

Fact Sheet 2023

Office Information	
Name of Institution	Kochi University
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Website for exchange-related information	http://www.kochi-u.ac.jp/international/english/student01/exchange.html
Academic Information	
Academic Calendar	1st semester: April 1st - mid-August 2nd semester: October 1st - mid-February
Orientation / Arrival Day	1st semester: Around March 26th 2nd semester: Around September 20th
Academic Fields / Courses for Exchange Students	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 get credits for the supplementary Japanese courses but achei <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 (Doctoral Course) Applied Science, Program Medicine Program, KUROSHIO Science Program
Language of Instractions	Japanese *Some courses are taught in English and students. For more information, please contact us before nomination.
Exchange Student Admissions	
Application Deadlines	1st semester: October 15 2nd semester: April 15 (Please send us nomination via Email before sending application documents.)

Application Procedure	<input type="checkbox"/> Online <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-mail <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post/Mail Web Link http://www.kochi-u.ac.jp/international/english/student01/exchange.html
Application Requirements	1. Application form for Special Auditing or Special Research Students with photo 2. Letter of Request (to our President) (Japanese or English) 3. Official Academic Transcript (Japanese or English) 4. Certificate of Enrollment (Japanese or English) 5. Recommendation Letter (Japanese or English) 6. Copy of Passport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •page with photo and personal details •Additonally, if the applicant has been to Japan, please include the pages of the passport showing arrival and departure dates 7. Copy of Japanese Language Proficiency (Japanese Language Learner only) 8. A face-to-shoulder (without background) colored photo (in size 3×4cm) *Photo date would be acceptable. 9. Application for Certificate of Eligibility (Japanese or English) with photo 10. 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	<p>[Asakura campus] There is no dormitory for international students around Asakura campus, so many international students live in apartments, most ranging in cost from 20,000 yen to 45,000 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. 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 ultimately your landlord/agency is responsible for choosing the company. *Conditional on the accommodation being properly maintained by the occupant for the duration of their occupancy **Key money in Japan is a mandatory payment by a new tenant to the landlord of a property. This money is considered a gift to the landlord and is not returned after the cancellation of the lease.</p> <p>[Oko campus, Monobe campus] Student Accommodation http://www.kochi-u.ac.jp/international/english/student01/accommodation.html</p> <p><Sample of Basic Monthly Budget> Rent: 30,000 yen Heat, Light and Water: 5,000 yen</p>
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. After the exchange application was accepted (around July or January), we will send CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY and Letter of Acceptance via mail. Students will apply for the VISA to Japanese Embassy or Consulate General with those documents.