



2024-25 Winter J-ShIP Program Guideline

In January 2025, Osaka University will have a 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 established an 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. J-ShIP program takes place at JFKC, not at Osaka University, which is near the Kansai Airport and it takes approximately two hours by train from Osaka University. You may see some details of the institute if you visit the following URL.

<https://www.jpff.go.jp/e/kansai/>

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

Please visit the following URL about J-ShIP program.

https://ciee.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/short-term_programs/new-short-term-programs/

1) Program Period (Check-in – Check-out) 7 January (Tue.), 2025– 1 February (Sat.), 2025

** 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.*

2) Qualifications for Winter J-ShIP Applicants

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. The applicants must be students at their home university for the duration of the program.

3) General description of the program

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

This course aims to help students develop practical oral and written proficiency in Japanese equivalent that reaches B1 in CEFR scale or N3 in JLPT scale through activities such as discussions, speeches, and interviews on topics related to Japanese society and culture. 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.

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- (1) participate in discussions while expressing and exchanging opinions with explanations and reasons
- (2) interview others about the topic with consideration for others
- (3) give a coherent speech including their own experiences, impressions, and opinions based on a draft prepared in advance
- (4) explain what they understand from the specific texts and necessary information gained from charts and graphs, and
- (5) describe their experiences and opinions in some detail in connected texts.

The lesson plan for each week is as follows:

Week 1: Orientation, Understanding Japan, Discussion, Mini-Speech

Week 2: Orientation in Osaka, Interview (preparation), Understanding Japan, Discussion

Week 3: Mini speech, Interview (reflection and preparation), Interview and Discussion with Osaka University students

Week 4: Presentation

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

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

5) Visa

All participants are required to apply “short-term stay visa” before entering Japan, except for those who are from countries listed as “Countries or Regions for Visa Exemptions”. 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 (7 Jan. to 1 Feb. for 25 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 15 November, 2024.
- A cancellation fee of 126,000JPY will be charged for cancellation on or after 17 December, 2024.
- Any fees having been paid to the program will not be refunded for cancellation on or after 31 December, 2024.

8) Financial Support

In FY 2024, 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.) There is a limit on the number of scholarships, therefore it is not for all students.

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. Rooms are provided with an-suite bathroom and toilet, 1 hand towel, 1 bath towel, hair dryer. Shampoo, conditioner and soap are provided in quantities sufficient for two days. If you run out, you will need to provide your own. TV, safety deposit box, mini fridge, cups, plates and a small hot water boiler are also in the room. Wi-Fi access is available from each room.

https://www.jpf.go.jp/e/kansai/aboutus/pdf/information_e.pdf

10) Due Dates

[For Application]

* Please send your application with necessary documents via EMAIL by **Friday, 18 October, 2024.**

Documents should be submitted in English or Japanese.

1. Application form

https://ciee.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/short-term_programs/new-short-term-programs/latest-information/

2. Screenshot of Japanese level check test (Japanese Test for Course Recommendation)

https://www.marugoto-online.jp/info/level_check_test/?lang=eng

3. Latest one year (Academic Year 2023) of transcripts issued by your home university

4. Passport copy (photo page only)

5. Original copy of certificate of school enrollment

6. Original copy of letter of recommendation from an exchange coordinator /international officer / Japanese language instructor

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

11) Announcement of Successful Applicant

[Date of Announcement]

Tuesday, 5 November, 2024.

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 **Friday, 15 November, 2024.**

13) Optional trip *ADVANCED RESERVATION REQUIRED

We are planning to go on an optional tour to Hiroshima & Miyajima on 25-26 January (Saturday and Sunday). The cost of the trip will depend on the number of participants but will range from 35,000 to 40,000 yen. We will announce more details later. Please choose whether you wish to participate or not and fill in the application form.

(Travel fee can be more expensive depending on the number of participants)

Notes:

*One room will be shared by other students (3-5 students).

* This trip could be canceled if there are not enough participants.

14) Other

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

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