

Guidebook to UNIVERSITY OF FUKUI Short-Term Student Exchange Support Program 2015 April



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1. Outline of the Short-Term Student Exchange Support Program (Inbound)

This program accepts international students (hereafter students or applicants, where appropriate) for a period of 6 months or 12 months while they are registered as regular students at one of the universities that have student exchange agreements with the University of Fukui. At the University of Fukui, the students will study and earn credits or will receive instruction and guidance on research in order to pursue their specialized fields and to deepen their understanding about Japan. The students will not earn degrees in this program and will not be able to graduate or earn a degree from the home university while they are enrolled in the program. The particular recruitment dated September 12, 2014, accepts applications for the following programs:

Program B, University of Fukui Exchange Student Program (UFESP)

UFESP is a program for students who already have high proficiency in Japanese. Undergraduate and graduate students in this program take regular courses with Japanese students and earn 14 credits or more per semester. There is another option for graduate students: enroll as Research Students and conduct research without taking courses. Graduate students enrolled as Research Students cannot earn credit.

- Time of Admission: April 2015
- Duration: Either 6 months (1 semester) or 12 months (2 semesters)
- Language requirement: Level N2 or above of Japanese Language Proficiency Test
- Application procedures: Please refer to ***Application Guidelines: Program B, UFESP 2015 April*** for details.

<The following program does not have April Admission>

Program A, University of Fukui Student Exchange Program (UFSEP)

This one-year program is for students who do not have Japanese proficiency and who will take courses or receive research instruction in English. The courses for undergraduate students include *Common Courses* (Japanese language and Japanese Affairs), and *Specialized Courses* in the following four fields: 1) culture and society; 2) mechanical engineering, architecture and civil engineering; 3) electrical and electronics engineering, information science and intelligent systems; and 4) physical and chemical engineering. Graduate students, on the other hand, receive research instruction in the fields of education or engineering in English. Graduate students cannot earn credit.

- Time of admission: October
- Duration: 12 months (2 semesters)
- Language requirement: Applicants are expected to have at least TOEFL PBT 500 or its equivalent..

2. Application Schedule

1) Application Period: September 12 (Fri) – November 7 (Fri), 2014

2) Schedule from application to arrival

Internal application deadline (set by applicants' home universities to give enough time for nomination)	
Application deadline (Data submission by email)	November 7 (Fri), 2014
Application deadline (Original copies sent by mail)	Reach UF by November 14 (Fri), 2014
Notification of acceptance	End of December, 2014 to Early January, 2015
Certificate of Eligibility (COE) sent out	Middle to End of February, 2015
Application of entry visa (each applicant applies by him/herself)	End of February to Early March, 2015
Arrival in Japan (Dormitory move-in day)	March 30 (Mon), 2015
Orientation	4 days from March 31 (Tue) to April 3 (Fri), 2015
Classes start ^{*1}	April 7 (Tue), 2015

^{*1} For other important dates hereafter, please refer to "8. University of Fukui Academic Calendar 2015" on p.5 of this guidebook.

3. Scholarship from the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)

Scholarships under the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) Student Exchange Support Program may be available for selected students. However, we have yet to receive the announcement of whether or not the JASSO scholarships are available for the currently-recruiting exchange program. We are expecting to receive the results from JASSO by March, 2015. Those who show their intention to apply for the scholarship will be notified of the results soon after the announcement.

To apply for a scholarship, students must have earned a grade point average (designated by JASSO, refer to Reference on page 2, Form 1B) of at least 2.30 in the previous school year.

For further information, please see JASSO HP on http://www.jasso.go.jp/index_e.html.

4. Tuition

Students from partner universities will be exempted from paying both a matriculation fee and tuition at the University of Fukui under the student exchange agreement. The exemption is, however, limited to the number of students stated in the agreement. Students who are accepted outside of the agreement will be exempted from paying a matriculation fee, but must pay tuition as follows:

Student Status at UF ^{*2}	Tuition	Example
Special Auditing Student with credit	14,800 JPY x Total credits registered	For a student who registers for 7 courses, each 2 credits, in one semester: 14 credits x @14,800 = 207,200 JPY/semester
Special Research Student with no credit	178,200 JPY x Total semester enrolled	For a student who receives research instruction for two semesters: 2 semesters x @178,200 = 356,400 JPY

^{*2} Please refer to **Application Guidelines: Program B, UFESP 2015 April** for details.

