

# General Information about Studying at Senshu University for International Exchange Students

## 2024 Japanese Government Scholarship Program for Research Students (Graduate Level)

- Sponsored by MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) –



### ACADEMIC STATUS

You will be assigned to an appropriate graduate school and department as well as a suitable advisory professor based on your field of study (as indicated in your application documents). Your purpose at Senshu University is to attend regular academic classes and conduct research. You must have a relatively high Japanese language proficiency in order to enroll in regular classes with full-time Japanese students. Therefore, you will be required to consult with your advisory professor throughout your studies at Senshu University.

Even though you will be enrolled as an exchange student in regular academic classes at Senshu University, please note that this is a **non-degree program**.

If you are accepted as an exchange student at Senshu University through the “2024 Japanese Government Scholarship Program for Research Students (Graduate Level)”, your period of stay will be 1.5 years (i.e. 18 months) **from October 2024 to March 2026**. Applicants must intend to enter a regular course of study at Senshu University and take the entrance examination for a graduate school (master's or doctoral program) while enrolled as an exchange student at Senshu University.

### STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

**Period:** From October 2024 to March 2026

\*All classes during this period are conducted at Senshu University.

### CAMPUS INFORMATION

Senshu University has two campuses. Ikuta Campus is located in Kanagawa prefecture (17 minutes from Shinjuku Station in Tokyo) and Kanda Campus is located in the center of Tokyo.

### GRADUATE SCHOOLS & MAJORS

#### • Graduate School of Economics\*

- Major in Economics

#### • Graduate School of Business Administration

- Major in Business Administration

#### • Graduate School of the Humanities

- Major in Japanese Language & Literature
- Major in English
- Major in Philosophy
- Major in History
- Major in Geography
- Major in Sociology
- Major in Psychology

#### • Graduate School of Law\*

- Major in Law
- Major in Civil Law
- Major in Public Law

#### • Graduate School of Commerce\*

- Major in Commerce
- Major in Accounting

\* Classes for the Professional Course and the Economics Course of the Graduate Schools of Law, Commerce, and Economics, and the Japanese Language and Japanese Professional Course of the Japanese Language and Literature Major of the Graduate School of Humanities are mainly held at **Kanda Campus**.

### NOTES

Senshu University has introduced BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) and VDI (Virtual Desktop Infrastructure) to provide an advanced computing environment on VDI. For this reason, please be sure to bring your own computer. In addition, in the School of Network & Information, Mac computers are recommended.

## VISA

As a Japanese Government Scholarship Program Student, **you do not need to obtain a Certificate of Eligibility (COE)**. Accordingly, you will be able to obtain a student visa at a Japanese Embassy **without** a COE. More detailed information will be provided by the Senshu University International Academic Affairs Office upon receiving your application.

## ARRIVAL DATE

Your specific arrival date in Japan, including your flight schedule, will be arranged by MEXT in consultation with Senshu University. However, participants are tentatively scheduled to arrive in Japan **in late September, 2024**. Please contact the Senshu University International Academic Affairs Office first to inquire about your specific arrival date in Japan.

## HOUSING

Japanese Government Scholarship Program students can choose between the following two options:

**[A]** Reside in the Senshu International House (dormitory) located on Ikuta Campus

**[B]** Find housing (i.e. an apartment) located near either Ikuta Campus or Kanda Campus (depending on which graduate school you are assigned)

Even though participants have the option to reside off-campus during the entire program period, **Senshu University strongly encourages participants to reside in the Senshu International House (dormitory)**. Please refer to the following section titled “[A] Senshu International House (Dormitory) [on-campus housing]” for more details.

### **[A] Senshu International House (Dormitory) [on-campus housing]**

The Senshu International House (dormitory) provides on-campus residence to study abroad program participants as well as full-time Senshu University students. These full-time students reside in the dormitory as roommates under the title of “Resident Partner” (RP) or “Resistant Assistant” (RA) and provide opportunities for cross-cultural interaction with international residents as well as help with any difficulties and/or questions they may have.

