

Application Information for Exchange Program at Kanagawa University 2027

Kanagawa University invites applications from students at its partner institutions for the Exchange Program as follows:

1. Kanagawa University Student Exchange Program

The Exchange Program is intended for students who wish to study at Kanagawa University for the purpose of committing to their studies whose primary objective is to earn academic credits for undergraduate and graduate school (subject study path, as explained below) exchange students and the appropriate conduct of research activities for graduate school (research focus path, as explained below) exchange students. Subjects are offered in either Japanese or English. Applicants must submit proof of Japanese and/or English language proficiency depending on the language(s) in which they intend to take subjects. Applicants who intend to take subjects taught in both Japanese and English must submit proof of proficiency in both languages. Please refer to “6. How to Apply/Application Materials” for details.

Exchange students from partner institutions are affiliated with a faculty or graduate school at Kanagawa University, and pursue their studies and/or research according to the following. However, the maximum number of subjects that can be taken in the affiliated faculty or graduate school will depend on the maximum credit for each semester stipulated by that faculty/graduate school.

Maximum number of credits in each semester for each faculty or graduate school□

<https://kanagawa-u.box.com/s/rpcjav0vrzy1s3iq73bq764785w4bg9d>

- Undergraduates: Students are expected to focus on study subjects in the field of the department/faculty to which they belong, Japanese language subjects and subjects related to Japan (there are some subjects, such as seminar subjects, for which exchange students may not be able to register).
- Graduate students: Students belonging to a graduate school choose one of the two paths mentioned below in **【Paths for Graduate School Exchange Students】** in accordance with the purpose of their exchange. They must carefully check the requirements of their home university before choosing their path on the application form. However, if the graduate school that a student wishes to belong to for the subject study path is not one that accepts students for the subject study path, then the student must either choose another graduate school or belong to an undergraduate faculty instead. If a graduate student belongs to an undergraduate faculty, they will be subject to the same conditions regarding subject selection as an undergraduate student.

【Paths for Graduate School Exchange Students】

There are 2 paths for graduate school exchange students as follows. Graduate school exchange students are to select their preferred path in application format① Kanagawa University and Kanagawa University Graduation School Exchange Student Application (Forms) and application format⑧ Study Plan/Research Plan. As the path for which a graduate school exchange student selects in application format① Kanagawa University and Kanagawa University Graduation School Exchange Student Application (Forms) will be deemed the official selection, students are requested to ensure they read the conditions carefully and make

the correct path selection.

- **Subject Study Path** (for exchange students who wish to take Japanese language subjects, subjects related to Japan and a wide range of specialist subjects, rather than primarily conducting research in their major field)
 - Although students are affiliated with a graduate school, they are permitted to take subjects at undergraduate and graduate level. However, they are required to take at least 6 subjects per semester including at least 1 subject in the graduate school to which they belong.
 - No research supervisor will be assigned to such students.
 - In the case that the graduate school a student wishes to enroll in does not accept “Subject Study Path” exchange students, then the student must either choose another graduate school or belong to an undergraduate faculty instead.
- **Research Focus Path** (for exchange students who wish to focus on conducting research activities in their major field)
 - A student will be accepted if the graduate school to which the applicant has applied is able to assign a research supervisor based on the submitted Research Plan. Even if the research plan proposed by the applicant matches the fields of expertise of faculty members, admission may still not be possible if no faculty member is available to supervise an exchange student. In such cases, the application may be declined, or the applicant may be asked to revise the proposed research plan.
 - At the conclusion of their exchange, the student must submit a report outlining the results of their research.
 - The student must enroll in at least 1 subject in the graduate school to which they belong.

As a research supervisor must be assigned for graduate exchange students applying for the Research Focus Path, applicants are requested to describe their study/research plan in Application Form⑧ Study Plan/ Research Plan in as much detail as possible. For the research supervisor that the applicant wishes to provide supervision, the applicant is requested to please refer to the below URL before entering a name. As there is a possibility that an exchange will not be accepted if the study area does not match, the student is requested to ensure that a supervisor who has matching research/educational interests is selected.

<http://kenkyu.kanagawa-u.ac.jp/kuhp/KgApp>

<List of Possibility of Acceptance for Subject Study Path or Research Focus Path in Each Graduate School>

Name of Graduate School	Possibility of Acceptance for Subject Study Path or Research Focus Path
Law	Either possible
Economics	Either possible
Business Administration	Either possible
Humanities	Only research focus path possible
Human Sciences	Either possible
Integrative Science and Engineering ※Scheduled to be established in AY2027	Only research focus path possible
History and Folklore Studies	Either possible

2. Period of Student Exchange

The exchange period at Kanagawa University is for one semester or one year. First Semester is from April to July and Second Semester is from September to January the following year and it is possible to start the program in either April or September.

