

Office Information

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Kochi University

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Academic Information

Academic Calendar

1st semester From April 1 to August 31

2nd semester From October 1 to February 28

Arrival Day / Orientation (Tentative) *We will notify the applicant if the schedule is finalized.

1st semester Around March 25th / April 1st

2nd semester Around September 13th / September 19th

Academic Fields / Courses for Exchange Students

Undergraduate

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
 Faculty of Education
 Faculty of Science and Technology
 Medical School
 Faculty of Agriculture and Marine Sciences
 Faculty of Regional Collaboration

Postgraduate
 (Master's Course)

Humanities and Social Sciences Program
 Science and Technology Program
 Medical Science Program
 Nursing Science Program
 Agriculture and Marine Sciences Program

Postgraduate
 (Doctoral Course)

Applied Science Program
 Medicine Program
 KUROSHIO Science Program

Language of Instructions		
	Japanese	Undergraduate Exchange students can take general courses and specialized course provided by each faculty. Also, students can take supplementary Japanese courses to improve their Japanese skills. *Students will not receive credits for the supplementary Japanese courses but transcripts will be issued. *Some courses are taught in English and students. For more information, please contact us before nomination.
Exchange Student Admissions		
Nomination Deadlines		
	1st semester	October 15
	2nd semester	April 15
Application Deadlines		
	1st semester	November 1
	2nd semester	May 1
Application Procedure		
	1. Please submit a nomination form from the following form. https://reg18.smp.ne.jp/regist/is?SMPFORM=mfmd-ljrfqi-3805eae2d3a8b92016c0d8d8de59b49b 2. Each nominated students will receive an email with a link to Kochi University online application form. Please instruct each of your students to submit the application documents via the form.	
Application Requirements		
	1. Application form for Special Auditing or Special Research Students with photo 2. Recommendation Letter from the President (or Dean) of your school to our president (Japanese or English) 3. Official Academic Transcript (Japanese or English) 4. Certificate of Enrollment (Japanese or English) 5. Copy of Passport •page with photo and personal details •if the applicant has been to Japan, please include the pages of the passport showing arrival and departure dates 6. Copy of Japanese Language Proficiency (Japanese Language Learner only) 7. A face-to-shoulder (without background) colored photo in JPEG file *Taken within the last six months. 8. Application for Certificate of Eligibility (Japanese or English) with photo 9. Certificate of Financial Support (Japanese or English) (If the financial supporter is a family member of the applicant, a 'proof of relationship' document in English or translated into Japanese)	
Language Requirements / English Proficiency		
	Please refer to "Japanese Language Requirements for Exchange Students".	
Other Useful Information		
Housing / Living Expenses		
	[Asakura campus]	

Since there is no dormitory for international students around Asakura campus, most of the international students live in apartments, most ranging in cost from 33,000 yen to 50,000 yen per month. Initial costs such as refundable deposit, key money and agency commission may apply (equivalent to three or four months' rent).

In order to rent an apartment, you need a guarantor. However, Kochi University does not provide an institutional guarantee service. Students who cannot find a guarantor are advised to use a guarantee company appointed by their real estate agency. We recommend a guarantee company called GTN, but it is the landlord/agency that decides to choose the service or not.

Sample costs to rent a flat near Asakura campus

Real Estate Company A

Refrigerator, Washing Machine, Air-Conditioner, Bed, Desk & Chair, WIFI equipped.

(1) Initial cost

Commission fee	仲介手数料	43,000 JPY
Key money	礼金	43,000 JPY
Deposit	敷金	-
Property insurance	保険料	19,890 JPY
Guarantor fee	保証会社利用料	61,428 JPY
Cleaning fee	退去時清掃費用	41,800 JPY
Key exchange fee	鍵交換費用	16,500 JPY
Total	合計	226,618 JPY

(2) Monthly rent

Monthly rent	家賃	43,000 JPY
Maintenance fee	管理費	6,000 JPY
WIFI	インターネット	3,000 JPY
Utilities	水道光熱費	Variable
Total	合計	52,000 JPY

Real Estate Company B

Refrigerator, Washing Machine, Air-Conditioner, WIFI equipped.

(1) Initial cost

Commission fee	仲介手数料	30,000 JPY
Key money	礼金	30,000 JPY
Deposit	敷金	30,000 JPY
Property insurance	保険料	8,500 JPY
Guarantor fee	保証会社利用料	20,000 JPY
Cleaning fee	退去時清掃費用	-
Key exchange fee	鍵交換費用	-
Total	合計	118,500 JPY

(2) Monthly rent

Monthly rent	家賃	30,000 JPY
Maintenance fee	管理費	3,000 JPY
WIFI	インターネット	-
Utilities	水道光熱費	Variable
Guarantor fee/monthly	月額保証料	1,000JPY
Total	合計	34,000 JPY

	[Oko campus, Monobe campus] Student Accommodation https://www.kochi-u.ac.jp/international/english/prospective-students/accomodation.html
Health Insurance	
	Exchange students must join Japan's National Health Insurance System and On-campus Accident Insurance after arrival. However, those will not cover all expenses. We strongly recommend that you purchase insurance to cover you for medical expenses, personal accident, personal baggage, money and public liability.
Immigration Service	
	Students must obtain Student VISA for stays of three months or longer. After the exchange application was accepted, we will send CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY and Letter of Acceptance via email (around July or January). Students will apply for the VISA to Japanese Embassy or Consulate General with those documents.