# **OITA UNIVERSITY Information Sheet**

## **A. School Information**

| University Name    | Oita University (Nationally funded university in Japan)   |  |
|--------------------|---|--|
| Website            | http://www.oita-u.ac.jp/lang/en/  |  |
| Size of Enrollment | <ul> <li>5,000 undergraduate students and 680 graduate students</li> <li>135 international students from 20 different countries</li> </ul>  |  |
|                    | <ul> <li>Over 600 faculty and nearly 1,400 staff members on 2 different campus locations</li> <li>exchange agreements with 83 foreign institutions and hospitals from 22 countries</li> </ul> |  |

| Language of Instruction                                  | Japanese/English   |  |
|--|--|--|
| Areas of Majors  | <ul> <li>5 undergraduate colleges (Education, Economics, Sciences and Technology, Welfare and Health Science, Medicine) offering BA and BS.</li> <li>5 graduate schools (Education, Economics, Engineering, Social Service Administration, Medicine) offering both master's and doctoral programs</li> </ul>   |  |
|  | <ul> <li>For International Exchange Students</li> <li>IPOU (International Program at Oita University): the Japanese language and culture (society) study offered in English.</li> <li>NIHO (Exchange program through the medium of Japanese): for students who have sufficient</li> </ul>  |  |
|  | Japanese language skills which allow them to take various courses in Japanese  |  |
| Limited to Int'l Exchange<br>Students                    | <ul> <li>IPOU (International Program at Oita University): the Japanese language and culture (society) study offered in English. Excellent opportunities to gain an understanding of Japanese culture and to gain multicultural experiences through interactions with students from all over the world</li> <li>NIHO (Exchange program through the medium of Japanese): for students who have sufficient Japanese language skills which allow them to take various courses in Japanese. Excellent learning opportunities to study Japanese cultures and language with other international students as well as Oita University students (native Japanese speakers).</li> <li>*Both programs have active fieldtrips and cultural excursions inside and outside of campus beyond academic learning.</li> </ul> |  |
| Courses  | Japanese Pop Culture (Anime, Film, Manga Studies); Introduction of Japanese History, Culture, and Society; Intercultural Communications; Ethnographic Study on Rural Japan; Introduction to Japanese Management; Business Japanese; The policies and Economics of Globalization; Project Planning, Volunteering, and Internship; Introduction to the International Political Economy; Sustainability and Global Development; Analysis of Japanese Grammar; Studies on Oita Social Networks and Introduction of Oita to the World; and more *Except Japanese Language Studies Level 1 and Level 2, all these courses are instructed in both English and Japanese.   |  |
| Period of Exchange                                       | 1 semester or 2 semesters *1 semester contains a 15-week class period followed by an exam week   |  |
| Language Courses (Open<br>to Int'l Exchange<br>Students) | <ul> <li>Japanese Language Studies Level 1 through 6 (Basic two levels are instructed in English)         <ul> <li>Speaking; Writing; Reading; Conversation; Integrated Activities; Contextual Japanese;</li> <li>Academic Writing; and Grammar Discourse</li> </ul> </li> <li>Other foreign languages through general education (recommended sufficient level of Japanese language skills)</li> </ul>   |  |

#### C. Academic Calendar

| Period of Study         | Enrollment: Beginning of each semester (April a  | and October)   |  |  |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|--|
|                         | 6 months   | 1 year   |  |  |
|                         | •From April to August for Spring (April) entry   | •From April to February next year for Spring (April) entry |  |  |
|                         | •From October to following February for Fall (October) entry   | •From October to August next year for Fall (October) entry |  |  |
|                         | <ul> <li>Typical application deadline:</li> <li>Mid-November in the previous calendar year for April enrollment (notified in mid-January)</li> <li>Mid-March for October enrollment (notified in mid-May)</li> </ul>                 |  |  |  |
| Orientation             | At the beginning of each semester. Each international student will have a tutor to help acquainted. "Buddies" will help international students registrar courses, do paper work, and make bank account if necessary.                 |  |  |  |
| Arrival Date(suggested) | 3 days prior to the new student orientation  |  |  |  |
| Examination Period      | After 15-week of instruction. Details of the final exam will be announced by individual instructors  |  |  |  |
| Term Break              | Typically 2 <sup>nd</sup> week of August to the end of September, 2 <sup>nd</sup> week of February to the end of March *The fall semester includes winter break at the end and the beginning of the calendar year for about 10 days. |  |  |  |

#### D. Accommodation

#### **On-Campus Residence**

International student dormitory (Kishukusha)

- 48-single rooms, shared shower room
- Rent per month: Y11,000 (\$100.00) \*July, 2017 (\$1.00 = Y110)
- included Common Area fees

Student dorm (with Japanese students)

- 13-single rooms for international students
- Rent per month: Y22,000 Y27,000 (\$200.00 \$220.00) \*July, 2017 (\$1.00 = Y110)
- included Common Area fees

#### Alternate Off-campus Accommodation

International student dormitory (Kishukusha)

- 30-single rooms, 3 (2-people) shared rooms, 3 (3-people) shared room
- Rent per month: Y5,900 Y14,200 (\$55.00 \$130.00) \*July, 2017 (\$1.00 = Y110)
- not included Common Area fees

Various student apartments around the main campus

Average rent Y30,000-Y50,000/month

\*Utility bills and Internet fee will be charged for all locations

| Airport Pick-up         | No airport pick-up   |  |
|-------------------------|--|--|
|                         | Possible Oita Station pick-up (upon request)                                   |  |
| Health Insurance        | National Health Insurance  |  |
|                         | <ul> <li>required for students who stay in Japan more than 3 months</li> </ul> |  |
|                         | <ul> <li>Approximately Y20,000 per year (Y10,000 for 6 months)</li> </ul>      |  |
| On-campus Health Center | Yes  |  |

# Estimated (Average) Living Cost

| Items             | Oita   | Tokyo   |
|-------------------|--------|---------|
| Food              | 19,560 | 27,000  |
| Housing           | 40,670 | 44,000  |
| Leisure           | 5,820  | 7,000   |
| Daily Necessities | 5,380  | 7,000   |
| Other, MISC       | 22,110 | 79,000  |
| Total             | 93,540 | 164,000 |

<sup>\*2016</sup> COOP student life fact-finding and 2015 JASSO lifestyle survey of privately financed international students.

### E. Services & Living

- Tutoring System
  - First-month tutoring (buddy) system: Help every new international student for about a month or so after his/her arrival
  - Study Tutoring system: A Japanese student is paired up with an international student to assist his/her language learning upon request.
- Center for International Education and Research (CIER: http://www.cier.oita-u.ac.jp/e/index.html)
- NPO University Consortium Oita (<a href="http://www.ucon-oita.jp/english/index.html">http://www.ucon-oita.jp/english/index.html</a>)
- Oita International Student Business Center (<a href="http://oibc.jp">http://oibc.jp</a>)

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