

Guidelines for Application for Short-term Exchange Programs at Kanazawa University (2025-2026)

These programs are designed for students enrolled at institutions that have an exchange agreement with Kanazawa University who intend to study at Kanazawa University for a period of six months or one year. While remaining enrolled at their home institution, such students may study in a non-degree program at Kanazawa University for the purposes of experiencing a foreign culture, learning practical Japanese, taking credited classes, or participating in independent research under the guidance of a supervisor.

Name of Program	Kanazawa University Japanese Language and Culture Program	Kanazawa University Exchange Program (KUEP)
Affiliation/ Classification	College of Human and Social Sciences	<p><<Undergraduate level>> College of Transdisciplinary Sciences for Innovation, College of Human and Social Sciences, College of Science and Engineering, College of Medical, Pharmaceutical and Health Sciences (However, School of Medicine does not accept.)</p> <p><<Graduate level>> Graduate School of Human and Socio-Environmental Studies, Division of Law and Politics, Graduate School of Law, Graduate School of Natural Science & Technology, Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Graduate School of Advanced Preventive Medical Sciences, Graduate School of Frontier Science Initiative</p>
Acceptance status	Special Auditor	Special Auditor (undergraduate level students and graduate level students who wish to obtain credits by taking courses that are offered by Kanazawa University) or Special Research Student (graduate students who conduct research and do not obtain credits)
Contents	<p>The Kanazawa University Japanese Language and Culture Program is a program in which all learning is conducted in Japanese, with the aim of improving students' Japanese language proficiency and systematically acquiring specialized knowledge about Japanese society and culture.</p> <p>This program consists of lectures and seminars on intermediate and advanced Japanese language skills, Japanese society and culture, including Kanazawa's rich traditional culture, and joint research with Japanese students (one lecture per week). Furthermore, each student will set up a theme related to Japan and conduct graduation research over the course of one year.</p>	<p>Students of this program attend regular curriculum classes of Institute of International Liberal Arts and Science, College (undergraduate level), Graduate School (graduate level) and/or study in their major field(s) at the graduate school. We especially welcome students who are considering continue your studies to Kanazawa University in the future. Since classes are given in Japanese and English, high-level proficiency in Japanese or English is required in order to attend classes.</p> <p>【Notes】</p> <p>1. Special Audit Students in the College of Human and Social Sciences must take at least one subject in their accepting faculty (undergraduate level), and Special Audit Students in the Graduate School of Human and Socio-Environment Studies and Graduate School of Law must take at least one subject in their major (graduate level).</p> <p>In addition, special auditing students from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> College of Transdisciplinary Sciences for Innovation College of Science and Engineering College of Medical, Pharmaceutical and Health Sciences Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology Graduate School of Medical Sciences Graduate School of Advanced Preventive Medicine Sciences

		<p>Graduate School of Frontier Science and Initiative are required to take specialized seminars (maximum of 8 credits per year) in which they conduct research according to a research theme.</p> <p>2. In order to have more options for taking specialized subjects in the College of Transdisciplinary Sciences for Innovation, College of Science and Engineering, and College of Medical, Pharmaceutical and Health Sciences, it is desirable for students to have Japanese language proficiency of N2 or above.</p> <p>Please note that students cannot take specialized subjects in the School of Medicine, College of Medical, Pharmaceutical and Health Sciences.</p> <p>3. There are some subjects in the Institute of International Liberal Arts and Science, Colleges, and Graduate Schools that KUEP students cannot register for because priority is given to regular students.</p> <p>4 . We do not provide guidance on graduation theses, master's theses, or doctoral theses at the student's home institution.</p>
Number of places available	Number of places for 2025: around 10	<p>The number of participants will be limited to the number stated in the Memorandum of Understanding on the Exchange Students.</p> <p>However, for the College of Human and Social Sciences, about 100 students.</p> <p>(Admission will be decided by examination of the applicant's academic record, language ability, recommendation letter with priority order, the contents of the application, achievements of our partner relationship and so on.)</p>
Requirements for Application	<p>Applicants must meet all requirements listed below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Applicants must be regular students enrolled in their third or fourth year at their home institution at the time of enrollment. 2. Applicants should be registered with a faculty or department of Japanese studies at their home institution. 3. Applicants have Japanese language proficiency equivalent to passing the Japanese Language Proficiency Test N2 or above. 4. Applicants must have an excellent academic record and personality. 5. Applicants must resume their studies at their home institution after the completion of their studies at Kanazawa University. 6. Applicants must qualify for the "College Student" visa. 7. Applicants should be prepared to devote themselves to their studies in this program throughout the year. <p>Enthusiasm toward research work and class participation is a must.</p>	<p>Applicants must meet all requirements listed below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Applicants must be regular students at a partner institution that has signed a Memorandum of Understanding on the Exchange Students with Kanazawa University at the time the program begins. <p>However, applicants for the College of Transdisciplinary Sciences for Innovation, College of Science and Engineering, or College of Medical, Pharmaceutical and Health Sciences must be in their third year or above of a bachelor's degree program at the time of coming to Japan.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Applicants must have an excellent academic record (in principle, above the average of their home institution) and personality. 3. Applicants must have a definite plan and purpose of study regarding the program. They must also have a strong commitment to devote themselves to their studies. 4. Applicants for College of Science and Engineering, College of Medical, Pharmaceutical and Health Sciences, Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology, Graduate School of Medical Sciences or Graduate School of Advanced Preventive Medical Sciences must be a student at a college or graduate school of their home institution that corresponds to the respective host department and must have the ability and knowledge to take part in specialized research. 5. Applicants must resume their studies at their home institution after the completion of their studies at Kanazawa University. 6. Applicants must qualify for the "College Student" visa. 7. Applicants must have a good command of the Japanese/English language in order to understand lectures. (Applicants wishing to take courses given in Japanese must have a level of skill in the Japanese language equal to or higher than level N2 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test. Those wishing to take courses given in English must have a level of skill in

