

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

## 2020 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 “2020 Japanese Government Scholarship Program for Research Students (Graduate Level)”, your period of stay will be 1.5 years (i.e. 18 months) **from October 2020 to March 2022**. You must return to your university after the exchange program period concludes. Please note that extending the length of the program is not permitted, nor are you allowed to take the Senshu University entrance examination during your stay as an exchange student at Senshu University.

### STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

**Period:** From October 2020 to March 2022

\*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

**\*Graduate students in the School of Law and School of Commerce will take classes at Kanda Campus.**

\*Depending on your advisory professor, graduate students in the School of Commerce and School of Economics will take classes in Kanda Campus.

### 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, 2020**. 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]

Completed in 2014 and nicknamed the “i-House”, 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.

**Note:** Electricity will be shut off in the Senshu International House for several days in the middle of August 2020 for maintenance purposes. During this time, all residents (including Japanese and international students) will temporarily stay at another dormitory near the Senshu International House.

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

- Accommodation Fee    ¥36,500 yen per month  
\*This includes the “Linen Fee” (¥500 yen per month)

- 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                         One computer and a printer are available for use in the study room. However, you are welcome to bring your own laptop. Wi-Fi is only available in the communal space.
- Area                                25.0 m<sup>2</sup>/room

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

1. 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). Please note that this option cannot be applied in any other case and that the “Linen Fee” (**¥500 yen**) will be applied.
2. **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.

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

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 yen per day (no meals are provided).

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 yen (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 yen 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 <b>¥50,000 yen</b> [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 <b>¥50,000</b> – <b>¥100,000 yen</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 <b>¥50,000</b> – <b>¥100,000 yen</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 <b>¥50,000</b>
<b>Total:</b>			Approximately <b>¥200,000</b> – <b>¥300,000 yen</b>

**FINANCES**

The exact amount of the monthly stipend provided to 2020 Japanese Government Scholarship Program Research Students has yet to be determined, but for reference, scholarship recipients in 2019 were given a monthly stipend of ¥146,000 yen (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 yen to ¥200,000 yen 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 “2020 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 yen to ¥3,000 yen 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 yen 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. **The spring and summer course costs ¥10,000 yen, the fall course costs ¥30,000 yen, the winter courses costs ¥20,000 yen**, but please note that these amounts are subject to change with the course fee being charged every term.

**NOTE:** The summer course is normally 7 weeks long, however this year’s program has been schedule to conclude before 2020 Tokyo Olympics commence. Therefore, the 2020 Summer Term will only last 4 weeks. Accordingly, the participation fee for the summer course will be the same as the spring course (¥10,000 yen).

## 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 ¥420 yen 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 (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	¥15,880
Enrollment Fee for four terms of Japanese Language Program 2020 [Optional]	¥70,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>¥2,236,880</b>

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

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR & SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Early April [1 <sup>st</sup> Semester]	Classes Commence
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



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