

UF Connections in Japan



Japan is situated in Eastern Asia. Its capital city is Tokyo. The US Department of State estimates its total population at 126,702,133. Information about travelling to Japan can be found on the [Department of State](#) website. The [Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#) also has useful travel information.

One of the University of Florida’s oldest international agreements is with Kansai Gaidai University in Japan. These long-established ties have allowed for the long-term mutual exchange of faculty and students between UF and Japanese universities.

Visiting Students, Scholars & Researchers

During the 2014–2015 academic year, UF hosted 71 Japanese students and scholars.

Visiting Students, Scholars, and Researchers				
Undergraduate	Graduate	Non-degree	OPT	Exchange Visitors
7	11	16	6	31

UF Students in Japan

During the 2014–2015 academic year, 17 UF students studied in Japan. The table below contains the reciprocal agreements UF has in Japan. Reciprocal agreements are the foundation for the exchange programs in which so many UF students are involved. In an exchange program, students pay UF tuition and are assigned UF course equivalencies for the work they do abroad. Reciprocal agreements provide for the equal exchange of students between UF and an international accredited institution. Agreements are typically valid for three years initially and can be renewed through a signed addendum, if both parties agree. For information on establishing a reciprocal agreement in Japan, visit <http://ufic.ufl.edu/Agreements-RecipProcedures.html>.

Study Abroad and Reciprocal Agreements			
Academic Unit at UF	Destination Institution or Program Name	Type of program	Location
Liberal Arts and Sciences	Aoyama Gakuin University	Exchange	Tokyo
Business Administration	International University of Japan	Exchange	Minami-Uonuma
Liberal Arts and Sciences	Kansai Gaidai University	Exchange	Hirakata
Engineering - Agricultural and Biological Engineering	Kyoto University-Graduate School of Agriculture	Exchange	Kyoto
Liberal Arts and Sciences - Languages, Literature, and Cultures	Nagoya University	Exchange	Nagoya
Liberal Arts and Sciences - Physics	Osaka Prefecture University	Exchange	Habikino
Liberal Arts and Sciences - Languages, Literature, & Cultures	Shimane University	Exchange	Matsue

Cooperative Agreements

Cooperative Agreements are broad declarations of intent for the promotion of exchanging faculty and students as well as the exchange of academic and research information. These agreements are generally valid for five years, with the possibility of renewal if both parties agree. The Cooperative Agreements UF has with Japanese institutions can be found below, with the full list of agreements available at: <http://ufic.ufl.edu/Agreements.html>.

Cooperative Agreements			
Academic Unit at UF	Institution Name	Focus	Faculty manager
Pharmacy	Gifu Pharmaceutical University – Pharmaceutical	Exchange	Michael McKenzie, mckenzie@cop.ufl.edu
Engineering - Electrical and Computer Engineering	Kyoto University- Graduate School of Engineering and Informatics	Exchange	Pramond P. Khargonekar, ppk@ufl.edu
Engineering - Agricultural and Biological Engineering	Kyoto University - Grad School of Agriculture- Division of Environmental Science & Technology	Exchange/ Research	Reza Ehsani, ehsani@ufl.edu
Liberal Arts and Sciences	Nagoya Institute of Technology -	Exchange/ Research	Kenneth Wagener, wagener@chem.ufl.edu
Liberal Arts and Sciences	Nagoya University - International Education & Exchange Center	Exchange	Ann Wehmeyer, awehmeye@ufl.edu
Liberal Arts and Sciences - Languages, Literatures, and Cultures	Shimane University – Faculty of Law and Literature	Exchange	Ann Wehmeyer, awehmeye@ufl.edu
Medicine - Ophthalmology	Showa University – Ophthalmology Department	Exchange/ Research	Beth Miller, milleb@ufl.edu

Highlights

- **[Asian Collection at the Harn Museum features Japanese art](#)**

The Asian Collection at the Harn Museum contains over 2,000 distinct and beautiful pieces reflecting many Asian cultures, including Japan. The pieces span the vast breadth of human history, reflecting the varied cultures they are drawn from. All these pieces come together to display the progression of art and history in Asian cultures.

- **[UF hosted the Conference on Cholera and Other Enteric Bacterial Infections](#)**

This is a collaborative effort to bring together leading researchers of cholera and enteric bacterial infections to discuss various pathogens that cause common illness around the world and ways to combat them. The conference alternates between host sites in Japan and the US and was hosted by UF in 2015.

- **[Kakehashi Project at UF](#)**

The Kakehashi Project was created to promote understanding of Japan by inviting overseas visitors. In 2015, the government of Japan provided travel and lodging for 23 UF student participants to study local culture, education, government, and technology in Japan.

- **[UF Japanese Studies Major](#)**

Spoken by over 130 million people, Japanese is a major East Asian language. The Japanese Studies Major exposes UF students to modern and classical Japanese, Japanese business practices, and Japanese culture.

- **[Kansai Gaidai University/University of Florida Exchange Program](#)**

The University of Florida and Kansai Gaidai University first signed their exchange agreement in 1983, making it the second oldest agreement UF has with a foreign institution. Over the past three decades, more than 650 students have been exchanged between the two institutions. While at Kansai Gaidai for one academic year, UF students expand their knowledge of the Japanese language and their understanding of Japanese culture in a truly immersive experience (including living with a host family).

- **[Associate Professor named the 2015 Japanese Urological Exchange Scholar](#)**

Dr. Benjamin Canales was selected as the 2015 Japanese Urological Exchange Scholar by the American Urological Association. As the Scholar, he spent 3 weeks at various urology institutes in Japan and attended the annual Japanese Urological Association meeting in Kanazawa.

- **[Department of Languages, Literatures, and Culture Associate Professor publishes book](#)**

Associate Professor of Japanese Dr. Wehmeyer, in collaboration with the University of Florida Harn Museum, contributed to the recent book *Tōkaidō Texts and Tales: Tōkaidō gojūsan tsui by Kuniyoshi, Hiroshige and Kunisada*. This book is the first in-depth study of this important series of 19th century woodblock prints, owned by the Harn Museum of Art, by three of Japan's major artists.

Research Projects:

The following table includes funded research projects with an international component involving Japan.

Funded Research Projects						
Principal Investigator (PI)	PI department	Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI)	Co-PI department	Project title	Funding agency/Sponsor	Project funding
Ranga Narayanan	Chemical Engineering	Jennifer Sinclair Curtis; Jason E Butler Sivaramakrishnan Balachandar; Z Hugh Fan	Chemical Engineering Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering	PIRE: Collaborations With Japan And France On Complex And Multiphase Fluid Technologies	National Science Foundation	\$3,107,326
Christopher Jay Stanton	Physics			US-Japan Cooperative Research and Education on Terahertz Dynamics in Nanostructures	Rice University/ National Science Foundation	\$324,906

Key Connections

- [UF Japanese Club](#)
- [Asian American Student Union](#)
- [Asian Pacific Islander American Affairs](#)
- [Japanese Studies](#)

Adding information to this brief

If you have or are aware of a project, program, or other activity that UF has in this country that has not been included in this brief, email ogre@ufic.ufl.edu.