		<p>the English language higher than TOEIC Listening & Reading Test700, TOEFL-iBT 72, TOEFL-PBT 527, IELTS 5.5., or Cambridge English 160.</p> <p>However, if you wish to study at the Graduate School of Human and Socio-Environment Studies, majoring in Japanese Language Education, you will need to have Japanese Language Proficiency Level N1.</p> <p>8-1. Applicants for College of Transdisciplinary Sciences for Innovation, College of Science and Engineering, College of Medical, Pharmaceutical and Health Sciences or Graduate Schools must obtain an agreement of acceptance from their desired supervisor before applying.</p> <p>8-2. Applicants for College of Human and Social Sciences do not need to obtain an agreement of acceptance from their desired supervisor. However, those who wish to take 3rd and 4th year's seminar courses must obtain an agreement of acceptance from supervisor in charge of the seminar course before applying.</p>
Period of Study Abroad	<p>October 2025 - August 2026</p> <p>(Arrival date is set for the last week of September.)</p>	<p>Entering in April: April 2025 - September 2025 or April 2025 - March 2026 (Arrival date is set for the last week of March or first week of April.)</p> <p>Entering in October: October 2025 - March 2026 or October 2025 - September 2026 (Arrival date is set for the last week of September.)</p>
Dispatch of Application Forms	<p>Mid-February2025 (Tentative. It depends on the announcement by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT).)</p>	<p>August 2024</p>
Deadline for Applications	<p>Late February 2025 (Tentative. It depends on the announcement by MEXT.)</p>	<p>Entering in April: 31 October 2024 (Thu.)</p> <p>Entering in October: 28 February 2025 (Fri.)</p> <p>For applicants who selected Kanazawa University Japanese Language and Culture Program as a first choice: 28 March 2025 (Fri.)</p>
Notification of Results	<p>July 2025 (Tentative. It depends on the announcement by MEXT.)</p>	<p>Entering in April: December 2024</p> <p>Entering in October: May 2025</p>

Scholarship	<p>Participants will receive the following, if accepted as a Japanese government (MEXT) scholarship recipient.</p> <p>Fiscal 2024 scholarship amounts are as below. The amount may be revised in the future.</p> <p>Monthly allowance: 117,000 yen (as of 2024) A round-trip air ticket (economy class)</p> <p>Applicants for the scholarship must meet the following requirements in addition to the above-mentioned requirements for application.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Applicants must have a nationality approved by the Japanese government. 2. Applicants must be aged from 18 years to less than 30 years as of 1 April 2025 (Those born between 2 April 1995 and 1 April 2007). <p>Applicants must not have received a Japanese government (MEXT) scholarship in the past three years (as of 1 October 2025).</p>	<p>You can apply for a scholarship from the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO). (Those who hold the nationality of a country that has diplomatic relations with the Japanese government. Students from Taiwan and Palestine are also considered eligible.)</p> <p>However, because the results of your application will be announced just before you come to Japan, it is not reasonable to plan your expenses for studying abroad on the assumption that you will receive a scholarship. Please make sure you have enough funds to participate, even if you do not have a part-time job or scholarship, as participation may interfere with your studies.</p> <p>2024: Monthly stipend is 80,000 yen (The number of students granted a scholarship was limited.)</p> <p>Scholarship students must meet the following requirements in addition to the above-mentioned requirements for application.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Commendable academic performance. 2. In need of financial assistance to study abroad in Japan. 3. The monthly amount of scholarship funds received from other agencies must be 80,000 yen or less.
Consultation of consideration for applicants with disabilities	<p>If you are a physically or mentally impaired applicant and would like to consider when studying during your study abroad period, please submit an application form (free format) containing the following items by the application deadline and consult.</p> <p>Application form (free format)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About kind, degree, medication of obstacle • Matters that require special consideration for study • Considerations taken at your university • Situation of daily life • Other reference matters 	

