

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

## FACT SHEET 2020-21

UNIVERSITY AND CONTACT INFORMATION	
Name of University	Osaka University 大阪大学
Academic schools and institutes	Letters, Law, Foreign Studies, Economics, Human Sciences, Science, Medicine, Allied Health Sciences, Dentistry, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Engineering, Engineering Science, Language and Culture, International Public Policy(OSIPP), Information Science and Technology, Frontier Biosciences Institutes of Microbial Diseases, Scientific and Industrial Research, Protein Research, Social and Economic Research, Joining and Welding Research
University website	<a href="http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/">http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/</a>
Campus location	Suita, Toyonaka & Minoh, Osaka, Japan <i>*Minoh Campus will move to its new location within Minoh City in April 2021.</i>
Campus map	<a href="http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/access/for_print">http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/access/for_print</a>
Exchange study web page	<a href="http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/international/inbound/exchange_program">http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/international/inbound/exchange_program</a>
Course information	<a href="https://koan.osaka-u.ac.jp/syllabus_ex-e/campus">https://koan.osaka-u.ac.jp/syllabus_ex-e/campus</a>
Office in charge of university-wide student	International Student Affairs Division
Contact	<p><b>Exchange students TO Osaka</b></p> <p><b>I. iExPO, OUSSEP, FrontireLab &amp; general inquiry</b>            University-wide Student Exchange Program - Inbound Team            International Student Affairs Division (SUITA)            Email: <a href="mailto:exchang@ciee.osaka-u.ac.jp">exchang@ciee.osaka-u.ac.jp</a>            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</p> <p><b>II. MAPLE (Intensive Japanese Language and Culture Program for Exchange Students)</b> <i>*September intake, Full-year only</i>            Center for Japanese Language and Culture (MINOH)            Email: <a href="mailto:kouryu@cjlc.osaka-u.ac.jp">kouryu@cjlc.osaka-u.ac.jp</a>            Phone: +81 72 730 5072            Office hours: Mon-Fri, 08:30-17:15            Postal address:            Center for Japanese Language and Culture            8-1-1 Aomatani Higashi, Minoh, Osaka 562-8558 JAPAN</p> <p><b>III. Exchange students FROM Osaka</b>            Please contact the outbound team of International Student Affairs Division (SUITA)            Email: <a href="mailto:studyabroad@ciee.osaka-u.ac.jp">studyabroad@ciee.osaka-u.ac.jp</a>            Phone: +81 6 6879 7102            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</p>
ACADEMIC CALENDAR	
Arrival/dormitory check-in	- <b>September</b> intake: Mid/late September - <b>April</b> intake: Beginning of April
Mandatory orientation	- <b>September</b> intake: End-September - <b>April</b> intake: Early April
Exchange terms	- <b>Fall&amp;Winter</b> : Late September to February (15 course work weeks) - <b>Spring&amp;Summer</b> : April to August (15 course work weeks)

Term-end exam periods	- <b>Fall&amp;Winter</b> : End-January to Early February - <b>Spring&amp;Summer</b> : Early to Mid-August
Term breaks	- <b>Fall&amp;Winter</b> : End-December to Early January, Mid-February to End-March - <b>Spring&amp;Summer</b> : Mid-August to End-September
Course registration periods	- <b>Fall&amp;Winter</b> : Early to mid-October - <b>Spring&amp;Summer</b> : Mid to late April
Grade release	- <b>Fall&amp;Winter</b> : Late September - <b>Spring&amp;Summer</b> : Late March
<b>ACADEMIC INFORMATION</b>	
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special Auditor (S.A., credit-based) <input type="checkbox"/> 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.) <i>*All incoming exchange students MUST enroll in one of these programs.</i>
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 credits are 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.
<b>BASIC ELIGIBILITY FOR APPLICATION</b>	
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
<b>NOMINATION AND APPLICATION PROCESS</b>	
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. - <b>September</b> intake (Fall&Winter): End-December - <b>April</b> intake (Spring&Summer): End-July / Beginning of August
Nomination deadline	- <b>September</b> intake (Fall&Winter): Last day of February - <b>April</b> intake (Spring&Summer): Last day of September
Application deadline	- <b>September</b> intake (Fall&Winter): End-March - <b>April</b> 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 <i>* The application web page is not guaranteed to work on tablet computers, smartphone or any other mobile devices.</i>
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	- <b>September</b> intake (Fall&Winter): End-May - <b>April</b> intake (Spring&Summer): End-December
Offer-acceptance deadline	- <b>September</b> intake (Fall&Winter): Mid-June - <b>April</b> 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 <b>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.</b>
COSTS	
Tuition	OU tuition waived (by a relevant student exchange agreement)
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.20,000 - 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 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 320,000-400,000JPY, 10 months: c.800,000-880,000JPY, 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.

\*\*\*\*Maple program students need to move to new student dormitory (c.60,000JPY/month) at its new Minoh campus in the end of March, 2021. Students are also required to move all of your personal belongings by yourself.