Founded in October 1973, the University of Tsukuba is one of Japan's leading comprehensive universities. Three Nobel Prize laureates have served as either president or faculty. Even when the University of Tsukuba is a relatively new university, yet in fact, it has a long and distinguished history in the Japanese university system.

The University is located approximately 37 miles northeast of Tokyo in the center of Tsukuba Science City, where more than 50 major national research institutes are based.

The University of Tsukuba has a vibrant student population of more than 16k students.

Tsukuba's 2023 Rankings
Applying to the University of Tsukuba

ACADEMICS AND REGISTRATION

The are two semesters in one academic year.
Each semester consists of 3 modules (A, B & C)

- **Fall Semester (A & B)** = October 1st - December 27 (10 weeks)
- **Spring Semester (A & B)** = April 1st - July 4 (10 weeks)
- **Spring Semester (A, B & C)** = April 1st - August 10 (15 weeks)

How and When to Apply?
To participate in a UCI Bilateral Exchange program, students must always follow these 2 steps.

1. **Request UCI campus approval in UCIAbroad portal**
   - **Open Date** = November 1st
   - **Deadlines**
     - **Fall Term** = February 15
     - **Spring Term** = August 15

2. **Online Application in the University of Tsukuba**
   - **Fall Semester (A & B)** = April 7
   - **Spring Semester (A & B) and (A, B & C)** = November 10

Students interested in applying for this program must be 1st nominated by the UCI Study Abroad Center.

[Apply here.](#)
Incoming exchange students are required to register more than eight (8) course periods (10 hours) per week to meet immigration regulations (i.e. to maintain visa status as an exchange student).

Students aren’t allowed to take courses offered by the Degree Program in Business Sciences, Law School Program and MBA Program in International Business.

Japanese Language Courses
- Exchange students are encouraged to take comprehensive Japanese Language Courses offered by CEGLOC (Center for Education of Global Communication)
- These courses are offered only during the ABC module, and cannot be taken by students who select the enrolled period as the AB module.
- More information can be found here.

Click here for the course list.
Traveling to the University of Tsukuba

**Visa Requirements**

- Students who have been accepted must obtain a “Student” visa* to enter Japan as a short-term exchange student.

- Visit the Japanese Embassy/Consulate-General in your home country and submit a “Certificate of Eligibility (CoE)” issued by the Immigration Service Agency of Japan.

- The University of Tsukuba can process the CoE application only after students have been accepted into the University and upon revision all of your documents. The University of Tsukuba cannot answer any questions about the status of the CoE being issued.

*Students who have Japanese nationality do not need Visa to enter Japan.

Read More About Japanese Visas
Where to live while studying at the University of Tsukuba?

Housing

The University of Tsukuba offers residences to accepted students. Note that students will need to pay the first month's rent and deposit of 30,000 yen (~$ 205 USD) when you move in.

On-campus housing
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Off-campus housing
- When looking for an apartment, students must go to a real estate agency and tell them what you are looking for in a place to live.
How much will it cost to study at the University of Tsukuba?

**BUDGET**

*This estimate is based on current UCI tuition and fees data, as well as students enrolled at UCI as CA residents. Actual costs vary and can change depending on spending habits, housing, and other factors.*

**Fall Semester**

- UCI tuition and fees: $5,735.25
- Airfare (round-trip, changeable) from: $900.00
- On-campus housing: $900.00
- Meals: $540.00
- Books and Supplies: $540.00
- Transportation: $540.00

**TOTAL = $9,155.25**
UCI Resources

CAMPUS PARTNERS

UCI Student Code of Conduct & Academic Integrity Policies apply while abroad.

UCI Resources:

- Office of Equal Opportunity & Diversity (Title IX)
- Campus Assault Resources & Education (CARE)
- Office of Campus Social Work
- Student Health Center & Counseling Center
- Study Abroad Center
RESOURCES FOR UCI STUDENTS

Tsukuba University provides the following support services for UCI (international) students.

- International Student's Guidebook
- Student Counseling
- Tutor System
# HOW TO APPLY?

Visit UCIAbroad portal

Click "UCI abroad login" → "UC Irvine Students"

Click HERE to Log In → log in using your UCnetID credentials.

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<td>Click “Apply Here” and search for the program using keywords or filters → Sample keywords/filters: UCI-Bilateral Exchange Program [name of host institution]</td>
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<td>Click “Apply for” on the program, → Complete the &quot;Pre-Acceptance&quot; portion in UCI Abroad Portal, Hit → &quot;Submit application&quot;</td>
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<td>Once the Study Abroad Center received your application, it will be reviewed by the nomination committee. You will receive an email indicating the status of your application (Nominated by Campus or Not Nominated by Campus), as well as the steps to follow.</td>
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