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

**FACT SHEET 2018-19**

## UNIVERSITY AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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<td><strong>Academic schools and institutes</strong></td>
<td>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</td>
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<td>Campus location</td>
<td>Suita, Toyonaka &amp; Minoh, Osaka, Japan</td>
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<td>Office in charge of university-wide student exchange</td>
<td>International Student Affairs Division</td>
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### Exchange students TO Osaka

I. **iExPO, OUSSEP, FrontireLab & general inquiry**

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IC-Hall, ground fl., 1-1Yamadaoka, Suita, Osaka 565-0871 JAPAN

II. **MAPLE (Intensive Japanese Language and Culture Program for Exchange Students)**

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### Exchange students FROM Osaka

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## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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<td>- <strong>April</strong> intake: End-March/Beginning of April</td>
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International Student Affairs Division, Osaka University

As of July 2017
| **Mandatory orientation** | - **September** intake: End-September  
- **April** intake: Early April |
| **Exchange terms** | - **Fall&Winter**: Late September to February (15 course work weeks)  
- **Spring&Summer**: April to August (15 course work weeks) |
| **Term-end exam periods** | - **Fall&Winter**: End-January to Early February  
- **Spring&Summer**: Early to Mid-August |
| **Term breaks** | - **Fall&Winter**: End-December to Early January, Mid-February to End-March  
- **Spring&Summer**: Mid-August to End-September |
| **Course registration periods** | - **Fall&Winter**: Early to mid-October  
- **Spring&Summer**: Mid to late April |
| **Grade release** | - **Fall&Winter**: Late September  
- **Spring&Summer**: Late March |

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

| **Exchange period** | Standard 5 months or 10 months, starting either in April or September* |
| **Degree level** | Undergraduate and postgraduate |
| **Relevant major/degree** | Any fields of degree accepted** |
| **Credit award** | ☑ Special Auditor (S.A., credit-based)  
☐ Special Research Student (S.R.S., non-credit based) |
| **Programs** | iExPO(S.A./S.R.S.), FrontierLab(S.A./S.R.S.), OUSSEP(S.A.), Maple(S.A.)  
*All incoming exchange students MUST enroll in one of these programs. |
| **Study type** | Course work (S.A.) or Research (S.A./S.R.S.) |
| **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. |

**BASIC ELIGIBILITY FOR APPLICATION**

| **Student/academic residency** | Degree-seeking student on **continuous full-time status** at home university,  
successful credit accumulation of at least one academic year in the degree  
program of home university (by the time of application), good academic  
standings (equivalent to GPA 3.0+/4.0, B+ in ECTS grading) |
| **Language requirements** | Varies by program - typically TOEFL iBT 80+/IELTS 6.0 for English; JLPT N1 or  
N1 for iExPO Japanese-based program; N3-N4 for Maple language program |

**NOMINATION AND APPLICATION PROCESS**

| **Application information availability** | Emailed to the registered exchange coordinator/study-abroad office of our  
partner 8 months before enrolment. Application guides and information are not  
put on university web page.  
- **September** intake (Fall&Winter): End-January  
- **April** intake (Spring&Summer): End-August |
| **Nomination deadline** | - **September** intake (Fall&Winter): Last day of February  
- **April** intake (Spring&Summer): Last day of September |
| **Application deadline** | - **September** intake (Fall&Winter): Last day of March  
- **April** intake (Spring&Summer): Last day of October |
| **Method of nomination** | Online (exchange coordinator’s log-in required, web form) |
| **Method of application/ documents 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  
* The application web page is not guaranteed to work on tablet computers,  
smartphone or other mobile devices. |
As of July 2017

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:
- September intake (Fall & Winter): End-December
- April intake (Spring & Summer): End-May

Offer-acceptance deadline:
- September intake (Fall & Winter): Mid/Late January
- April intake (Spring & Summer): Mid/Late June

Documents to be submitted on offer acceptance***:
- Participant’s agreement form
- Financial planning and declaration form
- Documentation of financial resources
- Latest ID photo
- Accommodation request
- CESR immigration document application

Information to be submitted before departure:
Arrival information and emergency contact

Method of application/documents 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. No other visa types are accepted. 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.

COSTS

Tuition:
OU tuition waived (by a relevant student exchange agreement)

Mandatory fee:
- College insurance (c. 12,000 JPY/semester, c. 16,000 JPY/year)
- National Health Insurance (2,000-3,000 JPY/month)

Accommodation:
- Rates of residence hall/apartment: c. 20,000 - 40,000 JPY/month
- For private accommodation, average rent will be 35,000 - 60,000 JPY/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 International Student Affairs Division about 6-8 weeks 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. 320,000-40,000 JPY, 10 months: c. 800,000-880,000 JPY, 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.

* One semester option is not available in “Maple”.
**Enrolment restrictions may apply to some medicine/dentistry-related schools.
***These documents are not required at the time of application.