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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.

We are not accepting Program A students for April admission.

- Admission time: April 2021
- Duration: 6 months (1 semester)*¹ or 12 months (2 semesters)
- Language requirement: TOEFL PBT/ITP 500, iBT 61, TOEIC 600 or its equivalent
- Application procedures: Refer to ***Application Guidelines: Program A 2021 April*** 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: April 2021
- 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 2021 April*** for details.

*1 For those who study at UF for 6 months 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)	October 16 (Fri), 2020
Notification of acceptance	End-December, 2020
Certificate of Eligibility (COE) sent out	Mid-February, 2021
Application of entry visa (each applicant applies by him/herself)	February – March, 2021
Arrival in Japan (Dormitory move-in day)	March 26 (Fri) & 27 (Sat), 2021
Orientation	March 29 (Mon) – April 2 (Fri), 2021

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

UF will apply for scholarships under the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) Student Exchange Support Program, in which eligible exchange students will receive a monthly scholarship of 80,000 JPY. The result and detailed scholarship information for the currently-recruiting exchange programs will be available in February 2021. Those who show their intention to apply for the JASSO scholarship will be notified of the result soon after the announcement.

Please note that to apply for the JASSO scholarship, exchange students must have earned, in principle, a grade point average (designated by JASSO, refer to Reference on page 3, Form 1A or 1B) of at least 2.30 on a 3.0-scale in the previous academic 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)	20,000JPY (Administration fee) 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	20,000JPY (Administration fee) 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	20,000JPY (Administration fee) 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 System

UF allocates a tutor 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. 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. Necessary Expenses for Studying Abroad

The following expenses including tuition (only for applicable students), accommodations, utilities, air fare, and insurance fee are necessary.

Name	Description	Amount (estimate)																		
1) Overseas Travel Insurance [Mandatory]	<p>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.</p> <table><tr><th>Indemnification Contents</th><th>Insured at least</th></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/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 2020 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 2020 academic year.)	340 JPY / year																		
5) Inbound Insurance [Mandatory for dormitory students]	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																		

<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 (National Health Insurance + PAS + Inbound Insurance)	¥35,110	+	12 (months)	=	¥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

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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 necessities, 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 Study in Japan	
Study in Japan	https://www.studyinJapan.go.jp/en/nav-applicants-for-study-abroad.html

7. List of Japanese Language Courses offered by Language Center

Level	Course Name	Semester F:Fall S:Spring	Requirement	Elective	Credits	Remarks
Japanese 1	Integrated Japanese 1	F & S	✓		4	4 classes/week
	Reading 1	F & S		✓	1	
	Speaking 1	F & S		✓	1	
	Writing 1	F & S		✓	1	
	Kanji 1	F & S		✓	1	
Japanese 2	Integrated Japanese 2	F & S	✓		4	4 classes/week
	Reading 2	F & S		✓	1	
	Speaking 2	F & S		✓	1	
	Writing 2	F & S		✓	1	
	Kanji 2	F & S		✓	1	
Japanese 3	Integrated Japanese 3	F & S	✓		4	4 classes/week
	Reading 3	F & S		✓	1	
	Speaking 3	F & S		✓	1	
	Writing 3	F & S		✓	1	
Japanese 4	Japanese 4A	S		✓	1	Conversation
	Japanese 4B	F		✓	1	Conversation
	Japanese 4C	S		✓	1	Report
	Japanese 4D	F		✓	1	Reading
Japanese 5	Japanese 5E	S		✓	1	Discussion
	Japanese 5F	F		✓	1	Presentation
	Japanese 5G	S		✓	1	Reading
	Japanese 5H	F		✓	1	Reading/Writing
Japanese 4 & Japanese 5	Japanese Affairs	F & S		✓	2	
	Japanese Culture	F & S		✓	2	
	Multiculturalism in Japan – Practices and Challenges –A	S		✓	2	
	Introduction to Intercultural Communication A	F		✓	2	
	Applied Japanese 1	F		✓	2	
	Applied Japanese 2	S		✓	2	