

**Guide to the Faculty / Graduate
School of Agriculture,
Kyoto University
Exchange Programs 2017- 2018**

Faculty / Graduate School of Agriculture
KYOTO UNIVERSITY

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NOTE:

The Faculty / Graduate School of Agriculture, Kyoto University accepts exchange students from our partner university based on the student exchange agreement.

If the contents of the agreement differ from this guide, the agreement shall always take precedence over this guide.

Outline of Exchange Programs at the Faculty

/ Graduate School of Agriculture, Kyoto University

2017-2018 Academic Calendar

Fall Semester: October 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018

Spring Semester: April 1, 2018 to September 30, 2018

Note: Academic year of Kyoto University starts in April and ends in March.

Eligibility

An applicant must

- (1) be enrolled, until completion of the exchange program at a non-Japanese academic institution with which the Faculty/Graduate School of Agriculture, Kyoto University has a student exchange agreement.
- (2) terminate studying at the Faculty/Graduate School of Agriculture, Kyoto University and return to his/her country on the completion of the exchange program.
- (3) have an excellent academic record.
- (4) have a concrete purpose for studying in Japan.

Fees

Based on the student exchange agreement, exchange students will be exempted from all academic fees (examination fee, matriculation fee and tuition fee) at Kyoto University.

Undergraduate Program

Almost all courses offered to undergraduate students at Kyoto University are given in Japanese.

For non-Japanese-speaking students, Kyoto University International Education Program (KUINEP) provides undergraduate level lectures in English. KUINEP is open only to undergraduate students. Please see the appendix “What classes are designed for KUINEP?”

Graduate Program

The Graduate School of Agriculture provides courses both in Japanese and English .

And furthermore, graduate students who would like to conduct their own research under the instruction by academic supervisors are accepted.

NOTE: The Graduate School of Agriculture only provides lectures to Master's course students. Doctoral course students are supposed to study under their academic supervisor. Consequently, the Doctoral course students are accepted as "Special Research Student"

Student Status

We accept the exchange students from our partner university as "Special Auditor" status at Kyoto University.

Graduate students, however, are able to conduct their own research under the instruction by academic supervisors. In such case, students are accepted as "Special Research Student". "Special Research Student" status students are expected to concentrate on their research activities so that they are not allowed to take any lectures in classroom. Both "Special Auditor" and "Special Research Student" are non-degree seeking students status at Kyoto University.

NOTE: The applicants applying for "Special Research Student" must first submit "Special Research Student Inquiry Form" through the international office of their university.

Language of Instruction

Special Auditor as the undergraduate course:

Exchange students who take Japanese-conducted courses should have sufficient Japanese language proficiency (N1 level Japanese Language Proficiency Test or the equivalent is desirable).

Exchange students who take English-conducted courses should be proficient in English (TOEFL iBT 79 (or equivalent IELTS score) or higher is desirable). Though Japanese language proficiency is not required, it is preferable to acquire a basic knowledge of Japanese in order to make life in Japan smoother and easier.

Special Auditor as the graduate course:

Exchange students who take Japanese-conducted courses should have sufficient Japanese language proficiency (N1 level Japanese Language Proficiency Test or the equivalent is desirable).

Though we do not set minimum requirement for exchange students to take English-conducted courses, they are expected to have certain fluency in English.

Special Research Student:

Depends on their prospective laboratory requirement.

Registration

Courses usually start and end within one semester from October to March or from April to September. Exchange students can take courses which start and end within the period of their stay in Kyoto University.

Exchange students as “Special Auditor” are required to register AT LEAST 6 courses per semester to acquire the “Student” status of residence in Japan.

Undergraduate program “Special Auditor” can take UP TO 40 credits of lectures (Each lecture are usually two-credit) in a year. Graduate program “Special Auditor” can take UP TO 10 credits of lectures (Each lecture are usually two-credit) in a year. Regardless of the student is undergraduate student or graduate student, those who would like to take other than the classroom lecture (e.g. seminar, experimental work) must request for permission in advance.

A two-credit lecture comprises two hours of lesson per week for 15 weeks, in principle.

NOTE: “Special Research Student” are not allowed to take any courses.

Entering Japan

There are certain formalities which must be observed by international students intending to pursue studies in Japanese universities. Students must possess a valid passport issued by their home country. They are also required to have a “Student” residence status to enter Japan.

The Faculty / Graduate School of Agriculture will apply for the exchange students’ “Certificate of Eligibility for Status of Residence” to the Kyoto Immigration Bureau for processing. Students, on receiving their “Certificate of Eligibility for Status of Residence” should apply to the nearest Japanese diplomatic mission (embassy or consulate) for “Student” visa. Further details will be instructed after the official admission.

Students who have Japanese nationality or who are expected to have a visa status which is valid over the term their stay in Japan other than the “Student” visa status can also join the exchange program.

Comprehensive Health Insurance

The Japanese law specifies that students staying in Japan more than 1 year must join the Japanese National Health Insurance Program, which costs around 2,000 yen per month. Students staying in Japan more than 3 month should also join the Japanese National Health Insurance Program.

And when entering the Kyoto University, to enroll “Student Mutual Benefit” is obligation, regardless of the length of stay.

Many students additionally enroll in insurance from their countries to be safer since the coverage and the regulations are different. In case of any emergency, we recommend students to bring along sufficient fund. (There was a case that a student had an operation and needed to settle the huge amount of medical fees temporarily.)

