

RESEARCH AT KYOTO UNIVERSITY

1. Visas and Status of Residence

International researchers will need to apply for a Japanese visa. The type of visa necessary will depend on the activity type and/or length of stay. The application for the visa should be made at the Japanese Embassy/Consulate in the researcher's home country.

Most visa applications, aside from those for Temporary Visitor's visas, will require a "Certificate of Eligibility" issued by the Immigration Bureau of the Ministry of Justice. A hosting university or company can apply for the Certificate of Eligibility as the applicant's proxy.

Consult a host professor once your travel to Japan has been finalized.

Status of Residence for Kyoto University International Researchers

International researchers visiting Kyoto University are usually able to enter and stay in Japan with one of the following three status of residence types: "Professor" "Cultural Activities" or "Temporary Visitor." Researchers who will be applying for the "Professor" or "Cultural Activities" status of residence may be required to obtain the Certificate of Eligibility through Kyoto University in advance.

2. Insurance

Medical expenses can be costly without insurance. Contact your insurance agency to ask about overseas accident and health coverage. If the insurance policy does not cover overseas medical costs, we recommend enrollment in an overseas travel accident insurance policy before coming to Japan.

Researchers who stay in Japan longer than one year must enroll in a Japanese medical insurance scheme.

For further details refer to the
"KU Handbook for International Researchers"
www.opir.kyoto-u.ac.jp/e/information.html



COMMON INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND RESEARCHERS (1)

Accommodation

Kyoto University has three accommodation facilities for international students and researchers, known as the Kyoto University International Houses, located at the Shugakuin, Uji and Ohbaku regions.

For international students, the move-in periods for the International Houses are April and October. Applications will be accepted in January and July (three months prior to move-in). The tenancy period for students is either one year or six months, and may not be extended in either case. Those who are interested should consult with their faculty/graduate offices in advance regarding application procedures.

For international researchers, application for the International Houses must be made up to four months in advance of the intended move-in month through the researcher's host professor or a staff member of the office to which the researcher belongs. The tenancy period for researchers should not be less than one month nor exceed one year. Extensions will not be granted. Please consult with a host professor about housing in Japan before arrival.

Details at: www.opir.kyoto-u.ac.jp/e/ihouse.html

The number of rooms available and length of tenancy of the Kyoto University International Houses are limited. Many of international students and researchers choose to live in private housing such as private apartments.