

Student Exchange Program in the Faculty of Oceanology and Graduate School of Maritime Sciences

■ Purpose

We plan more expansion of international student interchange, contribution of mutual education and research for each other, improvement of mutual understanding and friendship.

■ Study Period

Each semester or 1 year

First semester: from April to September

Second semester: from October to March

■ Number of students to be admitted

We will accept the number of students specified in the Detailed Rule for the Implementation of Student Exchange between your university and Kobe University.

■ Study Field

Faculty of Oceanology and Graduate School of Maritime Sciences

*Students can take classes in other faculty/Graduate school only if they permit.

■ Eligibility

1. Students must be enrolled in their home university as a full-time undergraduate or graduate student, and is aiming to receive a degree from their home university after completing exchange study at Kobe University. Undergraduate students must have completed at least one year of undergraduate study at their home university at the time of coming to Kobe University.
2. The purpose of study abroad is clear and concrete so that the achievement of their study and research at Kobe University can be expected.
3. Students are required to contact a preferred major supervisor and get his/her approval before the application. Please note that we cannot accept students who focus on studying Japanese.
4. Students should have adequate Japanese skill in order to understand classes or conduct research in Japanese.
5. Students must have GPA 3.0 or above in a 4.0 scale for their completed undergraduate study at their home university.
6. Students should have the basic knowledge and skills required for the classes they wish to take or conduct research at Kobe University.
7. Students are expected to maintain good relationships with local students and faculty members of our faculty/graduate school and its neighboring community. At the same time, they are able to contribute to the development of continued exchange between Faculty/Graduate School of Maritime Sciences, Kobe University and their home university after completing this program.

■ Application Procedures

1. Application and selection at your university

For more detail, please contact the international office at your home university.

2. [Apply for the exchange program through your home university.](#)

* Application deadlines

For Spring Semester Enrollment (April – September) : November 1st

For Fall Semester Enrollment (October – March) : May 1st

* Required Documents

- Application Form 《Prescribed Form》
- Study Plan & Statement of Purpose to Study Abroad 《Prescribed Form》
- Certificate of Enrollment **(English version)**
- Original Academic Transcript **(English version)**
- Certificate of Japanese Language Skill (Undergraduate students)
- Certificate of Japanese/English Language skill (Graduate students)
- Application for Certificate of Eligibility (COE) 《Prescribed Form》

*Please fill out page 1 through 3 only.

Financial Statement

*Financial Statement is a very important document for COE screening. Please submit the documents that will prove the “Method of support to meet the expenses while in Japan (Section 26 of Application for COE)”. Supporting documents may be:

- 1) Latest bank statement (more than 1,200,000 yen balance for 1 year stay at Kobe University as an exchange student) and a copy of the latest bank passbook
- 2) A Certificate of employment of your financial supporter plus a certificate of his/her annual income

Photo data (JPEG or PDF file) for COE application

A copy of your passport

3. Acceptance

After we receive the application documents from your university, it will be deliberated upon. If accepted, you will be informed within 2 months.

Kobe University will apply for your COE by proxy. It will be issued within 2 months after submission. (We cannot guarantee 100% successful result of COE assessment, but most cases it has been successful.)

4. Send the Acceptance Package

- Official Acceptance Letter
- COE (Certificate of Eligibility)
- Arrival Information Form, etc...

5. Apply for College Student Visa at a Japanese Embassy/Consulate in your home country.

6. Preparation for coming to Kobe & Arrival

■ Scholarships (There is no guarantee that you can receive the scholarship!)

1. “STUDENT EXCHANGE SUPPORT PROGRAM (Scholarship for short-term study)

This scholarship is available for qualified international students accepted by Japanese universities or graduate schools under the student exchange agreement on a short-term (three months to one year) basis.

Students will be provided the following amount in Japanese yen (*As of 2023) :

1. Monthly stipend: ¥80,000 per month (up to 11 months)

Please refer to the following JASSO website for details:

[日本留学のための奨学金 | JASSO](#)

This selection is done in two stages. In the first stage, Kobe University applies to JASSO based on the yearly plan of incoming students, and wait for a notice of scholarship quota. The second stage involves reviewing and selection of students by Kobe University from the submitted applications.

Students who wish to apply for this scholarship must submit the application form when applying for international student exchange program. 《Prescribed Form》

2. HUMAP

HUMAP (Hyogo University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific) is an international intercollegiate exchange program between universities in the Hyogo region of Japan and the rest of the Asia Pacific region.

Eligibility: Students from HUMAP member universities

Duration: 6 months to 1 year

Students will be provided the following amount in Japanese yen (*As of 2022) :

1. Monthly stipend: ¥80,000 per month (up to 12 months)

Selection process is the same as JASSO scholarship above.

Students who wish to apply for this scholarship must submit the application form when applying for international student exchange program. 《Prescribed Form》

Please refer to the following HUMAP website for details:

[Hyogo University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific \(hyogo-humap.jp\)](#)

■ Accommodation

Although exchange students are given priority for room allocations in the university residential facilities, there is no guarantee. In addition, please note that the room type will be single only and you cannot choose a residence.

■ Address

Please send the application documents to the following address.

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