



2022-23 Winter J-ShIP Program Guideline

Please understand they are subject to change due to COVID-19.

In January 2023, Osaka University will resume J-ShIP as an on-site program at Osaka for our partner institutions. Due to some fundamental institutional changes in a last couple of years, surrounding Center for International Education and Exchange (CIEE), which runs J-ShIP in the last decade, Osaka University CIEE decides to establish a new academic partnership with Japanese Language Institute, Kansai Kokusai Center (JFKC) which is a purposefully designed an accommodation training institute for learning Japanese founded by Japan Foundation. You may see some details of the institute if you visit the following URL (in Japanese). <https://www.jpfi.go.jp/j/kansai/index.html>

Under new partnership, students will enjoy academically meaningful lectures, beautiful accommodations and at the end, they will be rewarded by Osaka University certificates and transcripts, if their performances are good.

1) Program Period (Check-in – Check-out)

January 4 (Wed.), 2023 – January 31 (Tue.), 2023

** Please note that accommodation is ONLY available after the date of check-in, and before the date of check-out. If you arrive earlier and/or depart later than designated date, lodging arrangement will be your responsibility.*

Depends on which country you come from, you may need to enter Japan early due to quarantine period and other measures after entry into Japan (Japanese COVID-19 border measures). You may need to pay for accommodation during the quarantine period at your own expense. Please check the following URL for more details. The following information may change without notice, depending on the status of infections in Japan and overseas. Please check the information constantly.

<https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/covid-19/bordercontrol.html>

2) Applicants for Winter J-ShIP

The applicants are required positive and diligent commitment on this program with good time management skills in a new environment of Japan. This program is intended for students who have successfully completed two semesters of formal instructions of Japanese including the development of both oral and written skills or equivalent program or students who have passed JLPT N4. Students who have passed JLPT N3 are also eligible to apply.

3) General description of the program

Winter J-ShIP Program (Intermediate Japanese): 4 Credits

The purpose of this course is to establish a foundation for practical oral Japanese language skills by reviewing structures and vocabularies learned at the beginner level and using them in a variety of contexts. Emphasis will

also be placed on establishing the foundation of practical Japanese writing skills by learning the various structures and grammar necessary for logical explanation. At the end of the course, students are required to make a final presentation based on what they have learned. As classes will be conducted mainly in Japanese, students are expected to prepare lessons in advance. To reinforce learning, students are regularly given homework assignments such as worksheets and essays.

This level is appropriate for those who:

- are A2.1 users of Japanese in [CEFR scale](#)
- have successfully completed the beginner's course (for example, those who have completed texts such as “A New Approach to Elementary Japanese 2”, “Minna no Nihongo 2”, “Genki 2”, or “Yookoso 2”).
- can hold simple, everyday conversation and read and write simple sentences about familiar things.
- can comprehend Japanese when it is spoken slowly and clearly, but have trouble understanding Japanese at a normal rate of speed.
- can read about 200-300 kanji.

4) Enrollment Capacity

30 students (This program could be canceled if there are not enough applicants)

5) Visa

As of September 18, all participants are required to apply “short-term stay visa” before entering Japan, even those who are from countries listed as “Countries and Regions that have visa exemption arrangements with Japan.”

Please refer to the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan below:

http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/index.html

** If participants need any documents other than an invitation letter issued by Osaka University for your visa application, please let us know immediately.*

6) Insurance

All participants are required before arriving in Japan to take responsibility for obtaining overseas travelers' personal accident insurance that covers illness/injury/liability and any other accidental expenses including rescuer expenses upon your travel and during your stay in Japan.

7) Program fee: 210,000 JPY including;

- Tuition fee
- Accommodation at JFKC (Jan.4 to 31. 27 nights)
- Insurance fee for school activities.
** “Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research” (Gakkensai) for participants that covers during school activities and “Comprehensive insurance for students’ life coupled with Gakkensai” that covers indemnity liability during the program*
- Osaka University Student ID
- Application and enrollment fee
- Day trip/culture events (not including OPTIONAL field trip to Hiroshima)
- Welcome orientation and completion ceremony

- Program certificate and transcript (4 credits) issued by Osaka University
- * *Bank fee, such as remittance charge should be borne by each participant.*
- * *The fee must be paid by the designated due date indicated in 12), after you received a notification of acceptance and an invoice.*

[Cancellation policy]

A notice of cancellation or withdrawal from the program should be provided in writing. A cancellation fee may or may not be applied based on the following: (Remittance fees for refunds will be borne by the participants)

- If the cancellation is made before the payment deadline, no cancellation fee will be charged.
- A cancellation fee of 63,000JPY will be charged for cancellation on or after November 16, 2022.
- A cancellation fee of 126,000JPY will be charged for cancellation on or after December 14, 2022.
- Any fees having been paid to the program will not be refunded for cancellation on or after December 28, 2022.

8) Financial Support

In FY 2022, Osaka University successfully obtains certain amount of financial support for the J-ShIP program participants.

The JASSO grant of 80,000JPY might be awarded to the well academic qualified students. (Students who have a minimum GPA of 2.30 / 3.00 as calculated using JASSO's GPA calculation method, based on a transcript from the previous academic year.)

9) Accommodation

We will offer the accommodation at the Japan Foundation-Japanese Language Institute, Kansai Kokusai Center (JFKC) during the period of the program. Meals are not included in the program fees, but you can purchase breakfast, lunch and dinner inside the JFKC.

10) Due dates

[For Application]

* Please send your application with necessary documents via EMAIL

by **Tuesday, October 25, 2022**

- 1 . Application form
https://ciee.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/short-term_programs/short-stay_programs/jship_mateinfo/
- 2 . Latest one year of transcripts issued by your home university
- 3 . Passport copy (photo page only)
- 4 . Original copy of certificate of school enrollment
- 5 . Original copy of letter of recommendation from an exchange coordinator / international officer / Japanese language instructor

➤ Email: team-shortstay@ciee.osaka-u.ac.jp

11) **Announcement of Successful Applicant**

[Date of Announcement]

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

Based on the submitted application documents, the applicant will be evaluated.

Successful applicants will receive an “acceptance letter” and welcome pack by email.

Information/Materials to be submitted to Osaka University before starting the program

[For enrollment]

* After receiving a notification of acceptance and an invoice, please submit necessary materials for enrollment. We will announce for more details in welcome pack.

Electronically-based

- Copy of insurance certificate which confirms to cover your travel to and stay in Japan
- Copy of air-ticket (round-trip) with fixed flight schedule
 - *E-ticket is acceptable
- Student Health Form

Other document to be submitted at the orientation after arrival

- Pledge
- Consent Form for the Use of Photos and Videos

12) **For Payment the program fee**

*Please make a payment for program participation by **Tuesday, November 15, 2022**

13) **Other**

For specific inquiries regarding this program guideline, please contact us.

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