



Application Guidelines for:

Incoming Student Exchange Program 2023-2024
Graduate School of Humanities (GSH) / School of Foreign Studies (SFS)

Overview

The exchange program is offered to students from universities and faculties that have established inter-faculty agreements with the Graduate School of Humanities(GSH) or the School of Foreign Studies (SFS) of Osaka University.

Students enroll in the GSH and the SFS without a change in their status at their home university. As Special Auditors, students can take classes offered to regular students. As Special Research Students, students can research their research theme under the supervision of their supervisor.

Enrollment status and duration

Status	Special Auditor	Special Research Student
	Students take classes and can earn credits.	Students conduct research; they do not earn credits.
Eligible student	Graduate and undergraduate students	Graduate students only
Duration	<p>Six months: from September 2023 to February 2024</p> <p>or</p> <p>12 months: from September 2023 to August 2024</p>	<p>More than three months and less than 12 months from September 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The students must finish before August 2023. •April enrolment is possible, but September enrolment is recommended. •If the students cannot find supervisors, they may not be accepted.

Eligibility

- Students enrolled as full-time and degree-seeking students at their home university while participating in this exchange program.
- Students with JLPT N1 or equivalent or a higher level of Japanese language proficiency.

Program schedule

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| 1. | Nomination and application | by 1 February 2023 |
| 2. | Notification of acceptance | March 2023 |
| 3. | Entrance procedures/confirmation of intent | June 2023 |
| 4. | Arrival in Japan/move-in | mid-to-late September 2023 |
| 5. | Orientation and class preparation | late September 2023 |
| 6. | Commencement of studies and research | 1 October 2023 |

Application procedure and required documents

Deadline: 1 February 2023

Where to submit documents: jibun-minoh-kyomu@office.osaka-u.ac.jp

Educational Affairs Section, Minoh Office,
Graduate School of Humanities/School of Foreign Studies,
Osaka University

Required documents: **●Nomination List**
To be prepared by the exchange program coordinator at your university

●Application Form

●Form A: Statement of Purpose

●Form B: Career Goal

●Certificate of Japanese language proficiency

A copy of the JLPT certificate or “Form E: Certificate of Japanese language proficiency” by a Japanese language teacher at your university

●Most recent academic transcript

*It must be written in English or in Japanese.

If you are a graduate student and have less than one year's grades, you must also submit your undergraduate transcript.

Example: Osaka University grading criteria are as follows:

S=100-90, A=89-80, B=79-70, C=69-60, F=59 or less

●Letter of recommendation from a faculty member at your university

●Form C: Research Application

Required for Special Research Student applicants only

●Form D: Research Plan

Required for Special Research Student applicants only

Note: Nomination List and all application documents must be submitted *by the exchange program coordinator at your university*.

Important: Submission from students will not be accepted under any circumstances.

Other

Housing (<https://iss-intl.osaka-u.ac.jp/supportoffice/eng/housing/>)

●University Housing: At Osaka University, there is both on-campus and off-campus housing available for students. A housing application will be accepted through the exchange program application.

●Private Housing: Since Osaka University Housing's capacity is limited. We recommend you start looking for accommodation as soon as possible if you cannot reserve a room at one of Osaka University's dormitories.

Insurance You must enroll in the National Health Insurance system and Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (Gakkensai) at the time of enrollment at Osaka University.

Note: For information on available courses at the GSH, please consult with your contact person before applying.