#### **Senshu International House [Dormitory]**

- Accommodation Fee 36,500 yen per month
  - \* This includes the “Linen Fee” (500 yen per month)
  - \* This amount is as of November 2023 and is subject to change without notice.
- Location About a 1-minute walk from Ikuta Campus and about a 15-minute walk from “Mukogaoka-yuen Station” (Senshu University’s nearest train station)
- Room Each room will be shared by two students and is equipped with a refrigerator, closet, bed & linen, and a writing desk, along with a communal space equipped with a kitchen, dining area, shower room, rec room, study room, multipurpose room, and lounge. The cooking appliances/utensils and TV are also shared. The washing machine costs 200 yen/load and the dryer costs 100 yen/30 min.
- Meals No meals are provided.
- Internet A computer and printer are available for use in the study room. Wi-Fi is only available in the communal space.
- Area 25.0 m<sup>2</sup>/room



#### **Information about the Accommodation Fee**

1. The monthly accommodation fee must be paid by the end of the previous month.
2. If your initial arrival date and/or final departure date are on days other than the first or last day of the month, you are permitted to stay in the Senshu International House for a daily accommodation fee of

- 1,400 yen (to avoid having to pay an entire monthly accommodation fee) plus a “Linen Fee” (500 yen). Please note that this option cannot be applied in any other case.
3. **Even if for some reason you do not stay at Senshu University International House every night, you must still pay the accommodation fee of 36,500 yen every month.** Senshu University will reserve a room for you during your stay.
  4. Accommodation fees and linen fees are subject to change without notice.

#### [B] Apartment [off-campus housing]

1. As a Japanese Government Scholarship Program Student, you have the option of finding housing (i.e. an apartment) located off-campus (preferably near either Ikuta Campus or Kanda Campus depending on which graduate school you are assigned). Even if you choose this option, Senshu University will still arrange a room for you in the Senshu International House (dormitory) **for up to one week at the beginning of your stay** as temporary accommodation at a cost of ¥1,400 per day (no meals are provided). Accommodation fees are subject to change without notice.

Accordingly, you should bring enough money pay the first month’s rent as well as your other living expenses. Please note that the first month’s rent can cost between ¥200,000 to ¥250,000 (this includes the one-month deposit, key money, and commission to a real estate agency when you initially sign the apartment contract). Subsequently, you will also have to pay ¥50,000 to ¥80,000 each month for rent. Please refer to the following section titled “Breakdown of off-campus housing costs [example]” for more details.

#### **Breakdown of off-campus housing costs [example]**

| Type of Fee / Deposit   | Amount Required     | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Example Amount                                                                                   |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Rental Fee              | Rent for 1 month    | Rental fees in metropolitan areas differ greatly from those in outlying areas. There is even a difference in rental fees within the city, depending on the distance to the central metropolitan area, the size of the apartment, and furnishings, etc. | Approximately<br><b>¥50,000 - ¥75,000</b><br>[i.e. single room with a kitchen, bath, and toilet] |
| Deposit                 | Rent for 1–2 months | The initial deposit covers unpaid rent and facility repairs. The landlord may apply this deposit to make repairs when a tenant moves out. The remaining balance will be refunded to the tenant.                                                        | Approximately<br><b>¥50,000 - ¥100,000</b>                                                       |
| Key Money               | Rent for 1–2 months | “Key Money” is a lump sum payment (separate from the deposit) made to the landlord when you rent a house or room. Please note that some landlords do not charge this fee. This fee is non-refundable.                                                  | Approximately<br><b>¥50,000 - ¥100,000</b>                                                       |
| Real Estate Agent’s Fee | Rent for 1 month    | This fee is the commission paid to a real estate agency when you initially sign the apartment contract.                                                                                                                                                | Approximately<br><b>¥50,000 - ¥75,000</b>                                                        |
| Total:                  |                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Approximately<br><b>¥200,000 - ¥350,000</b>                                                      |

#### FINANCES

The exact amount of the monthly stipend provided to 2024 Japanese Government Scholarship Program Research Students has yet to be determined, but for reference, scholarship recipients in 2023 were given a monthly stipend of ¥146,000 (i.e. Doctoral/Master’s Program). Nevertheless, we recommend that you bring enough Japanese yen to meet all of your anticipated living expenses and transportation expenses from Narita International Airport until you receive the scholarship from MEXT. Please note that ¥100,000 to ¥200,000 is recommended for immediate expenses **aside from** the housing expenses. For more detailed information regarding expenses, please refer to the sections of this form titled “HOUSING” (page #2–#3) and “ESTIMATED LIVING EXPENSES” (page #5).

**ATTENTION: The first stipend for the “2024 Japanese Government Scholarship” won’t be provided to participants until late November (i.e. over one month after the program begins).**

## **AIRPLANE TICKET**

As a Japanese Government Scholarship Program Student, MEXT will pay for your round trip airfare to/from the nearest international airport in your country to Narita International Airport. However, this does not cover any applicable taxes and fees en route (e.g. airport tax, local sales tax, etc.). Such taxes and fees can be paid after your arrival. Once your flight schedule is determined and reserved by MEXT, corresponding e-tickets will be sent to you via email directly from the airline(s).

