



# Student Support at OIST



# Support Package

All students receive an internationally competitive support package.

- Research Assistantship
- Housing at student rate
- Relocation support
- Personal computer loaned free of charge
- Injury and liability insurances during research activities
- Annual health check free of charge
- Clinic, Wellbeing Center, gym
- Shuttle bus services around OIST





# Research Assistantship

Currency: JPY

Tax info.: As of 2023

1 USD = 148 JPY (As of Jan 2024)

Category	1st year	pre-proposal	post-proposal	4 <sup>th</sup> year	5 <sup>th</sup> year
Research Assistantship	2,520,000	2,820,000	3,300,000	3,600,000	3,600,000
Income Tax	61,560	84,840	84,840	84,840	84,840
Residence Tax	0	133,560	149,460	174,900	190,800
National Pension	0	198,000	198,000	198,000	198,000
Health Insurance	10,000	163,800	183,300	214,500	234,000
Tuition Fee	540,000	540,000	540,000	540,000	540,000
Housing rent (shared)	180,000	180,000	258,000	258,000	258,000
IN POCKET	1,728,440	1,519,800	1,886,400	2,129,760	2,094,360
IN POCKET approx. (month)	144,000 (972 USD)	126,650 (855 USD)	157,200 (1061 USD)	177,480 (1198 USD)	174,530 (1178 USD)



# Housing



**Shared room will be allocated to new students until proposal exam**

Room Type	Details	Rent/month (Amounts owed by students)
2B / 3B	Shared Room w/ Private Bathroom	Around 15,000yen
2LDK / 3LDK	Shared Room w/ Shared Bathroom	Around 10,000 yen

1. 1-bedroom and off-campus options are available after proposal exam.
2. In addition to rent, a security deposit, fees for furniture, utilities, etc. are required.
3. Rooms are all furnished.
4. Students with families can sign up for 2- or 3-bedroom apartments, but student rate rent is applied to only one of the bedrooms.
5. Special consideration may be given if there are individual circumstances that must be taken into account.

**\*Amounts and conditions are subject to change.**





# Health and Wellness

- Injury and liability insurances during research activities
- 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.**
- Health Services
  - OIST Health Center are available on campus
  - English available Hospitals and clinics are available in local area
- Ganjuu Wellbeing Service
  - Free and open to anyone who is part of the OIST community.



# Support for families

## **Childbirth accommodation policy**

The University promotes diversity and supports balance in work and family life.

## **Child Development Center/School Aged Program**

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





# Transport around OIST



## **OIST Shuttle Bus**

Connects to shopping area. Free to use with OIST ID card

## **OIST Rental Car**

Need “OIST” Driver’s License.



# Driving in Japan

## [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 for **1 year** from your landing date OR your original Driver's License **valid period**.

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

- With an official Japanese translation of the license can drive a vehicle for **1 year** from your landing date OR your original Driver's License **valid period**.

## [Converting a Foreign Driver's license to Japanese Driver's License]

Exam-Exempt Countries and Region (29 countries and one region)

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Britain, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Korea, Luxembourg, Monaco, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, designated states in USA, 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.

OIST Resource Center's page: <https://groups.oist.jp/resource-center/basic-procedures-getting-japanese-drivers-license>





# Relocation process:

One time relocation support to OIST will be available

## Visa Procedure

1. Certificate of Eligibility (CoE) application. (3 months prior to enrolment)
2. CoE is assessed and issued (1~8weeks)
3. OIST send CoE to you
4. Apply Student Visa at Japanese embassy/consulate in your country (1~2 weeks)

## Arrival arrangements

1. After confirmation of obtaining your student visa, OIST will arrange flight
2. Fly to Okinawa before program starts



Thank you!