

Studying at the School of Engineering Science as an Exchange Student

(For Undergraduate Level)

The School of Engineering Science accepts international students who are currently enrolled in the schools where we have mutual interfaculty agreements as exchange students.

We offer an exchange program in which students engage in research activities in a laboratory, as well as a program in which students mainly take courses while also having the option to participate in some research activities.

If you wish to study at our school as an exchange student, please first find a suitable supervisor from whom you would like to receive research guidance, and then contact them or their laboratory through AAD to inquire about the possibility of your acceptance. After obtaining their approval, please receive a set of necessary documents through your supervisor.

1. FrontierLab Mini Program

Outline

In this program, each student will be assigned to a particular research group where they will do research under their supervisor's guidance. The duration of the research is set from 2 to 12 weeks. Credits are available for each period of study.

Application Requirements

Students are required to belong to the schools where we have mutual interfaculty agreements. Additionally, students are required to have completed at least 1 year of study at an accredited university before participating in this program.

Exchange Duration and Subject Registration

As shown in the table below, we offer 6 types of acceptance periods every 2 weeks for a minimum of 2 weeks and maximum of 12 weeks. The number of credits earned varies depending on the period of study and study hours. Please consult both supervisors at your home university and the University of Osaka in advance to decide which period of study would be most suitable for you.

Period of Study	Credit	Subject	Total Study Hours*
2 weeks	2 credits	FrontierLab Mini 2	90 hours
4 weeks	4 credits	FrontierLab Mini 4	180 hours
6 weeks	6 credits	FrontierLab Mini 6	270 hours
8 weeks	8 credits	FrontierLab Mini 8	360 hours
10 weeks	10 credits	FrontierLab Mini 10	450 hours
12 weeks	12 credits	FrontierLab Mini 12	540 hours

* Study hours/week: 45 hours

Status at UOsaka

Special Auditor

Application, Enrollment and Tuition Fees

Application and enrollment fees are not required.

In the case where we have mutual tuition waiver agreements with the student's home school, the University of Osaka tuition fees are not required. The number of students to be waived for tuition fees depends on the agreements between the School of Engineering Science and the student's home school. Please contact the Student Affairs Section for details.

Application Documents

- (1) Application Form
- (2) Letter of Recommendation
- (3) Academic Transcript
- (4) Certificate of Enrollment (a document that states that the student belongs to the faculty at the partner university with which an agreement has been concluded, as well as the expected date of graduation)
- (5) Certificate of Japanese or English language proficiency
- (6) Copy of passport

Application Deadline

In the case where a visa is needed, please apply for the program **4 months prior** to the date of your desired enrollment. Please note that the visa approval process can take at least 3 months.

If you are a national with visa exemption, please apply for the program **2 months prior** to the date of your desired enrollment.

Please contact us for further assistance when necessary.

Scholarship

You can apply for a scholarship for FrontierLab Mini program students (the University of Osaka Scholarship for Super Short Term Study). This scholarship is intended only for exchange students who are coming to our school for the FrontierLab Mini program. Students receiving other scholarships for study abroad are excluded. Please contact us for details.

2. Regular Exchange Program

Outline

Lectures in Japanese are available. Students will be able to choose and attend specialized subjects offered in Japanese at the School of Engineering Science. Those who are planning to take these specialized subjects in Japanese are required to have a proficient command of the Japanese language. We require an equivalent of a level N2 or higher. The period of study will be set according to seasonal terms and semesters, i.e. 1 or up to 4 terms, or 1 and/or 2 semesters, and should not exceed 1 year. Credits are available upon completion.

Those who wish to conduct research at a laboratory at UOsaka are required to consult the host laboratory in advance. If the host laboratory agrees, it is possible to receive research guidance in English. Please consult them regarding the length of the research period as well as research hours. Credits are available upon completion.

Application Requirements

Students are required to belong to the schools where we have mutual interfaculty agreements. Those who are planning to take specialized subjects in Japanese are required to have a proficient command of the Japanese language. We require an equivalent of N2 or higher.

Exchange Duration and Subject Registration

Acceptance period at the School of Engineering Science is up to 1 year: 1 or up to 4 terms, or 1 and/or 2 semesters, and students need to register for the specialized subjects, starting from the beginning of each term or semester.

[Term courses]

Spring Term: April 1 to mid-June

Summer Term: Mid-June to September 30

Fall Term: October 1 to early December

Winter Term: Early December to March 31

[Semester courses]

Spring and Summer Terms (First Semester): April 1 – September 30

Fall and Winter Terms (Second Semester): October 1 – March 31

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Application, Enrollment and Tuition Fees

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In the case where we have mutual tuition waiver agreements with the student's home school, the University of Osaka tuition fees are not required. The number of students to be waived for tuition fees depends on the agreements between the School of Engineering Science and the student's home school. Please contact us for details.

Application Documents

- (1) Application for Admission
- (2) Letter of Recommendation from the dean of the student's faculty at his/her home university
- (3) Academic Transcript
- (4) Certificate of Enrollment (a document that states that the student belongs to the faculty at the partner university with which an agreement has been concluded, as well as the expected date of graduation)
- (5) Certificate of Japanese language proficiency
(This is required for those who are planning to take specialized subjects in Japanese.
e.g. Certificate of result and scores for Japanese-Language Proficiency Test or certificate from your advisor in charge at a Japanese language school. We require an equivalent of N2 or higher.)
- (6) Certificate of English language proficiency
(This is required for those who are planning to take specialized subjects in English. The level of English proficiency varies depending on the subject. Make sure to inquire about this in advance.)
- (7) Curriculum Vitae
- (8) Copy of passport

Application Deadline

Please apply for the program **4 months prior** to the date of your desired enrollment.

Please note that the visa approval process can take at least 3 months.

Contact us for further enrollment information and assistance with the application.