5. Accommodations

The University of Fukui has two student dormitories, as below. Since the number of dormitory rooms is limited, there is no guarantee that a room will be provided for all students wishing to reside in a dormitory. The applicants will be notified whether they will be provided with a dormitory room or not in End of December, 2014 to Early January, 2015, at the same time as the notification of acceptance.

If students wish to use the Internet in their own room, either in a dormitory or a private apartment, they must complete a contract by themselves.

No.	Dormitory / Apartment	Room Outlines	Cost
1	UF Overseas Students House ^{*3} (for international students only)	Single rooms are available. Mini-kitchen, unit-bath and toilet are in the room (washing machine for common use)	8,900JPY/month (Communal charge included) - The actual cost of utility (electricity, gas, and water) will be charged separately. - Washing machine: 100JPY/use - Dryer: 100JPY/use
2	UF Student Dormitory ^{*3} (for Japanese and international students)	Single rooms are available. Mini-kitchen and toilet are in the room (shower room and washing machine for common use)	5,700JPY/month (Communal charge included) - The actual cost of utility (electricity and water) will be charged separately. - Shower room: 100JPY/use - Washing machine: 100JPY/use - Dryer: 100JPY/use
3	Private apartment	University of Fukui will recommend private real estate agents near campus to students after they arrive in Japan.	(Approx.) 25,000JPY/moth The actual cost of utility will be charged separately Note: A total of two to three-months' rent will be additionally needed at the time of signing a contract

^{*3} Some photos of the dormitories (Nos.1, 2) can be found on http://ryugaku.isc.u-fukui.ac.jp/english/manabu_ryugaku/guide/ryo.html.

6. Other Necessary Costs

The following expenses will be necessary in addition to tuition (only for applicable students), accommodations, utilities, and air fare:

Name	Description	Amount (estimate)																		
1) Overseas Travel Insurance [Mandatory]	Before arriving in Japan, students have to purchase overseas travel insurance that covers the entire stay period. The table below is to show what level of coverage the University of Fukui recommends to students when they study abroad. Please use the table as a reference and purchase overseas travel insurance with the same level of coverage as listed. <table><tr><td>Indemnification Contents</td><td>Insured at least</td></tr><tr><td>Accidental Death</td><td>10 million JPY</td></tr><tr><td>Physical Impediment</td><td>10 million JPY</td></tr><tr><td>Medical and Rescue Expenses</td><td>30 million JPY</td></tr><tr><td>Sickness Death</td><td>10 million JPY</td></tr><tr><td>Personal Liability for Damages</td><td>100 million JPY</td></tr><tr><td>Baggage</td><td>100,000 JPY</td></tr><tr><td>Checked Baggage Delay</td><td>Optional</td></tr><tr><td>Flight Delay Expense</td><td>Optional</td></tr></table>	Indemnification Contents	Insured at least	Accidental Death	10 million JPY	Physical Impediment	10 million JPY	Medical and Rescue Expenses	30 million JPY	Sickness Death	10 million JPY	Personal Liability for Damages	100 million JPY	Baggage	100,000 JPY	Checked Baggage Delay	Optional	Flight Delay Expense	Optional	Varies according to each country and period
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2) National Health Insurance [Mandatory]	Every person living in Japan, including foreign nationals, must have health insurance. For detailed information, please refer to the following Fukui City webpage. http://www.city.fukui.lg.jp/foreign/english/nationalhealth.html#4 (English) http://www.city.fukui.lg.jp/foreign/chinese/guobao.html (Chinese)	18,000JPY / year																		
3) Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (PAS) [Mandatory]	PAS gives the insured students compensation for physical injuries as a result of unexpected accidents during their educational and research activities, including commuting time, while enrolled at the University of Fukui. http://www.jees.or.jp/gakkensai/docs/publish/2014gakkensai2000_goannai_english.pdf (Note the information on the above webpage is for the 2014 academic year.)	800JPY / year																		
4) Liability Insurance coupled with PAS [Mandatory]	The Liability Insurance coupled with PAS covers damages for which the insured students may be held legally liable to pay for injuring a third party or damaging any property during their educational and research activities, including commuting time, while enrolled at the University of Fukui. http://www.jees.or.jp/gakkensai/docs/publish/2014bai_goannai_english.pdf (Note the information on the above webpage is for the 2014 academic year.)	340JPY / year																		
5) Comprehensive Renters' Insurance for Foreign Students Studying in Japan (CRI)	CRI is a combination of overseas travel insurance and guarantors' protection fund. All students who reside in a private apartment are required to purchase this insurance. Details: http://www.jees.or.jp/crifs/pdf/crifs_en.pdf	4,000JPY / year																		
6) Textbooks	Students may have to purchase textbooks or other materials when required by course instructors. The total expense differs according to students' majors and which courses they take.	30,000 - 50,000JPY / semester																		
7) Living expense	Food, transportation, and other daily necessities. If students wish to use a cellular phone by signing a contract with a Japanese carrier, another monthly payment of 6,000 to 7,000JPY at a minimum is needed.	30,000 - 50,000JPY / month																		