As most of the classes run for a semester only, it is possible to begin the exchange in September or conduct the exchange for only one semester but in this case, it is not possible to take any of the few classes that start in April and run for two semesters. Changes to the period of study after application are not accepted in principle, so applicants are requested to please confirm the period before applying.

3. Contact Information and Application Inquires

Website URL	https://www.kanagawa-u.ac.jp/international/welcome/exchange/
Address	International Center, Kanagawa University (hereinafter "International Center"), 4-5-3 Minato Mirai, Nishi-ku, Yokohama, Japan 220-8739 Tel: +81-(0)45-664-3770 Fax: +81-(0)45-481-6011 Email: intl-application@kanagawa-u.ac.jp ※For any questions prior to application, applicants are requested to please first check with their home university. ※Before sending an email inquiry, applicants are requested to read this Application Information carefully once again.

4. Timeline for Admission and Academic Schedule

Applicants will be informed of the exact academic calendar after they have been accepted. Please note that the schedule is subject to change.

	Study Abroad from First (Spring) Semester (April 2027)	Study Abroad from Second (Autumn) Semester (Sep 2027)
① Home University Online Nomination Period	Sep 1 to Sep 30, 2026	Feb 1 to Feb 28, 2027
② Online Application Period (※Only those applications by students who have been nominated by their home university in ① will be accepted. Ensure submission of all application materials within this period. In the case that full application submission is not completed, in principle the application will not be accepted.)	Sep 1 to Oct 5, 2026	Feb 1 to Mar 5, 2027
③ Notification of Acceptance; Information regarding orientation etc.	Early Dec, 2026	Early Jun, 2027
④ Japanese Language Online Placement Test ※Applicable students will be contacted separately	In two rounds: Early to Mid December 2026 and Late January to Early February 2027	In two rounds: Early to Mid June 2027 and Late July to Early August 2027

※Students who do not meet the required standard will not be permitted to register for Japanese language subjects.		
⑤ Release of Certificate of Eligibility (COE) by email	Late Jan to Late Feb, 2027	Late Jun to Late Jul, 2027
⑥ Online Orientation (Meeting Buddies etc.)	Mid Mar, 2027	Late Aug, 2027
⑦ Arrival in Japan	Mid Mar, 2027	Early Sep, 2027
⑧ Orientation, Subject Consultation Session with Academic Advisors, Subject Selection	Late Mar to Early Apr, 2027	Early to Mid Sep, 2027
⑨ Classes begin	1 st week of Apr, 2027	3 rd week of Sep, 2027
⑩ Classes end	Mid Jul, 2027	Mid Jan, 2028
⑪ Completion Ceremony ※	Mid to late Jul, 2027	Mid to late Jan, 2028
⑫ End Term Examinations ※	Late Jul, 2027	Late Jan, 2028

5. Eligibility

In order to apply for the exchange program, a potential applicant must:

- (1) be an undergraduate or graduate student at one of the partner institutions of Kanagawa University and recommended by the institution;
- (2) be able, in principle, to participate in all scheduled programs from the beginning of the orientation until the conclusion of the Completion Ceremony and end term examinations (arrival in Japan after orientation or leaving Japan before the Completion Ceremony and/or completion of any end term examinations is not permitted) ※See dates marked with ※ in table 4 above;
- (3) at the time of commencing exchange at Kanagawa University, have studied for at least one year (two semesters) at the home university (partner institution) in the case of undergraduate students and at least half a year (one semester) for graduate school students;
 ※Some partner universities require 2 years or more, so potential applicants are asked to please be sure to check with the people responsible at their home university regarding its requirements.
- (4) agree to strictly follow the rules of Kanagawa University and the contents outlined in the Pledge and Consent Form for Exchange Students;
- (5) possess the language proficiency listed below:

Faculty/Graduate School			Language Proficiency
Undergraduate (Faculty)	Yokohama Campus	- Law - Economics - Human Sciences - Science - Architecture and Building Engineering - Chemistry and Biochemistry - Informatics	Japanese proficiency equivalent to N2 or above of Japanese-Language Proficiency Test

