

Student Support at the OIST Graduate School

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OKINAWA INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY GRADUATE UNIVERSITY

Financial Support

All students receive an internationally competitive support package.

- Research Assistantship

- All students eligible
- Financial support
 - 2.4 million yen per year
 - 0.54 million yen tuition paid by OIST



Balance sheet

Rate as of 2/18/2019
1 USD = 110 yen

| Category | Annual Payment | Deductions/expenses in 1st & 2nd year | Deductions/ Expenses from 3 rd year |
|-------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Research Assistantship | 3,048,000 yen | | |
| Income Tax | | 71,000 yen | 71,000 yen |
| Residence Tax | | 10,000 yen | 162,500 yen |
| National Pension | | May be exempted | 180,240 yen |
| Health Insurance | | 30,000 yen | 154,800 yen |
| Tuition Fee | | 540,000 yen | 540,000 yen |
| Rent (shared apartment) | | 216,000 yen | 216,000 yen |
| IN POCKET | | 2,181,000 yen (19,827 USD) | 1,723,460 yen (15,668 USD) |

Other benefits

- Relocation Allowance
- Commuting Allowance (if applicable)
- Liability Insurance
- Annual Health Check up

Travel



1. Conference and Workshop Travel



2. Educational Institution Visit
(Simple round trip airfare only)



3. Career Development Travel
(Domestic only for students in 3 year and up)



4. Business Travel supported
funded by supervisor

#1~3 are funded by Graduate School once/academic year

Health and Wellness

- Health Services

- OIST Health Center & Clinic are available on campus
- Excellent hospitals and clinics are available in local area
- Assistance with English and other languages is available.



- All students must join National Health Insurance (NHI) scheme

- 70% of medical costs are covered by NHI

***Not in the coverage: normal pregnancy/childbirth, cosmetic surgery, yearly check-ups, vaccinations, or orthodontic treatment.**

- Ganjuu Wellbeing Service

- Free and open to anyone who is part of the OIST community.



Support for families



- Child Development Center
 - Full-time care for children 2 month to 6 years of age
 - Part-time care for children 6 years of age and above.

- Childbirth accommodation policy

The University:

- Encourages women to undertake postgraduate education.
- Supports women who decide to have children at graduate school.
- Supports partners, adoptive and foster parents.

The policy makes it possible to maintain full student status before and after childbirth, and to return to class work and research in a seamless manner.

Housing

- Subsidized accommodation is provided

Rents (after subsidy):

- One bedroom apartment:
 - Monthly rent 21,600 yen (furnished).
 - Annual rent 259,200 yen.
- Shared 2 bedroom & 3 bedroom:
 - Monthly rent per person about 18,000 yen (furnished).
 - Annual rent per person 216,000 yen.
- Family type 2 bedroom apartment is available for family size of 3 and up.
 - Furnished 2 bedroom monthly rent about 41,000 yen.
 - Unfurnished 2 bedroom monthly rent about 21,000 yen.



Driving in Japan

Foreign Driver's Licenses and International Driving Permits (Link)

- International Driver's License

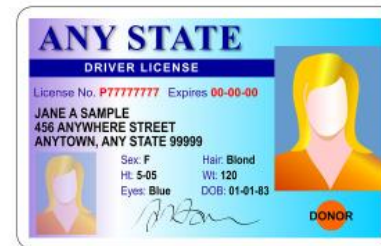
If you have valid International Driver's License from Countries listed on the 1949 Geneva Convention, you can drive in Japan with...



Valid
International
Driver's
License



Passport



Original
Driver's License



**You Can
Drive
in Japan!**

You can only drive in Japan for **1 year**
from your landing date OR your original
Driver's License **Valid Period**



List of the Countries of the 1949 Geneva Convention

http://www.keishicho.metro.tokyo.jp/multilingual/english/traffic_safety/drivers_licenses/geneva.html

Asia

Philippines, India, Thailand, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Laos, Republic of Korea

Middle East

Turkey, Israel, Syria, Cyprus, Jordan, Lebanon, United Arab Emirates

Africa

South Africa, Central African Republic, Egypt, Ghana, Algeria, Morocco, Botswana, Republic of the Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Niger, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Burkina Faso

Europe

UK, Greece, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Netherlands, France, Italy, Russia, Serbia, Montenegro, Spain, Finland, Portugal, Austria, Belgium, Poland, Ireland, Hungary, Romania, Iceland, Bulgaria, Malta, Albania, Luxembourg, Monaco, San Marino, Vatican, Kyrgyz Republic, Georgia, Czech Republic, Slovak Republic

America

United States, Canada, Peru, Cuba, Ecuador, Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, Barbados, Dominica, Guatemala, Haiti, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela, Jamaica

Pacific

New Zealand, Fiji, Australia, Papua New Guinea

Special Administrative Region Hong Kong, Macao

Additional Information on Driver's license

[Anyone holding a German, French, Slovenian, Monacan, Belgian, Taiwanese or Swiss driving license]

- With an official Japanese translation of the license can drive a vehicle for one year in Japan (since your date of the entrance).

[Exchange Foreign Driver's license to Japanese Driver's License]

Exam-Exempt Countries and Region (23 countries and one region)

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Britain, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Korea, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and Taiwan

- Need to have a proof of stay in the country where issued your driver's license for **at least 3 months** after obtaining the license.

Those who is planning to relocate with...

Family: Please talk to one of the Graduate School staffs in Green room for relocation process and Child Development Center's information.

Pets: Please check Japanese quarantine requirements

http://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/english/animal/im_index.html

If you have any questions...

Visit: [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

If you cannot find answers you need, please contact us aws@oist.jp for more information.