

AEARU Student Summer Camp 2014 “Inter-University Exchange from a Student’s Point of View”

Osaka University
August 19 - 26, 2014

1. Program Outline

“Since ancient times, Osaka has been a gathering place. Located at the confluence of a vast web of busy river and sea routes, it naturally grew into a flourishing economic center and became the gateway to Japan for travelers and traders from all over Asia. It was here that Japan first met the world.” (Osaka Tourism & Convention Bureau, 2008)

Osaka University is proud to announce that we will host the “AEARU Student Summer Camp 2014” from August 19 to 26, 2014. This Summer Camp is designed for talented undergraduate students who wish to build their own global network amongst future leaders currently studying at the AEARU member universities. During the Camp, participants will study cutting-edge research at Osaka University, see real Japanese life in the second largest city in the country and experience Japanese traditions near the Osaka area. The program consists of campus tours and laboratory visits, city tour, cultural experiences, workshops, and various social events. While participants are not required to have a specific academic background, they are required to communicate in English throughout the program.

2. Accommodation

Arrangements for accommodation close to campus from August 19 to 25 have been made by Osaka University. Participants will stay at a hotel which is located within walking distance of Osaka University’s Toyonaka Campus. Participants will join campus tours and visit several places in Osaka, a modern city. In the later part of the program, on the other hand, participants will take an excursion to Awaji Island, and experience traditional Japanese culture there.

3. Application Procedure

Interested students can apply to the international office at their home university by the deadline set by the university. Each member university has the discretion to select and nominate up to TWO undergraduate students for the camp.

All application forms for nominated students should reach us by **May 31, 2014** via email at: kokusai-gakusei-suisin@office.osaka-u.ac.jp

4. Registration Fee and Other Expenses

Every participant shall pay 20,000 Japanese yen as the registration fee upon arrival, which covers accommodation, parties and local transportation during the program. It is required that participants buy travel insurance before their departure.

5. Visa Application

If a participant requires a visa to enter Japan, he/she will be forwarded an invitation letter to apply for a visa at the Japanese embassy/consulate in the participant's home country. Please indicate on the application form whether a visa is required or not.

For further information, please contact:

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About us: Osaka University in Brief

Although officially founded in 1931 as Japan's 6th imperial university, Osaka University's roots reach back to 1838, Tekijuku, a private "place of learning" founded by Ogata Koan, a great medical scientist and educator, who studied a variety of western science through Dutch text books. Osaka people believe that Tekijuku in downtown Osaka, was the predecessor of the University. Thanks to Tekijuku tradition, the passion for scholarship of Osaka citizens and the spirit of "For people, for society, and for benevolence," were passed on to current Osaka University campus culture, and in 2013, the university celebrated its own 175 anniversary from the foundation of Tekijuku.

The University now boasts 11 undergraduate schools, 16 graduate schools, and 5 research institutes, as well as libraries, two hospitals, and over 35 research facilities. The University has an enrollment of about 25,000 students and a staff of some 9,000. The University has actively promoted international exchange, as demonstrated by the fact that about 2,000 overseas students are now enrolled in the University and some 800 international researchers stay at or visit the University annually.
