

Guidelines for Application for Short-term Exchange Programs (KUEP) at Kanazawa University (2027-2028)

These programs are designed for students enrolled at institutions that have an exchange agreement with Kanazawa University who intend to study at Kanazawa University for a period of five months or eleven months. While remaining enrolled at their home institution, such students may study in a non-degree program at Kanazawa University for the purposes of experiencing a foreign culture, learning practical Japanese, taking credited classes, or participating in independent research under the guidance of a supervisor.

Name of Program	Kanazawa University Exchange Program (KUEP)
Affiliation/ Classification	<<Undergraduate level>> College of Transdisciplinary Sciences for Innovation, College of Human and Social Sciences, College of Science and Engineering, College of Medical, Pharmaceutical and Health Sciences <<Graduate level>> Graduate School of Human and Socio-Environmental Studies, Division of Law and Politics, Graduate School of Law, Graduate School of Natural Science & Technology, Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Graduate School of Advanced Preventive Medical Sciences, Graduate School of Frontier Science Initiative
Acceptance status	Special Auditor (undergraduate level students and graduate level students who wish to obtain credits by taking courses that are offered by Kanazawa University) or Special Research Student (graduate students who conduct research and do not obtain credits) Special Auditing students are required to enroll in more than 10 hours of classes per week (7 credits per quarter) in order to obtain a study abroad visa in Japan. In addition, the affiliated program at Kanazawa University shall, in principle, be at the same level as the university from which the student graduated. Special Research Students do not earn academic credits; therefore, no transcript or certificate of academic records can be issued.
Contents	Students of this program attend regular curriculum classes of Institute of International Liberal Arts and Science, College (undergraduate level), Graduate School (graduate level) and/or study in their major field(s) at the graduate school. We especially welcome students who are considering continue your studies to Kanazawa University in the future. Since classes are given in Japanese and English, high-level proficiency in Japanese or English is required in order to attend classes. KUEP Website https://www.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/global-network/study/kuep/ 【Notes】 1.Special Audit Students in the College of Human and Social Sciences must take at least one subject in their accepting faculty (undergraduate level), and Special Audit Students in the Graduate School of Human and Socio-Environment Studies and Graduate School of Law must take at least one subject in their major (graduate level). In addition, special auditing students from - College of Transdisciplinary Sciences for Innovation - College of Science and Engineering - College of Medical, Pharmaceutical and Health Sciences - Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology - Graduate School of Medical Sciences - Graduate School of Advanced Preventive Medicine Sciences - Graduate School of Frontier Science and Initiative are required to take specialized seminars (maximum of 8 credits per year) in which they conduct research according to a research theme.

	2. In order to have more options for taking specialized subjects in the College of Transdisciplinary Sciences for Innovation, College of Science and Engineering, and College of Medical, Pharmaceutical and Health Sciences, it is desirable for students to have Japanese language proficiency of N2 or above. <u>Please note that students cannot take specialized subjects in the School of Medicine, College of Medical, Pharmaceutical and Health Sciences.</u> 3. There are some subjects in the Institute of International Liberal Arts and Science, Colleges, and Graduate Schools that KUEP students cannot register for because priority is given to regular students. 4. We do not provide guidance on graduation theses, master's theses, or doctoral theses at the student's home institution.
Number of places available	The number of participants will be limited to the number stated in the Memorandum of Understanding on the Exchange Students. However, for the College of Human and Social Sciences, about 100 students. (Admission will be decided by examination of the applicant's academic record, language ability, recommendation letter with priority order, the contents of the application, achievements of our partner relationship and so on.)
Requirements for Application	Applicants must meet all requirements listed below. 1. <u>Applicants must be regular students at a partner institution that has signed a Memorandum of Understanding on the Exchange Students with Kanazawa University</u> at the time the program begins. However, applicants for the College of Transdisciplinary Sciences for Innovation, College of Science and Engineering, or College of Medical, Pharmaceutical and Health Sciences must have been enrolled at their home institution for at least three years (or five semesters) prior at the start of this program. 2. Applicants must have an excellent academic record (in principle, above the average of their home institution) and personality. 3. Applicants must have a definite plan and purpose of study regarding the program. They must also have a strong commitment to devote themselves to their studies. 4. Applicants for College of Science and Engineering, College of Medical, Pharmaceutical and Health Sciences, Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology, Graduate School of Medical Sciences or Graduate School of Advanced Preventive Medical Sciences must be a student at a college or graduate school of their home institution that corresponds to the respective host department and must have the ability and knowledge to take part in specialized research. 5. Applicants must resume their studies at their home institution after the completion of their studies at Kanazawa University. 6. Applicants must qualify for the "College Student" visa. 7. <u>Applicants must have a good command of the Japanese/English language</u> in order to understand lectures. (Applicants wishing to take courses given in Japanese must have a level of skill in the Japanese language equal to or higher than level N2 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test. Those wishing to take courses given in English must have a level of skill in the English language higher than TOEIC Listening & Reading Test 700, TOEFL-iBT 72 (or 4 for those who have taken the test since January 2026), TOEFL-PBT 527, IELTS 5.5., or Cambridge English 160. However, if you wish to study at the Graduate School of Human and Socio-Environment Studies, majoring in Japanese Language Education, you will need to have Japanese Language Proficiency Level N1. 8-1. Applicants for College of Transdisciplinary Sciences for Innovation, College of Science and Engineering, College of Medical, Pharmaceutical and Health Sciences or Graduate Schools must obtain an agreement of acceptance from their desired supervisor before applying. <u>Applicants who have not received preliminary approval are not eligible to apply.</u> 8-2. <u>Applicants for College of Human and Social Sciences do not need to obtain an agreement of acceptance from their desired supervisor.</u>
Period of Study Abroad	Entering in April: April 2027 - August 2027 or April 2027 - February 2028 (Arrival date is set for the last week of March or first week of April.) Entering in October: October 2027 - February 2028 or October 2027 - August 2028 (Arrival date is set for the last week of September.)
Dispatch of Application Forms	August 2026