<Financial simulation: If residing in the UF Overseas Student House for 12 months>

Air fare (round ticket)	¥150,000	×	1	=	¥150,000
Rent	¥8,900	×	12 (months)	=	¥106,800
Utility	¥10,000	×	12 (months)	=	¥120,000
Insurance	¥18,000	+	¥1,140	=	¥19,140
Textbooks	¥30,000	×	2 (semesters)	=	¥60,000
Living expense (incl. food)	¥30,000	×	12 (months)	=	¥360,000
Communication (Phone & Internet)	¥10,000	×	12 (months)	=	¥120,000
Other necessity (incl. transportation)	¥3,000	×	12 (months)	=	¥36,000
Other initial cost	¥30,000	×	1	=	¥30,000

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(excluding overseas travel insurance)

This simulation, calculated based on the minimum expenses provided above, shows that the total cost for enrollment duration of 12 months requires at least 1,100,000JPY when included with overseas travel insurance. If a student resides in a private apartment or needs to pay tuitions, the total cost would be much higher. Please understand that this simulation is just an example, since living expenses vary according to each individual's lifestyle.

<Amount of money to bring when coming to Japan (from arrival to the 10th day)>

There are many cases in Japan when you cannot use your credit card in daily life, including fees you pay for UF. Please bring a sufficient amount of cash when coming to Japan. Below is a list of estimated expenses you may need to pay until you open your bank account to receive money transfers from your home country. Please use this estimate for your calculation:

Travel expense from Kansai International Airport to downtown Fukui	¥8,500
[FYI] Bus from Komatsu Airport to downtown Fukui is ¥1,250.	
Hotel fee and meals until you start staying in a dormitory or private apartment (1 day)	¥10,000
Futon-set	¥9,000
PAS coupled with Liability Insurance	¥1,140
Textbooks	¥30,000
Food and other living expense (10 days)	¥15,000
Other necessities (including transportation)	¥3,000
Initial costs (cookware, daily living necessities, etc.)	¥30,000
Total estimate for students who stay in a dormitory room	¥106,640
Initial cost for private apartment (3 months' rent)	¥90,000
Other initial costs (home appliances, furniture, etc.)	¥50,000
Total estimate for students who stay in a private apartment	¥246,640

7. List of Useful Websites

Name	URL
About the University of Fukui	
University of Fukui	http://www.u-fukui.ac.jp/eng/index.html
University of Fukui International Center	http://ryugaku.isc.u-fukui.ac.jp/english/index.html
About Fukui Prefecture, Fukui City	
Fukui Prefecture	http://www.pref.fukui.lg.jp/english/
Fukui City	http://www.city.fukui.lg.jp/foreign/english/p004763.html
FUKUI Tourism Guide	http://www.fuku-e.com/lang/english/
"To live in FUKUI: Daily life information for foreign residents in Japan"	http://info.pref.fukui.jp/kokusai/tagengo/html_e/top.html
About International Exchange Groups in Fukui	
Fukui International Association	http://www.f-i-a.or.jp/en/
Fukui Citizens International Association	http://www.fcia.jp/
About Study in Japan	
Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)	http://www.jasso.go.jp/study_j/schinfo_e.html
JAPAN STUDY SUPPORT	http://www.jpss.jp/en/
About Visa Status and Residency Management System	
Immigration Bureau of Japan	http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/newimmiact_1/

8. University of Fukui Academic Calendar 2015

University of Fukui Academic Calendar 2015 [Exchange Student] (Draft)

2014							2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Mar. 31 - Apr. 3 7th Class starts							1st Class starts						
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