

Application Guidelines for the Student Exchange Program 2026/27

We are happy to announce that our guidelines for student exchange program 2026/27 are ready.

If any students at NWU's partner universities wish to join NWU from April 2026 to March 2027 and study for 6 months or 1 year, please take necessary steps below.

The number of students we accept is based on our exchange agreement. If you are not sure about the number, please ask us.

Nara Women's University was founded to provide female students with the highest learning environment, and our main purpose has been to foster women who can succeed in society through education and research. Therefore, our regular students are all female and most of the exchange students are female as well.

If there are any male students who still would like to take our courses and receive credits or do research with specific academic advisors at our university, understanding our purpose and the environment, please let us know before applying for the program. However, please be aware that there might be some restrictions on taking some courses given the characteristics of the courses.

In addition to that, please be notified that as NWU started to have mutual attendance of liberal arts/ studies among other universities from 2022, male students from these universities may attend classes together.

Also, please be advised that in some cases, we might not be able to accept students after considering their major or when they would like to start studying.

I. Nomination and Application Periods

☆ For enrollment from April 1, 2026

(April 1, 2026 – September 30, 2026 or March 31, 2027) :

September 1 to October 31, 2025

☆ For enrollment from October 1, 2026

(October 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027 or September 30, 2027) :

March 1 to April 10, 2026

II. Procedures

1. Coordinator nominates student(s) from the link below.
<https://narani-studyabroad.jp/collage/>
ID and password are in the email. Do not reveal them to your students.
2. An email will be directly sent to the nominated student(s) so that they can start the online application.
3. The nominated student(s) complete(s) the online application.
4. After confirmation of the online application, coordinator posts us some of the original paper documents.
5. 3 months before admission, acceptance letters will be issued.

III. Documents necessary for the application

Necessary forms are available on the online application portal which nominated students can access. Also, you can download them in advance on the following websites:

Japanese: https://www.nara-wu.ac.jp/iec/int/ja/study/foreign_exchange/index.html

English: https://www.nara-wu.ac.jp/iec/int/en/study/foreign_exchange/index.html

*Documents only in either English or Japanese are acceptable. For any other language, please attach translation by the student.

1. Three photos (4cm × 3cm)
*They should be taken within 6 months before admission. No photo editing is allowed.
2. Transcript with grades (at home university)
3. Certificate of Enrollment / Studentship (at home university)
4. Health Certificate issued within a year before enrolling in NWU
(A medical certificate issued by home university is acceptable)
In addition to the usual health check-up items (e.g. height, weight, eyesight, hearing.), please have an X-ray and blood test.
5. Recommendation Letter
6. Certificate of Japanese language ability (A copy of results of Official Japanese Language Proficiency Examination or a Recommendation letter from a Japanese language Instructor.)
7. Copy of the student's passport (photo page, pages of past visits to Japan and past Japanese visas)
8. Curriculum Vitae
9. Financial statement (This document is required to prove a student can meet their

living expenses during their stay in Japan. A bank statement issued from a bank which proves the financial supporter's bank balance is acceptable. If the student finances themselves, their own bank statement is needed.)

*It should be issued within 6 months before admission.

10. Application form for Certificate of Eligibility (COE)

11. TB Clearance Certificate (Students from Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia, and China)
(Only the TB Clearance Certificate that is issued from the J-IMS is accepted.)

Please check the website:

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/kenkou_iryuu/kenkou/kekkaku-kansenshou03/english.html)

※ This certificate is valid for six months.

When all the documents are submitted, we will process the student's application.

Also, with the information provided in the application form and with the submitted certificates, we will apply for the Certificate of Eligibility to the Immigration Bureau.

Please note that the other documents may be required in the assessment process at the Immigration Bureau.

Please be advised that you should have high language proficiency in Japanese (e.g. N3 or above score in JLPT) if you study in liberal arts / humanities.

Otherwise, you may have the limited choice of courses/ subjects to take.

IV. Housing

There are two university dormitories available for international students. Both dormitories are located near campus, offering easy access. We will make every effort to ensure a single room is available for each exchange student.

○ Housing (as of May, 2025)

International House (For international students and researchers)

Room fee: 5,900 yen/month

Common service expense: 4,000 yen/month (incl. water bill for your room)

Cleaning fee and maintenance fee

(required only upon moving-in and non-refundable): 20,000 yen

*In addition to the above fees, an electricity bill for your own room will be charged every month.

International Student House (Open to both international students and Japanese students)

Room fee: 4,700 yen/month

Common service expense: about 7,000 yen/month (incl. water bill for your room)

Cleaning fee (required only upon moving-in and non-refundable): about 10,000 yen

*In addition to the above fees, an electricity bill for your own room will be charged every month.

○Facilities, Equipment and Fixtures

All rooms are private(14~16 m²)

Room equipment: desk and chair, bed, bookshelf, refrigerator, curtain, lamp, air conditioner, bathroom/toilet, balcony etc.

Facilities for common use: kitchenette, lounge, laundry, bicycle-parking lot, mailbox etc.

V. Others

Please visit the university webpage for general information about NWU:

<http://www.nara-wu.ac.jp/nwu/en/index.html>

VI. Additional Information on Studying at NWU

● Mandatory Insurance

1. National Health Insurance

International students who have student status are required to join the National Health Insurance program while they are in Japan. By this insurance, the policy holders will only have to bear 30% of the expenses required for medical treatments.

2. • Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (Gakkensai)

- Liability Insurance coupled with “Gakkensai” (Futaibaiseiki) and Comprehensive
- Insurance for Students Lives Coupled with "Gakkensai"

All exchange students at NWU are required to purchase 3 types of mandatory insurance. The premiums for the first two together cost JPY 1,340 per annum, and the premium for the last one varies according to the period or coverage you select, which may cost you around JPY 1,000 to 12,000.

● Costs

1. School expenses (Entrance examination fee, Admission fee and Tuition)

Exchange students from our partner universities are exempt from the entrance examination fee, admission fee and tuition.

2. Food (for reference)

About 30,000 yen/month

3. Others (for reference)

About 20,000 yen/month

* Regarding 2 and 3, they vary between individuals.