

Guidelines for Application for Short-term Exchange Programs at Kanazawa University (2024-2025)

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 not less than six months to not more than one year. While remaining enrolled at their home institutions, 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.

* <https://sgu.adm.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/international/category/agreement/>

Name of Program	Kanazawa University Japanese Language and Culture Program	Kanazawa University Exchange Program (KUEP)
Affiliation/ Classification	Organization of Global Affairs	<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</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>This program aims to provide students from overseas with an opportunity to improve their proficiency in the Japanese language and to deepen their understanding of Japanese culture and society. The program consists of upper-intermediate to advanced Japanese language courses (5 lectures per week), cultural courses examining not only present day Japanese society and culture but also the rich traditional culture of Kanazawa (3 lectures per week), a joint research project on multiple languages and cultures with Japanese students (1 lecture per week) and a completion research project on subjects related to Japan (1 lecture per week). This is a one-year program conducted solely in Japanese.</p>	<p>Students of this program attend regular curriculum classes of Organization of Global Affairs, Institute of Liberal Arts and Science, College (undergraduate level), Graduate School (graduate level) and/or study in their major field(s) at the graduate school. Since classes are given in Japanese and English, high-level proficiency in Japanese or English is required in order to attend classes.</p> <p>Certain courses offered by Institute of Liberal Arts and Science, College and Graduate School do not allow students of this program to register, with priority given to regular students.</p> <p>Special Auditor of College of Human and Social Sciences, Graduate School of Human and Socio-Environmental Studies or Graduate School of Law must take one or more courses offered at the School to which they belong (undergraduate level) or those of their major (graduate level).</p> <p>This program does not provide guidance and advice on graduation, Master's and Doctor's theses for students in their home institution.</p>

Number of places available/	Number of places for 2024: around 10	<p>There is no limit to the number of places for 2024. However for the College of Human and Social Sciences, about 100 students.</p> <p>In principle, the maximum number of students will be limited to the number stated in the MEMORANDUM ON THE EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS. (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 full-time students enrolled in their third or fourth year at their home university at the time of enrollment. 2) Applicants should be registered with a faculty or department of Japanese studies at their home country university. 3) Applicants must have a good command of the Japanese language and be able to converse, read and write basic Japanese (a level equal to or higher than level N2 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test). 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. Enthusiasm toward research work and class participation is a must. 	<p>Applicants must meet all requirements listed below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Applicants must be full-time students at their home university at the time of enrollment. However applicants for College of Transdisciplinary Sciences for Innovation, College of Science and Engineering, College of Medical, Pharmaceutical and Health Sciences must be full-time students enrolled in more than third year. 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 or Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology, Graduate School of Medical Sciences and 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 the English language higher than TOEIC Listening & Reading Test700, TOEFL-iBT 72, TOEFL-PBT 527, IELTS 5.5., or Cambridge English 160. Applicants wishing to study Japanese language education at the graduate level must have skills in the Japanese language equivalent to level N1 of the Japanese Language Proficiency test. 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. 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.

Period of Study Abroad	October 2024 - August 2025 (Arrival date is set for the last week of September.)	Entering in April: April 2024 - September 2024 or April 2024 - March 2025 (Arrival date is set for the last week of March or first week of April.) Entering in October: October 2024 - March 2025 or October 2024 - September 2025 (Arrival date is set for the last week of September.)
Dispatch of Application Forms	Late January 2024 (Tentative. It depends on the announcement by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT).)	August 2023
Deadline for Applications	Late February 2024 (Tentative. It depends on the announcement by MEXT.)	Entering in April: 31 October 2023 (Tue.) Entering in October: 28 February 2024 (Wed.) * For applicants who selected Kanazawa University Japanese Language and Culture Program as a first choice: 29 March 2024 (Fri.)
Notification of Results	July 2024 (Tentative. It depends on the announcement by MEXT.)	Entering in April: December 2023 Entering in October: May 2024
Notification of Implementation	-	Entering in April: Mid of December 2023 Entering in October: Mid of July 2024

Scholarship	<p>Participants will receive the following, if accepted as a Japanese government (MEXT) scholarship recipient.</p> <p>Fiscal 2023 scholarship amounts are as below. The amount may be revised in the future.</p> <p>Monthly allowance: 117,000 yen (as of 2023) 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 2024 (Those born between 2 April 1994 and 1 April 2006). <p>Applicants must not have received a Japanese government (MEXT) scholarship in the past three years (as of 1 October 2024).</p>	<p>Participants belonging to institutions that have concluded a Memorandum on Student Exchange with Kanazawa University and having the nationality of countries or regions that have diplomatic relations with Japan will be paid monthly stipends, if accepted as a JASSO (Japan Student Services Organization) scholarship grantee. (Students from Taiwan and Palestine are also considered eligible. Students who have Japanese citizenship are NOT eligible.)</p> <p>2023: 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 University Short-term Exchange Programs

- 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 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.
- 4 Candidates must submit a Medical Report (all candidates) and Agreement for Defraying Expenses with a 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 the above scholarship programs are precluded from applying for a study abroad with JASSO scholarship or the Japanese government (MEXT) scholarship at another university, or for the Japanese government scholarship through a Japanese embassy at the same time. Those who have Japanese citizenship are NOT eligible.
- 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) If the number of exchange students exceeds that specified, or if a student is registered at an institution that has no such agreement, they will be obliged to pay tuition. Tuition as of the 2023 academic year (scheduled) is given below. Please note that it might be revised in future.

Special Auditor	14,800 yen per credit International students except for students who will study in their major field(s) and receive no credits are required to attend courses for at least 10 hours per week to obtain the status of residence in Japan. Cf. Seven courses (usually 14 credits) = 207,200 yen/semester
Special Research Student	29,700 yen per month

- (3) For students in Kanazawa University Japanese Language and Culture Program receiving a Japanese government (MEXT) scholarship, the tuition is waived 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 after their arrival at Kanazawa. 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 (nonrefundable) “key money” 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

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 that not only applies 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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