

Research Students 【Non-Regular Students】

Those who wish to study in the graduate schools, or who wish to do research at one of the institutes or centers, may apply for the status of research student [*kenkyusei*].

To qualify for research student status, the applicant must search for, and contact an advisor in the faculty, graduate school, institute or center of his or her choice using the website, and then receive advisor's approval. Please choose a prospective academic advisor through our official websites and contact them via email. If the advisor's contact information is not available on the websites, please contact the administration office of the faculty or graduate school to which he or she belongs, mentioning the advisor's name. After this, the applicant must submit an admission form and the necessary documents. For further information, please direct your inquiries to the relevant administration offices.

Research students are not eligible for degrees.

- ❑ **Kyoto University “Faculties, Graduate Schools, Research Institutes, and Other Centers”**
<https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/about/profile/faculty>
- ❑ **Kyoto University “Activity Database on Education and Research”**: http://kyouindb.iimc.kyoto-u.ac.jp/view/index_e.html
- ❑ **Kyoto University “Research Information Repository”**: <http://repository.kulib.kyoto-u.ac.jp/dspace/?locale=en>

Applicants who graduated from universities in Mainland China, Hong Kong, or Taiwan, and who intend to apply for the status of a research student, master's degree student, doctoral degree student, or professional degree student are advised to begin the AAO application procedure prior to beginning the graduate admissions process. For further details, please refer to the following link:

- ❑ **中国大陆、香港及台湾的大学毕业生的入学指南**
(Simplified Chinese) <http://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/zh-cn/education-campus/international/students1/aao.html>
(Traditional Chinese) <http://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/zh-tw/education-campus/international/students1/aao.html>

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Outline of Exchange Programs at Kyoto University

There are two types of exchange program for students whose institutions of affiliation have a university-level student exchange agreement with Kyoto University. Both programs accept students for one semester (six months) or for two semesters (twelve months). Each year in December and July, Kyoto University sends the application guide for both programs to all partner universities. Applications should be submitted to Kyoto University through the international office of applicant's home institution. Application submitted directly by students will not be accepted. The application deadlines are in September (to start in April of the following year) and February (to start in October of the same year).

① Kyoto University International Education Program (KUINEP)

This program enables undergraduates from partner universities to take courses taught in English. KUINEP students are required to take at least six courses each semester (without counting the Japanese language classes mentioned below) from among the courses offered in English by the Institute for Liberal Arts and Sciences. However, one or two courses can be replaced by courses offered by undergraduate faculties (in English or in Japanese), provided the lecturer of the course(s) give permission.

② Kyoto University General Exchange (GE) Program (GEA · GESR)

In this program, students choose all or most of their courses from those offered by their own undergraduate faculty or graduate school (as a Special Auditor [GEA]) or pursue their own research under the instruction of academic supervisors without taking any courses lectured in classrooms (as a Special Research Student [GESR]). GEA students must take a minimum of six courses per semester for undergraduates, and four courses per semester for graduate students (without counting the Japanese language classes mentioned below). Since most of the courses offered by the university's faculties and graduate schools are taught in Japanese, GEA students will most likely require Japanese proficiency. However, if a GEA student only takes courses lectured in English, then only English proficiency is required. GESR students do not need Japanese proficiency if their supervisor can provide guidance in another language. The GESR option is only available to graduate students.

Japanese Language Study

Both KUINEP and General Exchange (GE) Program students are eligible to take Japanese language courses offered by the Education Center for Japanese Language and Culture of the Institute for Liberal Arts and Sciences (ILAS). Both credit-bearing courses in the regular curriculum and non-credit-bearing courses that are not included in the regular curriculum are provided. GESR students can take non-credit-bearing courses only, while GEA students can take either type. Evaluation for credit-bearing Japanese language courses will be recorded in the student's official transcript, and two official credits will be conferred for each course (as described on p. 23 under “Studying Japanese”).

- ❑ **Kyoto University “Exchange Students”**
<https://u.kyoto-u.jp/exchange>
- ❑ **Kyoto University “University-level student exchange partners”**
<https://u.kyoto-u.jp/partners>