Japanese Language Study

Exchange students can take Japanese language classes offered by the Education Center for Japanese Language and Culture, Kyoto University for free of charge. Those courses are divided into three different levels. Students will be required to take a placement test at the beginning of each semester to determine their level of Japanese language proficiency.

Website for Japanese Language Study:

<http://www.z.k.kyoto-u.ac.jp/introduction/education-center-for-japanese/japanese-language-classes/zenkyo-japanese/for-kokanryuugakusei>

NOTE: Japanese language classes are non-credited for the exchange students from partner universities based on the student exchange agreement with the Faculty / Graduate School of Agriculture. And the Japanese language courses are not appeared in the official transcript issued by the Faculty / Graduate School of Agriculture, Kyoto University.

Documents to Submit

Application Form (Form 1)

Statement of Purpose (Form2)

Official Request for Acceptance (Form3-1)

Recommendation Letter (Form3-2)

Health Certificate (Form4)

One Certificate of Enrollment

One Original Academic Transcript

One Passport Copy (photo, name, and passport number are appeared)

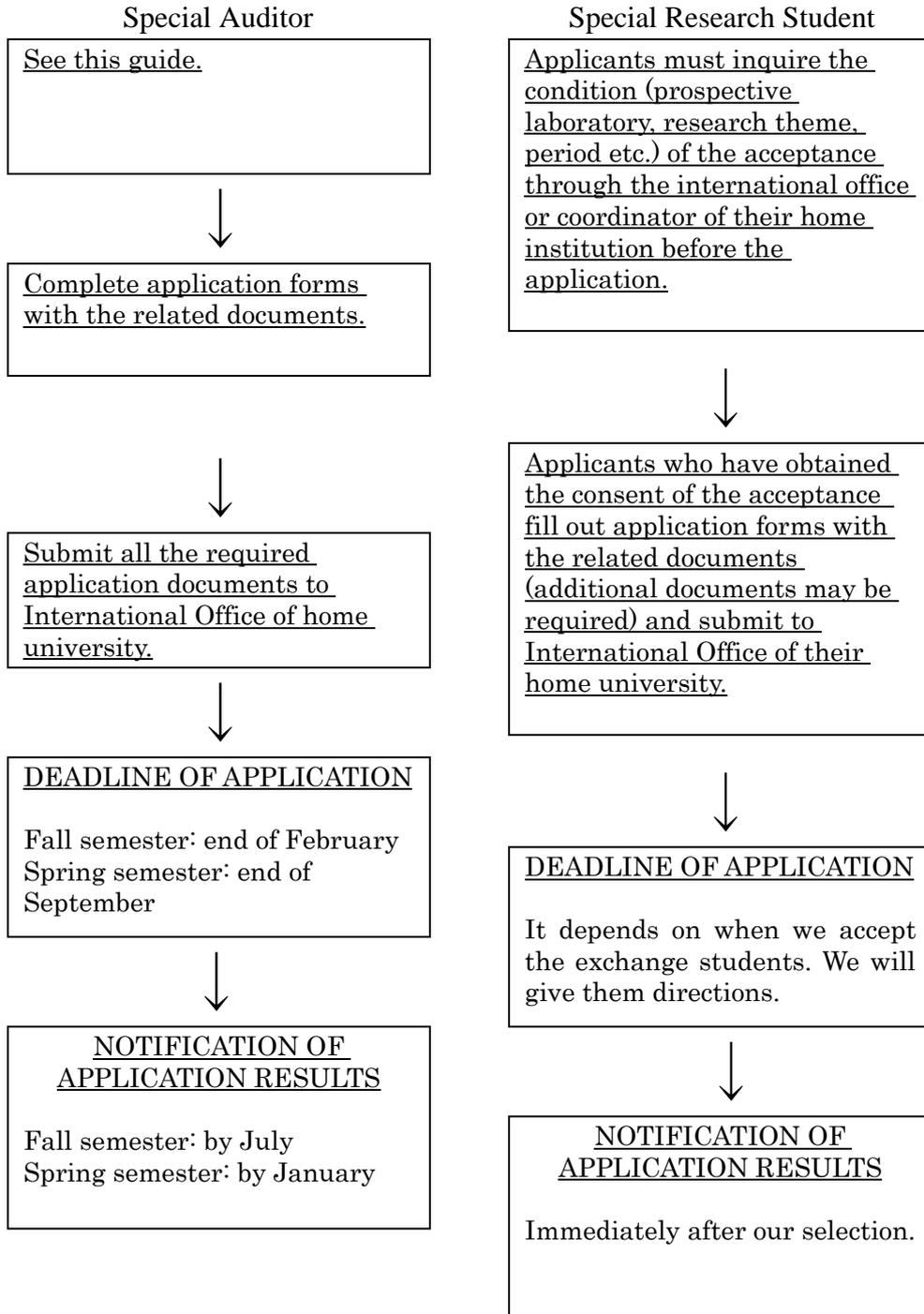
One Copy of Official Score of Japanese or English Proficiency Test*

*Japanese Language Proficiency Test, TOEFL-iBT or IELTS (English) are accepted.

Two photos (see “Photo Requirement”)

Application should be submitted to Kyoto University through the international office of applicant’s home universities. Direct application from students will not be accepted.

Flowchart of Application Procedures for Program



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