		- Engineering	Japanese proficiency equivalent to N2 or above of Japanese-Language Proficiency Test * On the other hand, students who wish to take subjects in the EMI Program must have N3 or above of Japanese-Language Proficiency Test and English proficiency sufficient for taking subjects (equivalent to CEFR B1 level).
	Minato Mirai Campus	- Foreign Languages - Cross-Cultural and Japanese Studies (Departments of Japanese Cultures and of History and Folklore Studies)	Japanese proficiency equivalent to N2 or above of Japanese-Language Proficiency Test
		- Business Administration - Cross-Cultural and Japanese Studies (Department of Cross-Cultural Studies)	Japanese proficiency equivalent to N2 or above of Japanese-Language Proficiency Test, or English proficiency sufficient for taking subjects (equivalent to CEFR B1 level)
Postgraduate (Graduate School)	Yokohama Campus	- Law - Human Sciences - History and Folklore Studies	Japanese proficiency equivalent to N2 or above of Japanese-Language Proficiency Test
		- Economics	Japanese proficiency equivalent to N2 or above of Japanese-Language Proficiency Test However, if a student wishes to receive academic supervision in English, please refer to ※2 below this table.
		- Integrative Science and Engineering	Japanese proficiency equivalent to N2 or above of Japanese-Language Proficiency Test or English proficiency sufficient for taking subjects, and/or conducting research (equivalent to CEFR B1 level) .Please refer to ※3 below this table.
	Minato Mirai Campus	- Business Administration - Humanities	Japanese proficiency equivalent to N2 or above of Japanese-Language Proficiency Test or English proficiency sufficient for taking subjects, and/or conducting research in preferred study area (equivalent to CEFR B1 level)

- ※1 Even if an applicant has not taken the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), an application may be accepted if the Kanagawa University Japanese Language Ability Assessment Form is submitted and certifies that the applicant has Japanese language proficiency equivalent to the respective requirement or above. However, there may be restrictions on registration for Japanese language subjects.
- ※2 With regard to the Graduate School of Economics, applications for conducting study in English may be accepted in some cases if there has been prior agreement by a faculty member to provide academic supervision. Please ask for further details.
- ※3 With regard to the Graduate School of Integrative Science and Engineering, applications for conducting study in English are only accepted in the case where there has been prior agreement by a faculty member to provide academic supervision.

6. How to Apply/Application Materials

<How to Apply>

Applicants must obtain prior formal approval from the relevant office at their home institution and, within the application period, complete the online application form① Kanagawa University and Kanagawa University Graduate School Exchange Student Application (Forms) and submit all required application materials. In principle, applications will not be accepted unless all required materials are submitted within the application period. Kanagawa University will send the designated formats and submission instructions by e-mail to applicants who have been nominated online by a partner institution.

After the application has been submitted, acknowledgement of receipt will be sent to the applicant. Applicants may be asked to confirm the information provided in their application and/or revise their application documents. Also, applicants may be asked to change their preferred faculty, department, or graduate school after a review of their proposed subjects and/or research plans.

<Application Materials>

All documents must be prepared in Japanese or English, according to the primary language in which the applicant intends to pursue their studies or research. A translation of each document, in Japanese or English as appropriate, must be attached along with the original if any documents are prepared in other languages. Since 2023, applicants are no longer asked to post original documents. However, when Kanagawa University applies for a Certificate of Eligibility, the Immigration Services Agency of Japan may require the original copies of certain documents. Applicants may therefore be asked to send the original documents by post and must keep them in a safe place. If original documents are requested, they must be sent by a trackable delivery method. Please note that application documents will not be returned after submission.

How to Apply	Application Materials		Format	Deadline
Online Application	①	Kanagawa University and Kanagawa University Graduate School Exchange Student Application (Forms)	fixed	Online application deadline 【First Semester from April 2027】 By 5th October, 2026 【Second Semester from September 2027】 By 5th March, 2027
	②	Official Certificate of Student Enrollment/Registration issued by Home Institution	—	
	③	Official Academic Transcripts issued by Home Institution	—	
	④	Application for Certificate of Eligibility (COE)	fixed	

	⑤	Official Bank Balance Certificate under the name of Payer of Expenses	—	• After application, the International Center will contact applicants with a confirmation of receipt.
	⑥	【Required only for graduate school research focus path students】 Letter of Recommendation ※ Written by a person who knows the applicant well	—	
	⑦	Copy of score or pass/fail report of results for language proficiency test 【For those registering for subjects conducted in Japanese】 • Copy of Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) results • (For those who have not sat the JLPT or those who have N3 level or below) Kanagawa University Japanese Language Ability Assessment Form 【For those registering for subjects conducted in English】 • Copy of score or pass/fail report of results for English language proficiency test (Cambridge, STEP Eiken, GTEC, IELTS, TEAP, TOEFL iBT®, TOEIC®L&R etc.) • (For those who have not sat an English proficiency test or those who have a level below CEFR B1) Kanagawa University English Language Ability Assessment Form ※The submitted test score or result must be from a test taken within two years of the application date. ※Applicants who intend, or may potentially intend, to take subjects taught in both Japanese and English must submit proof of proficiency in both languages. ※ Please refer here for a calculation of CEFR level standards for different proficiency tests	— Fixed — Fixed	