Matters
Common to
all Kanazawa
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1. Applicants must submit their application to study at Kanazawa University through their home institution.
2. Applicants may apply for either the Kanazawa University Japanese Language and Culture Program or the Kanazawa University Exchange Program (KUEP) .
3. Kanazawa University will select prospective participants as well as candidates for scholarships and the department upon discussions of the screening body.
As a result of the selection process, we may decline your application.
4. Applicants must submit the most recent transcript at the time of application
(Not required for
College of Transdisciplinary Sciences for Innovation
School of Health Sciences, College of Medical, Pharmaceutical and Health Sciences
Graduate School of Human and Socio- Environmental Studies
Division of Health Sciences, Graduate School of Medical Sciences
Graduate School of Frontier Science Initiative)
and Statement of Financial Support and Bank statement showing the current account balance (except for JASSO scholarship candidates).
Your acceptance into the program may be revoked if you do not submit these documents or if you do not meet the health requirements for studying abroad due to reason of infectious disease or other condition.
5. You must submit to a medical checkup at Kanazawa University after your arrival.
6. Applicants for JASSO or Japanese Government (MEXT) scholarships are not permitted to apply for other JASSO scholarship programs at other universities, MEXT scholarships, or MEXT scholarships through local embassies. Additionally, those with Japanese nationality are not eligible for the JASSO scholarship.
7. Applications from applicants currently enlisted in military service will not be accepted.
8. Tuition
 - (1) Tuition shall be waived for students who are from institutions that have concluded an agreement on mutual tuition waiver with Kanazawa University according to the number of students specified in the agreement. For details, please confirm with their home institution.
 - (2) For students in Kanazawa University Japanese Language and Culture Program receiving a Japanese government (MEXT) scholarship, there are no tuition fees regardless of the number of exchange students or agreement on tuition waiver.
9. Accommodations
Kanazawa University will arrange for your accommodation. (If the number of students who want to live in the accommodations arranged by Kanazawa University exceeds the number of vacant rooms or if students want to live in private apartments rather than the accommodations arranged by Kanazawa University, they must arrange for housing themselves. In that case, the monthly rent for an apartment [one bedroom with kitchenette, toilet and bath, unfurnished] in Kanazawa is from 40,000 to 60,000 yen and the deposit and “key money” nonrefundable will be approximately 150,000 to 300,000 yen. Also, students will be required to take out insurance. Real estate agents provide information on apartments and housing. Japanese apartments do not usually include furniture and fixtures.)

10. Living Expenses

Standard monthly living expenses in Kanazawa can be considered to be from around 80,000 to 100,000 yen. Please be sure to have sufficient funds available to cover your living expenses during the study period.

(Details)

- Rent: 30,000 to 50,000 yen
- Electricity, water, and other utilities: about 10,000 yen
- Health insurance: 1,600 yen
- Food: 25,000 to 30,000 yen
- Miscellaneous expenses: 30,000 to 40,000 yen

For students who don't have any expectations to receive scholarship before arriving at Japan, few scholarships can be applied for after enrolled in Kanazawa University. Please be sure to prepare sufficient funds available to cover your living expenses before coming to Japan.

11. National Health Insurance

All international students at Kanazawa University are required to join the National Health Insurance program. It costs about 1,500 yen per month. This insurance covers around 70% of costs for medical care and hospitalization.

12. Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research ("Gakkensai")

All international students at Kanazawa University are required to take out Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research. It costs 1,000 yen per year. This insurance protects students against physical injuries arising from unexpected accidents during their educational and research activities.

13. Comprehensive Insurance for Students Lives Coupled with "Gakkensai" for International Students

All international students are required to join the Comprehensive Insurance for Students Lives Coupled with "Gakkensai" for International Students. The premium per year is 1,860 yen (treatment cost not covered) or 11,500 yen (treatment cost covered). The premium every six months is 1,310 yen (treatment cost not covered) or 8,060 yen (treatment cost covered).

This insurance covers injury, disease, and liability for compensation not only during regular curricular activities but also in daily life.

14. Immigration to Japan

There are certain formalities that must be observed by international students intending to pursue studies in Japan. Before entering Japan, students are required to apply at their nearest Japanese diplomatic mission (embassy or consulate) for a "College Student" visa. A College Student visa will only be issued after the diplomatic mission is in possession of the applicant's "Certificate of Eligibility." However, Japanese government scholarship (MEXT) students undertaking Kanazawa University Japanese Language and Culture Program need to obtain a visa by other means. The Student Affairs Division of Kanazawa University shall submit applications for the Certificate of Eligibility to the immigration office at Kanazawa on behalf of exchange students. The Certificate of Eligibility will then be sent to the students. When applying for the visa, students must take the Certificate of Eligibility and their passport to the diplomatic mission. Students should also be sure to bring the Certificate of Eligibility with them and show it to immigration authorities at the airport when they enter Japan.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us via the following:

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