Guidebook to
UNIVERSITY OF FUKUI
Student Exchange Program
2020 October

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1. Outline of University of Fukui Student Exchange Program

University of Fukui (UF) Student Exchange Program accepts international students (hereafter exchange 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 UF. At UF, exchange students will take courses to 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 MUST NOT graduate or earn a degree from the home university while they are enrolled in UF.

Program A

- Program Outline
  This program is to take courses or receive research instruction in English. Applicants with not Japanese proficiency can apply for Program A.
  Undergraduate students
  Take *Common Courses* (Japanese language and Japanese Affairs), *Specialized Courses* in the following six fields: 1) culture and society; 2) mechanical and system engineering; 3) electrical, electronic and computer engineering; 4) architecture and civil engineering; 5) materials science and biotechnology; and 6) applied physics, and other courses in English offered by the School of Global and Community Studies.

  Graduate students
  Receive research instruction in the fields of engineering in English. No credit given.
- Admission time: October 2020
- Duration: 6 months (1 semester)*[1] or 12 months (2 semesters)
- Language requirement:
  TOEFL PBT/ITP 500, iBT 61 or its equivalent
- Application procedures:
  Refer to ***Application Guidelines: Program A 2020 October*** for details.

Program B

- Program Outline
  Program B is for students who already have high proficiency in Japanese.
  Undergraduate and graduate students | For Auditing
  Take regular courses with Japanese students and register 10-class hour/week per semester.
  Graduate students | For Research
  Enroll as Research Students and conduct research without taking courses. Research Students cannot earn credit.
- Admission time: October 2020
- Duration: 6 months (1 semester) or 12 months (2 semesters)
- Language requirement:
  N2 or above of Japanese Language Proficiency Test
- Application procedures:
  Refer to ***Application Guidelines: Program B 2020 October*** for details.

*1 In case of 6 months' study at UF, students cannot take Special Research and cannot receive the Certificate of Completion.

2. Application Schedule

Internal application deadline (set by applicants' home universities to give enough time for nomination)	
Application deadline (Data submission by email)	March 31 (Tue), 2020
Notification of acceptance	Mid-June, 2020
Certificate of Eligibility (COE) sent out	End-August, 2020
Application of entry visa (each applicant applies by him/herself)	August – September, 2020
Arrival in Japan (Dormitory move-in day)	September 18 (Fri) & 19 (Sat), 2020
Orientation	September 23 (Wed) – 29 (Tue), 2020
Classes start	October 1 (Thurs), 2020

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

Scholarships under the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) Student Exchange Support Program for the above programs are not available this year.

4. Accommodations

UF has three 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 at the same time as the notification of acceptance. For those who are not provided with a dormitory room, UF International Affairs Division will give a support to find a private apartment and secure a room before his/her arrival.

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	Distance	Cost
1	Makishima House*2 (for international students only)	Single room Mini-kitchen, unit-bath and toilet are in the room (washing machine for common use)	On-campus dormitory (Bunkyo campus)	**14,000JPY**/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 Overseas Students House*2 (for international students only)	Single room Mini-kitchen, unit-bath and toilet are in the room (washing machine for common use)	About 7 min. walk	**10,200JPY**/month (Communal charge included) ◆ The actual cost of utility (electricity, gas, and water) will be charged separately. ◆ Washing machine: 100JPY/use ◆ Dryer: 100JPY/use
3	UF Student Dormitory*2 (for Japanese and international students)	Single room Mini-kitchen and toilet are in the room (shower room and washing machine for common use)	About 7 min. walk	**6,800JPY**/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
4	Private apartment	Single room UF can also introduce a family-use apartment to share the room with your friend.	Varies by location	(Approx.) **30,000JPY**/month 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

*2 Reference for the dormitories No.1,2, and 3:
https://www.u-fukui.ac.jp/eng/international/study-at-fukui/student-life/accommodation/dormitory/

4. Tutor (Buddy) System

UF allocates a tutor, or a buddy student, for all the international students who arrives in Japan for his/her first year. Tutor student will help the international student with the daily life as well as in their academics. Starting from Spring semester 2019, we've been matching the tutor students with the international students before their arrival at UF. The students can exchange information with each other, and this helps the international students' smoother transition when they start their student life in Japan.