		https://www.mext.go.jp/b_menu/shingi/chousa/koutou/091/gijiroku/icsFiles/fieldfile/2018/07/27/1407616_003.pdf ※ Students from partner institutions where English is an official language are not required to submit proof of English proficiency.		
	⑧	Study Plan/Research Plan	Fixed	
	⑨	Photocopy of valid passport	—	
	⑩	ID photo (3cm×4cm) ※Must be a photo taken within one month of the application date		

※ Students who are accepted into the exchange program will be required to submit a Certificate of Physical Condition using the form designated by Kanagawa University. Further details will be provided at a later date to the students concerned.

※ Some students from designated countries/regions are required by the Japanese government to undergo pre-entry tuberculosis (TB) screening and submit a health test report or TB Clear Certificate before traveling to Japan. Detailed instructions will be provided later to students who are subject to this requirement.

※ Applicants for the Course of Architecture and Building Engineering, Graduate School of Integrative Science and Engineering must submit the following additional material (applicants for the Faculty of Architecture and Building Engineering may also submit one if they wish to do so):

Online Application	⑪	Portfolio (Maximum of 15 pages)	—	Deadline: Same as above
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※ For students with citizenship of countries with strict entry evaluation (as designated by Immigration Services Agency of Japan), in the case where the Payer of Expenses is not the Applicant, the following documents should also be submitted (ask for details if necessary).

Online Application	⑫	Affidavit of a Payer of Expenses	Fixed	Deadline: Same as above
	⑬	Notarized Certificate of Family Relationships	—	

7. Other

<Student Visa(Certificate of Eligibility)>

Kanagawa University will, on behalf of exchange students, apply to the Immigration Services Agency of Japan for the Certificate of Eligibility (COE).

As soon as the COE is issued, it will be sent in digital form directly to the applicant so after receiving the COE, the applicant is required to immediately go to their local Japanese Embassy or Consulate in order to apply for a student visa. Details will be explained in the Handbook for Exchange Students provided to successful applicants.

<Student Accommodation and Homestay>

Kanagawa University has accommodation for exchange students and can also introduce agencies for homestays and the like. Please apply during the online application process. Details will be explained in the Handbook for Exchange Students.

<Subject Selection>

Undergraduate exchange students along with graduate exchange students who select the Subject Study Path must take at least 6 subjects in each semester (1 subject = 100 minutes per week, at least 600 minutes per week in total) in order to satisfy the requirements for their student visa. In addition, students are expected to focus on specialized subjects offered by their affiliated undergraduate department/faculty or course/graduate school.

This requirement does not apply to graduate exchange students in the research focus path, as they are expected to spend more time on research activities. However, such students are required to register for at least 1 subject offered by their affiliated graduate school. In addition, the total amount of time spent on study and research activities must be at least 10 hours per week.

When planning a study program, applicants are requested to refer to the website below for further information on subject registration.

•Syllabus

<https://webstation-koukai.kanagawa-u.ac.jp/>

※If the number of students exceeds the class capacity, a lottery will be conducted . As a result, students may not be able to register for all of their preferred subjects. Potential exchange students must ensure that any credits required for graduation are earned at their home institution and should not be earned at Kanagawa University.

•Subjects Conducted in English

<https://www.kanagawa-u.ac.jp/international/welcome/exchange/>

Refer to the excel file called “英語による開講科目一覧 Subjects Conducted in English”

※The Subjects Conducted in English file is for reference and there is a possibility that a subject will not be held in the semester when the exchange student conducts their exchange.

<Scholarships>

Kanagawa University offers the Yoneda Yoshimori Education Scholarship for exchange students from partner institutions for whom the below application qualifications and grant conditions are satisfied.

• Undergraduate or graduate students of a partner institution, who are being accepted as exchange students in Kanagawa University or Kanagawa University Graduate School, have excellent academic record and character and satisfy all of the grant conditions 1-3 below, may be recommended as candidates for the scholarship by their home institution during the online nomination process. However, the number of students who may be recommended by a partner institution will be limited to one student per semester, regardless of whether they are an undergraduate or graduate school student.