Deadline for Applications	Entering in April: 16 October 2026 (Fri.) Entering in October: 26 February 2027 (Fri.)
Notification of Results	Entering in April: December 2026 Entering in October: June 2027
Scholarship	You can apply for a scholarship from the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO). (Those who hold the nationality of a country that has diplomatic relations with the Japanese government. Students from Taiwan and Palestine are also considered eligible.) However, because the results of your application will be announced just before you come to Japan, it is not reasonable to plan your expenses for studying abroad on the assumption that you will receive a scholarship. <u>Please make sure you have enough funds to participate, even if you do not have a part-time job or scholarship,</u> as participation may interfere with your studies. 【Reference】 2026: Monthly stipend is 80,000 yen (The number of students granted a scholarship was limited.) Scholarship students must meet the following requirements in addition to the above-mentioned requirements for application. 1. Commendable academic performance. 2. In need of financial assistance to study abroad in Japan. 3. The monthly amount of scholarship funds received from other agencies must be 80,000 yen or less.
Counseling for consideration of applicants with disabilities, etc.	If you are a physically or mentally impaired applicant and would like to consider when studying during your study abroad period, please submit an application form (free format) containing the following items <u>by the application deadline</u> and consult. Application form (free format) • Type and degree of disability, etc. • Medications • Matters that require special consideration for study • Considerations taken at your university • Situation of daily life • Other reference matters
Other notes	1. Applicants must submit their application to study at Kanazawa University through their home institution. 2. Applicants may apply for either the Kanazawa University Japanese Language and Culture Program (※1) or the Kanazawa University Exchange Program (KUEP) . 3. Kanazawa University will select prospective participants as well as candidates for scholarships and the department upon discussions of the screening body. As a result of the selection process, we may decline your application. 4. Applicants must submit the most recent transcript at the time of application and Statement of Financial Support and Bank statement showing the current account balance (except for JASSO scholarship candidates). Your acceptance into the program may be revoked if you do not submit these documents or if you do not meet the health requirements for studying abroad due to reason of infectious disease or other condition. 5. At Kanazawa University, you cannot receive supervision for undergraduate theses, master's theses, or doctoral dissertations.

6. You must submit to a medical checkup at Kanazawa University after your arrival.
7. Applicants for JASSO or Japanese Government (MEXT) scholarships are not permitted to apply for other JASSO scholarship programs at other universities, MEXT scholarships, or MEXT scholarships through local embassies. Additionally, those with Japanese nationality are not eligible for the JASSO scholarship.
8. Applications from applicants currently enlisted in military service will not be accepted.
9. **As long as it is within the number of students specified in the memorandum exchanged between the partner schools, admission and tuition fees are waived.**
10. We will collect Service fee for Certificate of Eligibility (CoE) application of 20,000 yen. **Once collected, the handling fee will not be refunded.** The fee is required for the procedures related to obtaining a Certificate of Eligibility (CoE) through Kanazawa University. Also after enrollment, additional fees may be collected as necessary to enhance support services for international students' daily life and academic activities.
11. You can apply to live in a dormitory on the Kakuma Campus of Kanazawa University.
12. There are certain formalities that must be observed by international students intending to pursue studies in Japan. Before entering Japan, students are required to apply at their nearest Japanese diplomatic mission (embassy or consulate) for a "College Student" visa. A College Student visa will only be issued after the diplomatic mission is in possession of the applicant's "Certificate of Eligibility." The Student Affairs Division of Kanazawa University shall submit applications for the Certificate of Eligibility to the immigration office at Kanazawa on behalf of exchange students. The Certificate of Eligibility will then be sent to the students. When applying for the visa, students must take the Certificate of Eligibility and their passport to the diplomatic mission. Students should also be sure to bring the Certificate of Eligibility with them and show it to immigration authorities at the airport when they enter Japan.
13. For other information about life at Kanazawa University, please check the "International Student Support Site" at the URL below.
<https://intl-support.w3.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/>

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※1 Guidelines for Application the Kanazawa University Japanese Language and Culture Program are created separately. Please see the Nikken website for details.

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