UNIVERSITY-WIDE INCOMING STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES (LONG-TERM)

FACT SHEET 2021-22

UNIVERSITY AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of University | Osaka University 大阪大学
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University website | http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/
Campus location | Suita, Toyonaka & Minoh, Osaka, Japan
Campus map | http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/access/for_print
Exchange study web page | http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/international/inbound/exchange_program
Course information | https://koan.osaka-u.ac.jp/syllabus_ex-campus
Office in charge of university- wide student | International Student Affairs Division

Exchange students TO Osaka

I. iExPO, OUSSEP, FrontireLab & general inquiry

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II. MAPLE (Intensive Japanese Language and Culture Program for Exchange Students) *September intake, Full-year only

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8-1-1 Aomatani Higashi, Minoh, Osaka 562-8558 JAPAN

III. Exchange students FROM Osaka

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

- September intake: Mid/late September
- April intake: Beginning of April

- September intake: End-September
- April intake: Early April

- Fall&Winter: Late September to February (15 course work weeks)
- Spring&Summer: April to August (15 course work weeks)
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**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

- **Exchange period**: Standard 5/6 months or 10/11 months, starting either in April or September*
- **Degree level**: Undergraduate and postgraduate
- **Relevant major/degree**: Any fields of degree accepted**
- **Credit award**:
  - ✓ Special Auditor (S.A., credit-based)
  - □ Special Research Student (S.R., non-credit based)

- **Programs**:
  - iExPO (S.A./S.R.), FrontierLab (S.A./S.R.), OUSSEP (S.A.), Maple (S.A.)
  - *All incoming exchange students MUST enroll in one of these programs.*
- **Study type**: Course work (S.A.) or Research (S.A./S.R.)
- **Instruction languages**: Japanese or English
- **Credit and grading system**:
  - S(100-90) / A(89-80) / B(79-70) / C(69-60) / F(59-)
  - FAIL
  - One OU credit is equivalent to 45-hour study including class, revision and self-study. A semester-long 90-minute weekly lecture (15 sessions) is typically worth two credits.
- **Japanese language class**: Both credit-based and non-credit courses are open for registration.

**BASIC ELIGIBILITY FOR APPLICATION**

- **Student/academic residency**: 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 eligible 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, good academic standings (equivalent to GPA 3.0+/4.0, B+ in ECTS grading)
- **Language requirements**:
  - TOEFL iBT 80+/IELTS 6.0 for FrontierLab/OUSSEP. JLPT N1 or N2 for iExPO Japanese-based program; N3-N4 for Maple program

**NOMINATION AND APPLICATION PROCESS**

- **Application information availability**: Emailed to the registered exchange coordinator/study-abroad office of our partner. Application guides and information are not put on university web page.
  - September intake (Fall&Winter): End-December
  - April intake (Spring&Summer): End-July / Beginning of August
- **Nomination deadline**:
  - September intake (Fall&Winter): Last day of February
  - April intake (Spring&Summer): Last day of September
- **Application deadline**:
  - September intake (Fall&Winter): End-March
  - April intake (Spring&Summer): End-October
- **Method of nomination**: Online (exchange coordinator's log-in required, web form)
- **Method of application submission**: Online (student's log-in required, web form & PDF upload)
- **IT facility requirements to use online application web page**:
  1. Windows PC or Mac computer with secured internet access*
  2. PDF converter software
  3. Image scanner
  4. Reliable E-mail
- **Application materials**: Online application form, statement of purpose, career goal essay, school affiliation request form, intended list of courses or research application, latest official academic transcripts, academic reference letter, official language test score report, photocopy of passport
- **Screening for admission**: Document-based
## OFFER-ACCEPTANCE AND VISA

| Date of admission notice | - September intake (Fall & Winter): End-May  
| | - April intake (Spring & Summer): End-December |
| Offer-acceptance deadline | - September intake (Fall & Winter): Mid-June  
| | - April intake (Spring & Summer): Mid-January |
| Documents to be submitted on offer acceptance*** | Participant’s agreement form, documentation of financial resources, latest ID photo, accommodation request, CESR immigration document application, health checkup forms |
| Information to be submitted before | Arrival information and emergency contact |
| Method of application submission | Online (student’s log-in required, web form & PDF upload) |

**Japan visa**
Non-Japanese students must obtain student visa at a Japan consulate on their own responsibility. Osaka University Support Office makes a proxy application for a Certificate of Eligibility (CESR, an immigration certification) for students who need a visa after admission offer. Students usually receive their CESR around early September for fall intake and mid-March for spring intake, therefore **it is advisable students leave in mid-September for fall term and end-March/beginning of April for spring term, or book a flexible ticket. Student’s CESR document will be mailed only to their current or permanent address.**

## COSTS

| Tuition | OU tuition waived (by a relevant student exchange agreement) |
| Mandatory fee | - College insurance (c.12,000 JPY/semester, c.16,000 JPY/year)  
| | - National Health Insurance (2,000-3,000 JPY/month) |
| Accommodation | Rates of residence hall/apartment c.20,000 - 40,000 JPY/month  
| | For private accommodation, average rent will be 35,000 - 60,000 JPY/month |
| Other costs | Flight to and from Japan, food, public transport, text books, winter clothing (if necessary) etc. Students are strongly advised to have at least c.100,000 JPY per month at their disposal. |

## ACCOMMODATION

| University Accommodation | Apply for university accommodation via online application before enrolment (on- or off-campus). 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. |
| Accommodation type | Dormitory, apartment or shared flat |
| Room type | Single room or shared flat |
| Single-sex/co-ed | Single-sex and co-ed |
| Meal plan | Not available |

## SCHOLARSHIP

| Pre-arrival scholarship award | Successful candidates may be eligible to apply for JASSO and OU incoming exchange scholarship. (5 months: c 320,000-400,000 JPY, 10 months: c.800,000-880,000 JPY, paid in instalments during exchange). Number of scholarship awards and notification timing vary by year and admission cycle. |
| How and when to apply | Students should see the notes on “Application Guide” of the relevant admission cycle and follow the instruction after being nominated by home university. |

**Enrolment restrictions may apply to some medicine/dentistry-related schools.  
***These documents are not required at the time of application.**