1. The Grade Point Average (GPA) up to the most recent semester of the applicant is 2.3 (on a scale of 3).

※If the partner institution does not use a scale of 3 GPA system, Kanagawa University will make the calculation in accordance with the method stipulated for the “Student Exchange Support Program (Scholarship for Short-Term Study in Japan)” by the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO). Potential applicants should confirm with their home institution whether they satisfy this requirement. (Please refer here for the conversion calculation formula: <https://kanagawa-u.box.com/s/gw3fsmi7myqzso4x9xqrp7m8fym2tjjq>)

2. Support is necessary for economic reasons.

※Please submit a letter of recommendation that includes details indicating the need for financial assistance for financial reasons.

Even if the home institution of an applicant has deemed the applicant to have sufficient funds for study abroad or they will receive sufficient financial support from other sources such as their home institution or country, if the person responsible at the partner institution wishes to nominate the student for the scholarship, the application will be accepted.

3. Applicants must be enrolled at a partner institution located in a country or region designated by Kanagawa University. However, this requirement does not apply to students in the second year or above of a master's program (at the start of the study abroad period) or to students enrolled in a doctoral program (at the start of the study abroad period) who are applying for the graduate school research focus path.

■ Countries and Regions Designated by Kanagawa University

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(Note)

- (When nominating more than one student from a partner institution for the same semester)
- *Multiple students cannot be recommended as scholarship recipients for the same semester. Please recommend only one student who meets the above scholarship conditions. Based on the concept of “providing continuous support to scholarship recipients until the completion of their study abroad,” the partner institution cannot recommend the next student for the scholarship until the current scholarship recipient has completed their study abroad.
- *Scholarships for one student may not be divided and awarded to more than one student.
- *The maximum number of scholarship nominees is “one student per semester” per partner institution. Please note that this does not mean “one student per nomination.”

For example, if a student who studied in First Semester 2027 will continue to study in Second Semester 2027, and another student is to be nominated for study abroad for six months in Second Semester 2027, the total number of exchange students in Second Semester 2027 will be two students. In such a case, it is the student who was recommended first who can be recommended as a scholarship recipient, not both the continuing student and the new student.

Example of 1 person/semester	2027 First Semester	2027 Second Semester
Student 1 (1 year of study abroad)		
Student 2 (6 months of study abroad)		

■ Amount of Scholarship Grant: 80,000 Japanese yen per month (For AY 2027 intake)

* This amount may be revised from the next academic year.

■ Period of Grant Payment:

【In case of beginning in April】

- For 1 semester exchanges: April – July (4 months)
- For 1 year exchanges April – January the following year (10 months)

【In case of beginning in September】

- For 1 semester exchanges: October – January the following year (4 months)
- For 1 year exchanges: October – July the following year (10 months)

- ※ There may be cases in which applicants are not selected for the scholarship as a result of the screening.
- ※ In the case of a one year exchange, eligibility for the scholarship for the second semester will be determined after the completion of the first semester, based on whether the student's academic performance in their first

semester meets Kanagawa University's requirements and whether the student's attendance rate is approximately 80% or higher.

- ※ In the case of research focus path graduate students, the research supervisor will confirm the first semester research activities as the basis for evaluating the scholarship for the second semester of study.
- ※ If grades or attendance are found to be extremely poor after the completion of the exchange, there may be cases where return of the scholarship funds is required.

<Security Export Control and Research Activities>

Kanagawa University implements strict security export control according to the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act. Students who are enrolled in Kanagawa University as exchange students are required to comply with the various rules put in place by Kanagawa University regarding security export control when conducting research, studies, and other activities.

<Support for Students with Disabilities and/or Health Conditions>

Applicants who require academic accommodations for their studies due to disabilities (including developmental issues, the use of magnification aids, hearing aids, wheelchair etc.) or medical conditions that require support or consideration are requested to have the coordinator at their home institution contact the International Center by e-mail during the online nomination period. A form for academic accommodations will then be provided. After the form has been submitted, Kanagawa University will review and consider the requested academic accommodations and notify the coordinator at the home institution of the outcome in writing. If there is no prior application or the application/inquiry is made after the nomination period, the requested academic accommodations may not be available.

If academic accommodations become necessary after the application has been made due to an unforeseen accident or other circumstances, the coordinator at the home institution should notify the International Center as soon as possible.

- ※Prior application in this regard will have no effect on whether or not the exchange application is accepted.
- ※Although Kanagawa University aims to provide an environment where people with disabilities are able to operate smoothly without obstacle, some facilities and buildings are not yet fully accessible.
- ※Applicants are asked to refer to the Kanagawa University Guidelines on Support for Students with Disabilities.

Japanese: https://www.kanagawa-u.ac.jp/campuslife/support/difficulty_support/pdf/01.pdf

English: https://www.kanagawa-u.ac.jp/campuslife/support/difficulty_support/pdf/01_eng.pdf