

KYOTO INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (KIT)

FACT SHEET for STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM AY 2026 / 2027

1. Institutional Information

1) Institutional details

Name of institution	Kyoto Institute of Technology (National University Corporation)
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2. Schedule for Student Exchange (Inbound)

1) Academic calendar

Website	https://www.gakumu.kit.ac.jp/ead/ead_portal/?c=year_schedule
Spring Semester	April 1, 2026 – End of September 2026 (Summer vacation: Middle of August – End of September)
Fall Semester	End of September 2026 – March 31, 2027 (Spring vacation: Middle of February – End of March)

2) Nomination Period by partner universities (No nominations outside this period will be accepted.)

Spring Semester	July 1, 2025 – August 21, 2025 (both inclusive)
Fall Semester	December 1, 2025 – February 12, 2026 (both inclusive)

3) Application deadline by students

Spring Semester	September 4, 2025
Fall Semester	February 26, 2026

4) Orientation for new international students

Spring Semester	Beginning of April 2026
Fall Semester	End of September 2026

3. Nomination / Application process

Nomination by partner universities	<p>Partner universities are expected to nominate students using the online form during the Nomination Period indicated in 2-(2) above.</p> <p>Online nomination form: https://www.kit.ac.jp/application/view/index.php?id=361079 (Nominations received outside the periods above, will not be accepted)</p> <p>After receiving a nomination, we provide each nominated student with the necessary ID and password for completing the online application process.</p>
Application by students	Students are expected to apply online (https://www.international.kit.ac.jp/), by the application deadline, by uploading all required application documents to the site above.
Required application documents	<p>Please refer to:</p> <p>https://www.kit.ac.jp/en/prospective_student/exchange-short-term-programs/</p>
Available Academic Programs	<p>KIT offers the academic programs listed at the website below. https://www.kit.ac.jp/en/academic-programs/</p> <p>We welcome nominations from students researching areas related to the listed fields.</p> <p>Note that KIT primarily focuses on research and coursework in science and engineering and does not accommodate students seeking to pursue studies or research in language or cultural subjects.</p>
Language requirements	<p>Japanese / English</p> <p>The requirements are as follows:</p> <p><u>Undergraduate students needing to earn credit</u>, are required to have JLPT N2 or an equivalent level of Japanese language proficiency, as all undergraduate courses are only conducted in Japanese.</p> <p><u>Undergraduate students who will only conduct research and who are not required to earn credits</u> are required to have CEFR B2 or an equivalent level of English proficiency or JLPT N2 or an equivalent level of Japanese proficiency</p> <p><u>Graduate students</u> are required to have CEFR B2 or an equivalent level of English proficiency or JLPT N2 or an equivalent level of Japanese proficiency</p> <p>Note: Nominations of students unable to provide documentation of language proficiency requirements at the time of nomination, will not be accepted.</p>

4. Courses

1) Study level

All levels (Bachelor, Master's, and PhD) of inbound exchange are available.
It should be noted that we strongly recommend master's and doctoral students be affiliated with a KIT laboratory and conduct research.
Note: All exchange students interested solely in taking courses, are required to be affiliated with a KIT laboratory and receive guidance from a faculty supervisor.

2) Course information and language of teaching

Courses available to exchange students	<p>Course information: http://www.syllabus.kit.ac.jp/ Course Enrollment Information for International Exchange Students: https://www.kit.ac.jp/en/prospective_student/exchange-short-term-programs/</p> <p>Please refer to the following sections for details: Course Enrollment</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1.Course Enrollment Information for International Exchange Students2.How to Take Courses <p>(The list above describes Fall 2024 through Spring 2025 semester course offerings as they relate to enrollment status. We do NOT guarantee that the same courses will be offered in subsequent academic years. The information on this link will be updated by September 25, 2025.)</p> <p>Note: Course registrations are accepted on and after the first day of each semester. Before registering for the courses, please read the information in the links above carefully.</p> <p>For graduate school courses, refer to the latest list above. Courses not on the above list are not available.</p> <p>The availability of courses conducted in English varies by major. The majority of courses in certain majors are conducted exclusively in Japanese.</p> <p>All undergraduate school courses are conducted exclusively in Japanese.</p> <p>However, for students seeking to study / conduct research at KIT, supervising professors may provide instruction in English. Students seeking to pursue studies or research in English should contact the academic supervisor they hope to work with, in advance, to learn whether that supervisor is willing to provide instruction and / or offer language support tailored to the specific courses or research activities of interest.</p>
Course registration	<p>Each exchange student should consult his/her/their assigned supervising professor before selecting courses from the link above and completing online course registration.</p>

3) Credit system

Generally, 1 credit is equivalent to 15 lecture hours; 30 practicum hours or 45 experiment, practical training or practical skill acquisition hours at KIT.

Note: Credit transfer, the number of credits approved and credit conversion methods are at the discretion of students' home institutions. KIT is unable to provide guidance in this regard.

4) Grading scale

Pass: A score of 60 to 100 (Lowest passing grade is a score of 60)

Fail: A score of 0 to 59

5) Weekly workload

1st through 3rd year undergraduate students must take at least 20 hours of classes per week

4th year undergraduate students must conduct research or take classes for at least 20 hours per week.

6) Japanese language courses

The Japanese classes below are available to inbound students.

-Japanese Communication: I through X

-Japanese for Beginners: I and II

7) Types of courses

Classes are generally conducted face-to-face.

5. Practical information

1) Accommodation

Accommodations available for exchange students and estimated rent

Please refer to:

<https://www.kit.ac.jp/en/facilities-services/accommodation/>

Note:

-Information regarding room availability will be sent via email approximately one month prior to your move-in date.

-Due to limited availability, KIT accommodation is not guaranteed. We can refer students to student housing agents.

2) Estimated living costs

At least 100,000 yen per month.

3) Visa

Students who stay at KIT for a period of more than three months are required to obtain a student visa before entering Japan. To obtain a visa, please follow the procedures below.

***Details regarding the CoE application will be provided alongside the issuance of the Letter of Acceptance.**

1. Fill in the online CoE application form that will be sent by email with the Acceptance Letter after student acceptance is approved.
2. We will submit the completed CoE application to the immigration office in Kyoto after reviewing the content.
3. As soon as we receive a CoE from the immigration office, we will email it directly to the student or the international office of the student's university.
4. Upon receiving the CoE, immediately apply for a visa at the nearest Japanese embassy or consulate in your country.

4) Insurance

To cover difficulties or incidents during travel from, and back to, their countries, we strongly recommend students obtain travel insurance, before they leave their countries.

After arriving at KIT, students must purchase mandatory student insurance, as well as Japanese National Health Insurance.

-National Health Insurance (cost: around 1,500 JPY per month, subject to change)

-Student Insurance ("Gakkensai") (cost: 1,340 JPY per year, subject to change)

- Upon their arrival at our university, students are also required to purchase "Comprehensive Insurance for Students Lives" to supplement their coverage post-arrival.

5) Scholarships

Refer to the scholarship guidelines at:

https://www.kit.ac.jp/en/prospective_student/exchange-short-term-programs/

Note: We only send specific scholarship information to eligible students. Scholarship selections are made by KIT.

Note that only specially selected **applicants are awarded scholarships.**

6. Other

-We reserve the right to refuse students based on laboratory / program capacity, changes in circumstances resulting from infectious disease outbreaks, or natural disasters.

-Please note that we may be unable to accept architecture / design applicants, due to capacity limitations.

-KIT does not issue certificates or agreements prior to student enrollment.