



【J. F. Oberlin University】 Program Information and Application Guideline for Semester Exchange Program

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■ Dates and Deadlines for the Spring Term 2027

- Nomination period (by study abroad advisors): **1st October, 2026 ~ 30th October, 2026 (JST)**
- Online application deadline (by students): **1st October 2026 ~ 10th November, 2026 (JST)**

 **Please note that November 10 is the final deadline for applications.** To allow sufficient time for us to review and verify the submitted information and documents, students are requested to complete their initial submission **at least two weeks before the final deadline.** Please do not wait until November 10 to submit your application.

Applications that remain incomplete after November 10 will not be accepted. Students who need to apply for or renew their passports are also advised to do so as soon as possible to ensure that all required documents are submitted by the deadline.

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Application Process



※ The process can be initiated after 1st October 2026.

1. Click [here](#) to create your online account, then apply for the program (Choose 「2027 Spring Reconnaissance Japan Program (exchange)」)

? You can check your application number on the top right corner once you start the application. In case you have any inquiries, **title your email with the application number (e.g. R2027S-0000)** and send it to <inbound@obirin.ac.jp.>

※ Our staff will contact all applicants by mid November, so we are unable to respond to inquiries regarding progress checks or application results until then. Rest assured that we will not decline applications without prior notification for correction requests.

*Please refer to the following instruction if you have any problems applying for the program.

 RJ Application Instruction(last update2024-03-25) .pdf 1415.2KB

2. Prepare and submit the required documents for the application

🔥 In the past years, there were many students' applications which were cancelled due to their late submission of the following documents.
Please make sure to prepare the documents **at least 3 weeks before the deadline.**

- Passport
- Certificate of Guarantor's annual income (written in English)
- Medical Forms & Immunization Form

💡 Starting from application for 2026 Spring semester, we no longer require the submission of Immunization Record.

However, **we strongly recommend students receiving the MR vaccine before entering Japan.**

- ▶ Required Documents (A total of 10-12 items)
- ▶ Fees you need to prepare

3. Finish payment of the Registration Fee.

- ▶ ⚠️ If you are from the following universities, please do NOT finish the payment since your school will pay for you. (You can skip this payment process.) ⚠️

Students, including those from our partner schools, have to pay the Registration Fee (this is not Student Service Fee) i.e. 30,000yen. Payment can be made once the application is started.

✖️ **If the payment has not been finished, CoA (Certificate of Admission) will NOT be issued.**

✖️ **Fees once paid are not returnable/refundable even before the cancellation deadline.**

- ▶ ⚠️ Cancellation before the cancellation deadline

4. If your application is successful, you will receive the admission letter (Certificate of Admission) from JFOU.
※ Regardless of whether the application documents have been completed, our staff will contact you by mid November, so we are unable to respond to inquiries regarding progress checks or application results until then. Rest assured that we will not decline applications without prior notification for correction requests.
5. Finish payment of the Student Service Fee (and Tuition Fee if applicable).
 - ▶  If you are from the following universities, please do NOT finish the payment since your school will pay for you. (You can skip this payment process.) 
 - a. Student Service Fee

Apart from the Registration Fee as mentioned above, students, including those from our partner schools, also have to pay the Student Service Fee (this is not Registration Fee) i.e. 30,000yen. Payment can be made after the COA (step 5) is issued, and students will receive notification regarding this matter.

If the payment has not been finished, CoE (Certificate of Eligibility for Status of Residence, the document needed for VISA application) will NOT be issued.

※ Fees once paid are not returnable/refundable after the cancellation deadline (check here for the date).
 - b. Tuition Fee

Tuition Fee is fully waived or partially waived for students from our partner schools. Typically, fee-paying students are required to pay the full tuition.
7. Procedures required before you arrival in Japan will be shared with you along with the admission letter.
8. CoE (Certificate of Eligibility) will be sent to you **by email** so that you can apply for a student visa through your Japanese embassy or consulate. You will also receive a link to a page where you can check the important dates and tasks before arriving in Japan.

9. Upload your flight plans on [this form](#) four weeks before departure.

***You should buy a flight ticket only AFTER knowing your CoE has been mailed to you.** This is because there are chances that your CoE will not be received as scheduled. Although we assume to have your CoE before one month before your departure, it actually all depends on the immigration office that they may need more time to examine your application. If you would still like to purchase in advance for any reason, you could do it at your

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March, 2027. There will be a pick-up service provided that day and the details are to be announced.

A campaign involving our exchange and Japanese