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Announcement for 2024-25 OKU Study-abroad Exchange Program

Dear Partners,

Greeting from Osaka Kyoiku University, Osaka JAPAN!

We are pleased to announce that we are now beginning to accept applications for the above program. We will be truly grateful if you could nominate students from your institution for the program.

I. Category

A) 2024-25 OKU Short-term Exchange Program

II. Application Deadline

The completed application and supporting documents should be sent to the International Office of Osaka Kyoiku University via email by **Monday, 18 March, 2024**.

* All the documents should be in a PDF format except an ID photo.

III. Application Materials

A) OKU Application for Exchange Program

In addition, supporting documents should be submitted.

IV. Remarks

We accept applications for the Category (B) and (C) program below

B) MEXT Japanese Studies Students

To apply for the category (B), please find information on the website:

https://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/koutou/ryugaku/06032818.htm

(Information for 2024 program has not been uploaded yet.)

C) MEXT Research Students

To apply for the category (C), please find information on the website:

https://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/koutou/ryugaku/1423055_00013.htm

* We announced it to partner schools in the target countries on Tuesday, 5 December, 2023.

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2024-25 OKU Study-abroad Exchange Program

1. Outline of the Program

Osaka Kyoiku University invites exchange students from overseas partner schools.

The following is the outline of the program for the 2024 Fall semester.

- 1) Number of students: Number of students to be exchanged should not exceed the maximum number of exchange students in one academic year which is specified in the exchange agreement.
- 2) Period of study: Starting from Fall 2024 for six months or one year
(Desirable to stay one year)
 - i) October 2024 – September 2025 (Classes will end by the mid August)
 - ii) October 2024 – March 2025 (Classes will end by the mid February)

*You do not need to stay until the end of the official period of study.
- 3) Tuition: Exchange students will be exempted from tuition at OKU.
- 4) Housing: A single room for international students is available.
7,600 yen per month (water, electricity, and gas excluded)
Fully furnished, air-conditioned and Wi-Fi available.
- 5) Subjects: Japanese Conversation, Japanese Grammar, Japanese Writing, Japanese Reading, Japanese Listening, Japanese: Current Topics, Kanji, Japanese Society and Culture, Culture of Osaka, Japanese Studies, Japanese Traditional Culture (Calligraphy, Pottery, Kendo) etc.
**Please refer to 7. Other Important Notice.*
- 6) Activities: Orientation, Field trips, Home visit, School visit, Cultural exchange event, etc.

2. Qualification and Conditions

- 1) Students who are selected by the home institution according to the student exchange agreement.
- 2) Students who are enrolled in one of the OKU partner institutions and will resume their studies at their home institution upon completion (or termination) of the period of exchange study at OKU.
- 3) Students demonstrating excellent academic records at their home institution.
- 4) Students who possess enough Japanese language ability.
JLPT N3 or higher is preferable.
Please note that OKU does not offer introductory level Japanese courses.
- 5) Students of Japanese nationality are not eligible.

3. Application

The following items should be sent to OKU through the home institution.

All the items are due on: Monday, 18 March 2024

1) Application for the 2024-25 Osaka Kyoiku University Study-abroad Exchange Program

2) Certificate of Enrollment (for OKU Exchange Program)

3) Academic record of the home institution

4) Letter of Recommendation

5) Evidence of the applicant's proficiency of Japanese language (JLPT Certificate)

** Students without a JLPT Certificate may submit the "Japanese Language Proficiency Assessment" written by their Japanese instructor instead.*

6) Application for the "Certificate of Eligibility"

7) Photocopy of passport (page with your photo)

8) ID Photo (4 x 3 cm [1.6*1.2 inch]) taken within 3 months, chest up, from the front, must be in a JPEG format. * NO cap, NO background.

ID photo used for passport cannot be accepted due to the Immigration Bureau's restriction.

9) Certificate of Health

10) Application for International Student Dormitory

*ID photo will be used and printed on your Certificate of Eligibility, so please prepare a high-quality image.

Please send all of application documents via email.

Center for Global Education and Research, Osaka Kyoiku University

E-mail: isc@cc.osaka-kyoiku.ac.jp

Title of the email should be "[OKU Exchange Application]_NAME of UNIVERSITY".

We will not accept an application directly submitted by an applicant.

OKU email system rejects emails 10MB or larger. Please inform us when the size of application files exceeds 10MB.

We will notify the screening results by the early May.

4. Scholarship

Scholarship information will be provided to the applicants or the home institution when available.

5. Living Expenses in Japan

Here is a rough calculation of the amount of money you can expect to spend each month.

Dormitory (including water, electricity, and the Internet)	¥ 15,000
Futon rental	¥ 1,500
Food	¥ 30,000
Textbooks, other study costs	¥ 5,000
<u>Other expenses</u>	<u>¥ 15,000 - ¥ 35,000</u>
Total	¥ 66,500 - ¥ 86,500

6. Insurance for the international students

All the international students enrolled in Osaka Kyoiku University are required to purchase the following insurance. For more details, please see the link below.

You will only be exempted from this insurance if you have purchased an insurance in your country which we have agreed to have a coverage equal to or better than our designated insurance. We will provide more detailed information when we send you “Pre-Arrival Information” after we confirm your participation in the exchange program.

< Period and Fee >

For 6 month: ¥ 8,060 For 1 year: ¥ 11,500

<Brochure for Comprehensive Insurance for Students Lives Coupled with “Gakkensai” for International Students offers comprehensive support in the case of unexpected incidents occurring during student life>

<https://ger.osaka-kyoiku.ac.jp/wp/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/2023inboundinsurance.pdf>

7. Other Important Notice

◆ Courses

7 courses (except for intensive lectures) are compulsory for each semester. Students are placed in the Japanese language courses according to their language ability. JLPT N1 or higher level of Japanese proficiency and professors' approval are required for some courses offered to regular students.

◆ Smoking

OKU Kashiwara campus is a smoke-free environment. Smoking on campus including the International Student dormitory is strictly prohibited.

◆ Driving

Driving cars or motorcycles is generally prohibited.

◆ Part-time Jobs

OKU strongly recommends exchange students not to do any part-time job for 3 months after their arrival.

◆ Special Assistance

Please inform us at the time of application if you need a special assistance due to a disability and/or any medical condition.

◆ Personal Information

Personal information provided with the student exchange application will only be used for its screening process and internal procedure and will not be used for other purposes.

◆ Possibility of program change/cancellation

The program might change/cancel due to epidemic of some diseases that have a great social impact such as COVID-19.