5. 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.	Varies according to each country and period
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/p004763.html	19,000JPY / 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 UF. http://www.jees.or.jp/gakkensai/ (Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese) (Note the information on the above webpage is for the 2018 academic year.)	800 JPY / 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 UF. http://www.jees.or.jp/gakkensai/opt-baisho.htm (Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese) (Note the information on the above webpage is for the 2018 academic year.)	340 JPY / year
5) Inbound Insurance	Inbound insurance covers personal liability, death and residual disability, rescuer expenses, medical expenses, and tenant's liability. Those who will reside in the university dormitory are required to purchase this insurance.	According to the coverage content
6) 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/ (Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean)	4,000 JPY / 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

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

<Financial simulation: If residing in the UF Makishima House for 12 months> (excluding overseas travel insurance)

Air fare (round ticket)	¥150,000	×	1		=	¥150,000
Rent	¥14,000	×	12	(months)	=	¥168,000
Utility	¥10,000	×	12	(months)	=	¥120,000
Insurance	¥33,970	+		¥1,140	=	¥35,110
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
						¥1,079,110

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	¥9,000
Hotel fee and meals until you start staying in a dormitory or private apartment (1 day)	¥10,000
Futon-set	¥13,000
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 necessaries, etc.)	¥30,000
Total estimate for students who stay in a dormitory room	**¥120,000**
Initial cost for private apartment (3 months' rent)	¥100,000
Other initial costs (home appliances, furniture, etc.)	¥50,000
Total estimate for students who stay in a private apartment	**¥270,000**

6. List of Useful Websites

Name	URL
About the University of Fukui	
University of Fukui	https://www.u-fukui.ac.jp/eng
University of Fukui Student Exchange Program	https://www.u-fukui.ac.jp/eng/international/study-at-fukui/programs/exchange-programs/
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	https://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.g-studyinjapan.jasso.go.jp/
JAPAN STUDY SUPPORT	https://www.jpss.jp/en/
About Visa Status and Residency Management System	
Immigration Bureau of Japan	http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/newimmiact_1/

7. List of Japanese Language Courses offered by Language Center

Level	Course name	Semester F: Fall S: Spring	Required	Elective	Class hour/week*	Credit	Note
Japanese 1	Integrated Japanese 1	F & S	✔		8	4	4 classes / week
	Japanese Reading 1	F & S		✔	2	1	
	Japanese Speaking 1	F & S		✔	2	1	
	Japanese Writing 1	F & S		✔	2	1	
	Japanese Kanji 1	F & S		✔	2	1	
Japanese 2	Integrated Japanese 2	F & S	✔		8	4	4 classes / week
	Japanese Reading 2	F & S		✔	2	1	
	Japanese Speaking 2	F & S		✔	2	1	
	Japanese Writing 2	F & S		✔	2	1	
	Japanese Kanji 2	F & S		✔	2	1	
Japanese 3	Integrated Japanese 3	F & S	✔		8	4	4 classes / week
	Japanese Reading 3	F & S		✔	2	1	
	Japanese Writing 3	F & S		✔	2	1	
Japanese 4	Japanese 4A	S		✔	2	1	Conversation
	Japanese 4B	F		✔	2	1	Conversation
	Japanese 4C	S		✔	2	1	Report writing
	Japanese 4D	F		✔	2	1	Reading
Japanese 5	Japanese 5E	S		✔	2	1	Discussion
	Japanese 5F	F		✔	2	1	Presentation
	Japanese 5G	S		✔	2	1	Reading
	Japanese 5H	F		✔	2	1	Reading & Writing
Japanese 4 & Japanese 5	Japanese Affairs 1	F		✔	2	2	Lecture in Japanese
	Japanese Affairs 2	S		✔	2	2	Lecture in Japanese
	Multicultural Communication 1	F		✔	2	2	Lecture in Japanese
	Multicultural Communication 2	S		✔	2	2	Lecture in Japanese
	Multicultural Communication 3	S		✔	2	2	Lecture in Japanese
	Japanese Culture	S		✔	2	2	Lecture in Japanese
	Applied Japanese 1	F		✔	2	2	Lecture in Japanese
	Applied Japanese 2	S		✔	2	2	Lecture in Japanese

*1 class hour is equal to 45 minutes. Each course is conducted for 15 weeks/semester.