination

Please use online portal to nominate students. A login ID (with initial password), web site URL and other important information will be emailed to the registered coordinators of our partner universities in August for April intake and in December for September intake. The email includes the password for your students to start their online application.

New partners will be requested to complete initial user authentication to receive a coordinator's ID and password. When you log on the web page with your ID and password to nominate students, the following details of the students will be required. A single nomination account is created for an institution.



Required student details

Please have the following information with you when you nominate students.

Student's name
Student's E-mail (Valid and Active)
Passport country/citizenship
Current degree pursued at home university
Date of admission to the current degree program at home university (yyyy-mm)
Estimated date of graduation from home university AFTER intended exchange period at Osaka (yyyy-mm)
Proposed OU exchange program
Student status (UG or PG, credit-based or non-credit)
Intended exchange period
Priority Ranking

Please complete your nomination with 'register' button at the bottom of the page.

Student's authentication password

When your registration is submitted online, students will receive an automatic message with a web link. However, the email does NOT contain the preliminary authentication password. Nominated students will have to access the website with the student password you give them. **The student password is AJ5gAGrL**

When the authentication is successful, student will receive an automatic confirmation email with a unique ID, password and web link for application. Then student can log on their own application web page and start with their application by filling in the online form and uploading PDF documents. **In case your student did not receive an automatic e-mail, please change his or her e-mail address to new one on your T-cens website.**

Check your students' application progress

Student's application has three stages from STEP 1 (admission application), STEP 2 (offer acceptance, health certificate and accommodation application) to STEP 3 (arriving itinerary and emergency contact). When it proceeds to next step, an email alert will be sent to you at the registered coordinator's email.

You can check your student's application status and documents from the coordinator's web page at any times. Please log on the coordinator's page with your user ID and password and go to 'list of nominees'.

The screenshot shows a web interface with a 'Student search' form on the left and 'Nominate student' and 'Update nominee' buttons on the right. Below the forms is a table with columns: ALL, Student application ID, Term, Name / Mail, University, Contract End, Result, Dormitory, Scholarship, and STATUS. The STATUS column has a red circle around the 'Application' button.

ALL	Student application ID	Term	Name / Mail	University	Contract End	Result	Dormitory	Scholarship	STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/>	160002	Spring	Taro Wani Hakase Handai exchange@ciee.osaka-u.ac.jp	University05	2016/03/30	Pass	SEIMEI/Male	Passed(OU)	Application Pre-enrollment

ID/password lost?

If you lost your user ID and/or password, please access the log in screen and click on the web link in red.

The screenshot shows a 'Partner university's log in' section with a 'Login' form. The form has fields for 'Login ID:' and 'Password:' and a 'LOGIN' button. A red arrow points from the 'Forgot your id or/and password?' link below the form to the password field.

Students' Application materials

We appreciate your assistance with your students' timely submission of these documents.

Application Stage (STEP 1)

Document	Program	Form	Instructions
Statement of purpose	All	PDF	Student must log on their personal page and download the forms in MSWord from 'File Upload' tab and fill out and save as a PDF.
Career goal			
School affiliation request	O, I		
Intended list of courses	O, I (SA)		
Research application	I (SR), F		
Independent study / Internship Course application	O-optional		
Latest academic transcripts	All	PDF	A copy of latest official academic transcripts in English, or a version with English/Japanese translation. The documents should include enrolment year, program, course titles with grade and number of credit hours, issue date and course grading details. If these details are not shown on the transcripts, please provide the information in a

			separate certification issued by the academic registry of home university. <u>Postgraduate students should submit the transcripts of both previous (undergraduate) and current degrees.</u>
Academic reference letter	All	PDF	One page of A4 paper in English or Japanese from a faculty member of his/her home university in the student's major. However, the letters from student's teaching assistants' or coordinator will not be accepted. There is no specific format or guideline, but referee's signature or university's letterhead should be included.
Official language test report	All	PDF	Apart from a native user of English, all students must submit an official language test report required by the program. TOEIC and TOEFL ITP/PBT are not accepted as writing and speaking assessment is not included. Test scores older than two years are acceptable if student has a copy of score report. We do NOT accept a coordinator's or academic supervisor's letter as an alternative for the official language test report. However, we accept an official assessment report (on both receptive and productive skills) of home university's language education center or an official certificate that proves English is the medium of instruction at home university.
Photocopy of passport	All	JPEG	A photocopy of passport, which student will travel on. If student's passport application is still being processed, please substitute with the old passport or other type of official ID written in English, and upload the copy of new passport later in STEP2.

Notification of Admission

Notification of admission will be notified to students on students' application web page. Automatic email will be sent to students and coordinator when the decision has been made.

Osaka University makes a decision based on student's application and documents submitted online. Inaccurate or incomplete application and lack of correspondence may result in rejection. Students should read the guide carefully and make sure to upload all required information and documents by the deadline.

When students receive admission notification, they should decide whether they accept the offer and proceed with the offer acceptance process. Students will have to read the conditions of participation and sign, submit financial plan form and documentation by the deadline. Application for CESR, a Japanese immigration certification, must be made from separate web page of Osaka University Support Office.

Application Stage (STEP 2)

Agreement of the Conditions	PDF (form)	All
Financial documentation	PDF	All
ID photograph	JPEG	All
Accommodation request	Online forms	OUSSEP, iExPO, FrontierLab

5. Appendices

Accommodation

Students can request university accommodation from the web page after they receive notification of acceptance. There are both on-campus and off-campus accommodations and both dormitory and flat. However, due to the capacity limit for exchange students, some students may not be assigned to one of university accommodation. In the event that university accommodation is not available, we will assist in finding a private accommodation. Please note that UR Senri-Aoyamadai Flat is available only for OUSSEP program participants.

