

Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine
Student Exchange Program
Application Guideline: 2027 Admission

The Student Exchange Program at Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine (hereinafter referred to as “OUAVM”) offers students from a university, which has concluded a student exchange agreement (hereinafter referred to as “partner university”) with OUAVM, the opportunities to study various subjects and/or Japanese language for one or two semesters. The exchange students are expected, not only to study those subjects, but also to develop their capabilities to contribute to the globalizing world in studying and living in different social setting.

Eligibility

An applicant must meet all of the following requirements.

- (1) The applicant must be a regular student in an undergraduate or graduate course of a partner university with which OUAVM has a student exchange agreement.

※A Student who will already have graduated from the partner university by the time of his/her enrollment in OUAVM are not eligible.
- (2) The applicant must have completed at least 2 (4 year for an applicant for the veterinary medicine course) academic years of undergraduate study at the partner university by the beginning of the exchange period.
- (3) The applicant must be in good academic standing, have sufficient language proficiency to effectively participate in the course he/she plans to take, and recommended by a partner university
- (4) To effectively participate in the program, the applicant must be in good physical and mental health.

Language Proficiency

<Undergraduate School>

Applicant in undergraduate school should have Japanese language proficiency skills equivalent to or better than Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N2 at the time of application.

<Graduate School>

Lectures are conducted in Japanese and English in Graduate School. It is advisable to have sufficient language proficiency to understand lectures in either Japanese or English.

Term of Exchange Program

One semester or one academic year. (Students who cannot complete one semester’s study at OUAVM are not eligible.)

- **Spring Semester 2027:** April 2027 – August 2027
- **Fall Semester 2027:** October 2027 – February 2028

How to become an Exchange Student

STEP1. Nomination

A Student wishing to study at OUAVM as an exchange student needs to be nominated by their home university first. Please consult with the exchange student program coordinator of your university first. The home university must select applicant(s) who meet the eligibility criteria for the Student Exchange Program of OUAVM, and nominate the student using the nomination sheet.

【Nomination Deadline】

Spring 2027 enrollment: September 30, 2026

Fall 2027 enrollment: February 26, 2027

STEP2. Application

After being nominated by the home university, the student will submit an application package to the home university by the deadline specified by the home university. Application package must be submitted by the exchange student program coordinator of home university to OUAVM by email.

【Application Deadline】

Spring 2027 enrollment: October 30, 2026

Fall 2027 enrollment: April 9, 2027

Application Package

All documents must be typed in English or Japanese. Otherwise, a copy of translation should be attached.

DOCUMENTS	FORMAT FOR SUBMISSION
1. Application Form	Microsoft Word. (no hand writing)
2. Official Transcript of academic records	Send scanned data (PDF)
3. Letter of Recommendation from a Department Chair or Academic Advisor	
4. Official Certificate of Enrollment	
5. Certificate of Health	
6. Proof of Language Proficiency English: TOEFL, IELTS etc. Japanese: JLPT, JPT etc.	

STEP3. Notice of Acceptance

OUAVM informs partner universities whether their applicants are accepted or not by the following dates.

For April 2026 enrollment: by the end of November 2025

For October 2026 enrollment: by the end of May 2026

STEP4. Additional Documents for COE

OUAVM applies for the COE at the Immigration Bureau of Japan for the exchange students to obtain a visa of Japan. Exchange students with acceptance will receive the COE application form OUAVM.

DOCUMENTS	NOTE
1. COE Application Form	Please submit an Excel document. (no hand writing)
2. Passport Copy	The page with your photo, scanned data (PDF)
3. Proof of Financial Support while living in Japan	The required documents vary depending on the financial supporter.

Entire Schedule

Application Procedure	Spring Semester 2027	Fall Semester 2027
Nomination Deadline	30 September, 2026	26 February, 2027
Application Deadline	30 October, 2026	9 April, 2027
Notification of Acceptance	End of November, 2026	End of May, 2027
COE Documents Submission	December, 2026	June, 2027
Dormitory Application	February, 2027	August, 2027
Obtain a Visa	March, 2027	September, 2027
Class Start	April, 2027	October, 2027

Curriculum at OUAVM

Exchange students who are accepted will choose subjects to take from the following URL. This is provisional and you can change the subjects after coming to Japan.

<https://gkm02.obihiro.ac.jp/portal/Public/Syllabus/SearchMain.aspx/>

※Japanese Immigration Bureau's rules stipulate that international exchange students must take classes for more than 10 hours (600 minutes) per week. Since each class is 90 minutes long, students need to register at least 7 classes per week.

The transcript will be issued for the completed courses, which will include the course names, grades, and credits.

Dormitory on campus

Accepted students may apply to OUAVM for dormitory. Students do not need a guarantor to live in the dormitory and also the rent is reasonable comparing with other apartment around campus.

For more details about the accommodation, please refer to the following URL.

<https://www.obihiro.ac.jp/en/dormitory>

Required Insurances for All International Students

- Personal Accident Insurance for Student Pursuing Education and Research (Gakkensai)

It is an accident compensation insurance covering unforeseen disasters and accidents during regular curricular activities, school events, and while on the university premises. Coverage for personal accidents during commuting to school is added. Insurance fee is 1,360 JPY for 1 year.

- National Health Insurance (NHI)

Joining the National Health Insurance is mandatory to all exchange students who stay in Japan more than 3 months. Insurance fee usually cost 1,000 – 3,000 JPY each month, and 70% of the medical costs are covered by the NHI.

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