

# Student Support at the OIST Graduate School

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# 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 <sup>rd</sup> 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



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# 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.



# 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.

# 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 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](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

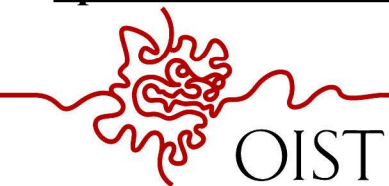
## America

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](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](mailto:aws@oist.jp) for more information.

# What happens after Admissions Workshop?

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# **Admissions Workshop**

Now

**Final Selection Committee Session**  
Within 1 week after AWS

**Outcome Notice / Offer Letter**  
2 weeks from AWS  
unless additional interviews necessary

**Returning signed Offer Letter to OIST**  
At your earliest convenience

**Enrolment related procedures (visa etc.)**  
Right after receiving signed Offer Letter

**Arrival arrangements (flight, removal)**