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

FACT SHEET 2016-17

**UNIVERSITY AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

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<td>Campus location</td>
<td>Suita, Toyonaka &amp; Minoh, Osaka, Japan</td>
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**Academic schools and institutes**


**University website**

http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/

**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
http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/international/inbound/exchange_program/outline

**Course information**

https://koan.osaka-u.ac.jp/syllabus_ex-e/campus

**Office in charge of exchange**

International Student Affairs Division

**Exchange students TO Osaka**

- iExPO, OUSSEP, FrontiReLab & general inquiry
  - Student Exchange Program - Inbound Team
  - International Student Affairs Division (SUITA)
  - Email: exchange@ciee.osaka-u.ac.jp
  - Phone: +81 6 6879 4026 ext. 9538
  - Office hours: Mon-Fri, 08.30-17.15
  - Postal address:
    - International Student Affairs Division
    - Osaka University,
    - IC-Hall, ground fl., 1-1Yamadaoka, Suita, Osaka 565-0871 JAPAN

- MAPLE (Japanese language & culture)
  - Center for Japanese Language and Culture - Section I
  - International Student Affairs Division (MINOH)
  - Email: kouryu@cilc.osaka-u.ac.jp

**Exchange students FROM Osaka**

Please contact the outbound team of

- International Student Affairs Division (SUITA)
- Email: studyabroad<at>ml.office.osaka-u.ac.jp

**ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

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<th>Term breaks</th>
<th>Fall/Second Semester: End-Dec. to Early Jan. &amp; Mid-Feb.to End-Mar.</th>
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<td>Fall/Second Semester: Late September</td>
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**ACADEMIC INFORMAION**

- **Exchange period**: Standard 1 semester (5 months)* or 2 semesters (11 months)
- **Degree level**: Undergraduate and postgraduate
- **Relevant major/degree**: Any fields of degree accepted**
- **Credit award**: Yes, Special Auditor (S.A., credit-based); No, Special Research Student (S.R.S., non-credit based)
- **Programmes**: iExPO(S.A./S.R.S.), FrontierLab(S.A./S.R.S.), OUSSEP(S.A.), Maple(S.A.)
- **Study type**: Course work (S.A.) or Research (S.A./S.R.S.)
- **Instruction languages**: Japanese or English
- **Credit and grading system**: S (100-90)/A (89-80)/B (79-70)/C (69-60)/F (59-)
- **Japanese language class**: Both credit-based and non-credit courses are open for registration.

**BASIC ELIGIBILITY FOR APPLICATION**

- **Student/academic residency**: Degree-seeking student on continuous full-time status at home university, successful credit accumulation of at least one academic year in the degree program of home university (by the time of application), good academic standings (equivalent to GPA 3.0+/4.0, B+ in ECTS grading)
- **Language requirements**: Varies by program - typically TOEFL iBT 80+/IELTS 6.0 for English; JLPT N1 or N1 for iExPO Japanese-based program; N3-N4 for Maple language program

**NOMINATION AND APPLICATION PROCESS**

- **Application information availability**: Emailed to the registered exchange coordinator/study-abroad office of our partner 8 months before enrolment. Application guides and information are not put on university web page.
  - September intake (Fall/Second Semester): End-January
  - April intake (Spring/First Semester): End-August
- **Nomination deadline**: 
  - September intake (Fall/Second Semester): Last day of February
  - April intake (Spring/First Semester): Last day of September
- **Application deadline**: 
  - September intake (Fall/Second Semester): Last day of March
  - April intake (Spring/First Semester): Last day of October
- **Method of nomination**: Online (exchange coordinator’s log-in required, web form)
- **Method of application/documents 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
  *The application web page is not guaranteed to work on tablet computers, smartphone or other mobile devices.
- **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

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# OFFER-ACCEPTANCE AND VISA

| Date of admission notice | - September intake (Fall/Second Semester): End-December  
- April intake (Spring/First Semester): End-May |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Offer-acceptance deadline | - September intake (Fall/Second Semester): Mid/Late January  
- April intake (Spring/First Semester): Mid/Late June |
| Documents to be submitted on offer acceptance*** | Participant’s agreement form, financial planning and declaration form, documentation of financial resources, latest ID photo, accommodation request, CESR immigration document application |
| Information to be submitted before departure | Arrival information and emergency contact |
| Method of application/ documents submission | Online (student’s log-in required, web form & PDF upload) |
| Japan visa | Non-Japanese students must obtain Student Visa at a Japan consulate in their own responsibility. No other visa types are accepted. 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. |

## COSTS

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| Mandatory fee | - College insurance (c.12,000JPY/semester, c.16,000JPY/year)  
- National Health Insurance (2,000-3,000JPY/month) |
| Accommodation | Rates of residence hall/apartment c.25,000 - 40,000JPY/month  
For private accommodation, average rent will be 35,000 - 60,000JPY/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/830USD per month at their disposal. |

## ACCOMMODATION

| University accommodation availability | Available for booking via the International Student Affairs Division about 6-8 weeks before enrolment (on- or off-campus) |
| Rates | c.25,000 - 40,000JPY/month |
| 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. (Semester-long: c 320,000JPY, Full year: c.800,000JPY, paid in instalments during exchange). Number of scholarship awards and notification timing vary by semester/year. |
| 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. |

* One semester option is not available in “Maple”.  
**Enrolment restrictions may apply to some medicine/dentistry-related schools.  
***These documents are not required at the time of application.