## **NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE AFTER ARRIVAL\***

For foreigners staying in Japan longer than 3 months, even if they are covered by an overseas travel insurance policy from their home country during their stay, must have **National Health Insurance** (国民健康保険). The fee ranges from ¥2,000 to ¥3,000 per month. The procedure for enrolling in this health insurance is conducted after arriving in Japan. Depending on the insurance policy, 70% of medical expenses will be covered.

## **OVERSEAS TRAVEL INSURANCE\***

Even if you have a National Health Insurance policy, you are still liable in worst-case scenarios, so such things as “rescuer’s expense” are not included. Upon arriving in Japan, you must enroll in **Gakkensai Insurance** [学研災] (i.e. “Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research” provided by JEES [Japan Educational Exchanges and Services]). **The fee is a one-time payment of ¥15,880 which will cover you during your entire stay.**

\*Further details will be provided to you by Senshu University upon arriving in Japan.

## **WORKING**

Exchange students are **NOT permitted to work or participate in any activities that derive pay or income** during their stay as exchange students at Senshu University. Therefore, participants **should not** apply for the “Permission to Engage in Activity other than that Permitted under the Visa Status Previously Granted”.

## **UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES**

There are many kinds of activities on and off campus that exchange students and Japanese students can both participate in. Such activities include visits to elementary schools and high schools, bus-hike tours, school festivals, and presentations about international students’ home countries. The presentations in particular are very popular among Senshu students and exchange students alike, so we hope you take part in introducing your home country during your stay. We highly encourage you to participate in these activities in order to make your time in Japan more cultural enriching, as well as to make friends, while also focusing on studying, conducting research, and attending classes.

## **JAPANESE LANGUAGE & CULTURE PROGRAM**

If you feel that you need to improve your Japanese language proficiency in order to be successful in your academic courses at Senshu University (or are advised to do so), you may enroll in the on-campus Japanese language courses which are offered during the spring, summer, fall, and winter terms (<https://www.senshu-u.ac.jp/english/general/program.html>). Of course, if your Japanese is sufficient enough to just take the regular academic classes, you do not have to take any courses through the Japanese Language Program. **Due to program revisions, the dates and fees for AY2024 will be different from those of AY2023. Details will be announced as soon as they are finalized.**

## **TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES**

As a Japanese Government Scholarship Program Student, you will be responsible for paying transportation costs to and from campus, so please consider this when calculating your “ESTIMATED LIVING EXPENSES” (see page #5). **If you decide to reside in the Senshu International House and are assigned to a graduate school with classes on Kanda Campus, you will need to commute there via train (which costs ¥440 one way).** The student discount system is NOT applicable to exchange students because of your status as a non-degree student in Japan. The school and department you are assigned is determined by Senshu University according to your field of study, so please refer to the section titled “GRADUATE SCHOOLS & MAJORS” on page #1 to confirm the location of your desired graduate school.

## VISITORS / VISITING FAMILY MEMBERS

In regards to accompanying family members, exchange students are responsible for taking care of their visa, housing, and/or other necessary arrangements. No family housing is available at Senshu University.

## ESTIMATED LIVING EXPENSES

Under the terms of the exchange agreement, students receive tuition waivers throughout the program period.

### Example (18 months)

|                                                                            |                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Room (Senshu International House as of Nov. 2023 (Dormitory))              | ¥657,000          |
| Personal Meals                                                             | ¥900,000          |
| Books & Supplies                                                           | ¥108,000          |
| National Health Insurance                                                  | ¥36,000           |
| Personal Expenses (excluding meals)                                        | ¥450,000          |
| Overseas Travel Insurance                                                  | ¥11,500           |
| Enrollment Fee for four terms of Japanese Language Program 2024 [Optional] | ¥100,000~*        |
| <b>Total:</b>                                                              | <b>¥2,262,500</b> |

**Note:** The expenses outlined above are estimates for the minimum costs of participating in this program (excluding the monthly stipend).

## SCHEDULE

|      |                         |                                            |
|------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 2024 | September               | Coming to Japan                            |
|      | October                 | Classes begin                              |
| 2026 | September<br>or October | Take Graduate School Entrance Examinations |

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR & SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

|                                           |                                                 |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Early April [1 <sup>st</sup> Semester]    | Classes Commence                                |
| Late June                                 | University School Festival                      |
| August – Mid-September                    | Summer Vacation                                 |
| Late September [2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester] | Classes Commence                                |
| Early November                            | University School Festival ( <i>Ōtori-sai</i> ) |
| Late December – Early January             | Winter Vacation                                 |
| February – March                          | Spring Vacation                                 |



*Please send inquiries to:*

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