

Important Notice

Academic Support for Students with Special Needs

In accordance with the *Act for Eliminating Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities* (effective April 1, 2016), Okayama University is committed to fostering an inclusive learning environment where students can access the support they need with understanding and without bias.

In order to ensure appropriate support and a successful academic and cultural experience for all incoming exchange students, we ask for your cooperation in identifying any nominated students who may require special support due to physical, psychological, or learning-related conditions.

To help us prepare the appropriate support arrangements in advance, we kindly request that students with the following conditions consult a qualified medical professional in their home country before departure:

- Physical disabilities (e.g., mobility impairments, chronic physical health conditions)
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- Learning disabilities (e.g., dyslexia, dyscalculia)
- Mental health conditions (e.g., anxiety, depression, PTSD)
- Any other condition that may affect their academic performance or well-being

These students are asked to prepare and submit the following documents along with their application:

1. An **official medical certificate or report** issued by a licensed professional, stating:
 - The student's diagnosis or condition
 - The impact on learning, daily functioning, or well-being
 - Recommended accommodations (e.g., extended test time, flexible attendance)
2. Any **existing support plan** from the home institution, if available (e.g., learning support plans)

This information should be submitted with the application and is necessary for us to consult with our Support Office for Students with Disabilities and to ensure that appropriate support structures are in place from the time of the student's arrival in Japan.

If we are not informed in advance, we may be unable to provide sufficient or timely support once the student arrives. This may result in significant stress, discomfort, or obstacles to successful academic engagement and adjustment to life in Japan.

We kindly ask that this information be shared with your students during the nomination and application process, so that those who may require support are encouraged to disclose their needs early and prepare the necessary documentation.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.