As of December 2019

OFF CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION		Suita International Student Dorm	Tsukumodai International Student Dorm	UR Senri-Aoyamadai Flat (shared) (OUSSEP ONLY)	Glovel Village (Shared)
<i>Room type</i>		Single room with shower 14.18 m ²	Single room 8.1 m ²	3 single bedrooms and kitchen	9 or 7 or 5 single bedrooms and kitchen
<i>Access to campuses</i>	<i>To Toyonaka</i>	approx. 50 min by monorail and walk	approx. 40 min by monorail and walk	approx. 40 min by train and monorail	approx. 30 min by monorail
	<i>To Suita</i>	approx. 1hour by walk	approx. 30 min by walk	approx. 25min by walk	approx. 50 min by walk
	<i>To Minoh</i>	approx. 50 min by monorail and walk	approx. 50 min by monorail and walk	approx. 50min by monorail and walk	approx. 50min by monorail and walk
<i>Accommodation type</i>		Single sex (male)	Co-ed/mixed	Co-ed/mixed	Co-ed/mixed
<i>Fees (monthly)</i>	<i>Room</i>	12,000JPY(TBC)	13,000JPY(TBC)	38,000-39,500JPY per person (TBC) - fluctuate by room	See the website in below: https://globalvillage.icho.o.saka-u.ac.jp/tsukumodai-en/dorm.html
	<i>Electricity, Gas, Water, Internet</i>	11,000JPY(TBC)	8,500JPY(TBC)	Electricity, gas and water charges are included in the room charge up to 15,000 JPY per apartment house unit. (3 rooms, 5,000JPY per person)	
	<i>Bedding</i>	Included	included	11,500 JPY (to be paid only one time, not monthly)	
ON CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION		Seimei Dorm* *cleaning duty	Toneyama Dorm* *cleaning duty	International House Toyonaka	
<i>Room type</i>		Single room 13 m ²	Single room 10 m ²	Single room 14.30 m ² (en-suite)	
<i>Access to campuses</i>	<i>To Toyonaka</i>	on-campus	on-campus	on-campus	
	<i>To Suita</i>	approx. 30 min by monorail and walk	approx. 30 min by monorail and walk	approx. 30 min by monorail and walk	
	<i>To Minoh</i>	approx. 50min by monorail and walk	approx. 50min by monorail and walk	approx. 50min by monorail and walk	
<i>Accommodation type</i>		Single sex (male)	Single sex (male)	Single sex (female)	
<i>Fees (monthly)</i>	<i>Room</i>	5,900JPY (TBC)	5,900JPY(TBC)	16,000JPY(TBC)	
	<i>Electricity, Gas, Water, Internet</i>	8,500JPY(TBC)	7,500JPY(TBC)	3,000JPY(TBC)	
	<i>Bedding</i>	included	included	1,782+ JPY (rental)	

Funding

Students are responsible for all costs to study and live in Osaka while their OU tuition is waived in the frame work of agreement. The costs includes accommodation, utilities, commuting expenses, food, insurances and medical fees, books, stationaries and all other personal expenses. To cover daily living expenses and be prepared for unforeseen costs, students should secure at least 80,000 yen for a month stay.

Scholarships

Osaka University offers a certain number of scholarship positions (JASSO / OU) to our incoming exchange students. The number of award greatly varies by year and admission cycle depending on the available fund. There are no scholarships exchange students can apply for after they arrive in Japan. As the number of scholarship award is decreasing every year and only available for limited number of students, students should make an appropriate financial plan without scholarship. For April intake, the scholarship notification tends to be as late as early to mid-February.

	JASSO SCHOLARSHIP	OU SCHOLARSHIP
AMOUNT OF AWARD	80,000 JPY per month of award	
AWARD PERIOD	Four/Five month or ten/eleven months	Three to five months
CITIZENSHIP AND VISA	Non-Japanese citizenship with a student ('Ryugaku') visa	-Non-Japanese citizenship with a student('Ryugaku') visa or -Japanese citizenship
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	1) Must have the JASSO GPA 2.30 or higher for past one year and be expected to maintain the same standards during exchange. 2) If student has an outgoing exchange scholarship which they are awarded by home university or other institutions, the award amount should not exceed 80,000JPY per month.	
APPLICATION METHOD	Please choose 'Yes' on STEP 1, Form 6 scholarship section of the online application. (This option is not shown if you state you are going to cover all costs with private funds.) There is no separate scholarship application form.	
SELECTION	The decision will be made by the submitted documents and the balance of universities and countries.	
RESULTS NOTIFICATION	Notification will be shown on the student's exchange application web page as soon as the decision is made.	
HOW TO RECEIVE	Direct bank deposit to a Japanese bank account, which student will set up after arrival.	
FIRST DEPOSIT	Approx. one month after enrolling in OU	

Contact

iExPO, OUSSEP, FrontierLab & general inquiry

Student Exchange Program – Inbound Team International Student Affairs Division (SUITA)

Email: [exchange<at>ciee.osaka-u.ac.jp](mailto:exchange@ciee.osaka-u.ac.jp) Phone: +81 6 6879 4026 ext. 9538 / Office hours: Mon-Fri, 08:30-17:15

Maple program

CJLC – Center for Japanese Language and Culture (MINOH)

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