

Short-term Visiting Trainee at Yamagata University

Faculty of Engineering, Graduate School of Science and Engineering, and Graduate School of Organic Materials Science

~ For acceptance of multiple students from universities with interfaculty exchange agreements with Yamagata University Faculty of Engineering ~

1. Yamagata University

Yamagata University has six facilities with nineteen departments and seven graduate schools located across four campuses¹ in Yamagata prefecture. The total number of students on all four campuses is about 9,000. As one of the leading universities in the Tōhoku (northeastern Japan) area, it fulfils an important role in both study and research. The number of students at Yonezawa campus, which is home to the Faculty of Engineering, Graduate School of Science and Engineering, and Graduate School of Organic Materials Science (hereinafter collectively referred to as “YU Yonezawa”), is about 3,400.

As of May 1, 2019, about 89 students from 16 countries are studying at YU Yonezawa. We have interfaculty exchange agreements with 24 universities in 10 countries, offering international educational experience for both students and faculties.

2. Short-term Visiting Trainees

YU Yonezawa accepts international students from universities² with interfaculty exchange agreements with the aim of studying or training in one of our laboratories for a period of 3 days to 6 months (this includes training courses recognized as internships at foreign universities). Short-term Visiting Trainees are not enrolled as students but approved for study directly by the dean of their faculty or graduate school and reported to the president of Yamagata University.

Acceptance Identification	Period of stay	Students
Short-term Visiting Trainee (No official registration)	More than 3 days and less than 6 months	Students from universities with interfaculty exchange agreements with YU Yonezawa

*Please make sure to apply for the same period of stay when applying as a group.

3. Application qualifications

Period of stay

The period of stay in Japan must be more than 3 days and less than 6 months. The period of acceptance will be determined by adjusting schedules between the student’s home university and the accepting laboratory of Yamagata University Faculty of Engineering.

¹ Our four campuses are located in three cities of Yamagata Prefecture: Kojirakawa Campus and Iida Campus are located within Yamagata City, Yonezawa Campus is located in Yonezawa City, and Tsuruoka Campus is located in Tsuruoka City.

² Foreign universities and graduate schools or institutions of higher education which have an academic curriculum equivalent to a university or graduate school.

Application qualification

1. The field of study of the internship must match the contents of our Undergraduate and Graduate School.
 2. The student should be enrolled in a university with an interfaculty exchange agreement with YU Yonezawa. The student must be at least in his/her second year of undergraduate study at the time of application. Japanese or English ability must be sufficient for smooth participation in university life.
- * Students are required to take either English language tests (TOEIC®, TOEFL®, IELTS, etc.) or the Japanese Language Proficiency Test and submit a certificate of their score. It is desirable for students to take both English and Japanese language tests.
- * We will not be able to take any students who have already graduated from their home university or who will graduate from their home university during the period of their study at Yamagata.
3. YU Yonezawa may accept a few students annually from each university. However, please note that if the Yonezawa International House is already full, we may limit the number of students to be accepted as we are unable to provide appropriate accommodations for the students.

4. Laboratory Introduction

Accepting Laboratory

Field of Study	Prof. Name	Study Theme (Keyword)
Polymeric and Organic Materials Engineering	Professor Hiroshi Ito	Automotive plastics, polymer composites (CFRP, GFRP, Nanocomposites), polymer blend/alloy, film drawing/injection molding, nano-imprint
Polymeric and Organic Materials Engineering	Professor Takashi Kuriyama	Automotive plastic, plastic pipes and fittings
Polymeric and Organic Materials Engineering	Professor Tatsuhiro Takahashi	CFRP (Carbon Fiber Reinforced Plastics) (1) Advanced surface treatment of CF for thermoplastic polymer matrix, (2) Electric conductive thermosetting matrix
Polymeric and Organic Materials Engineering	Professor Junichi Takimoto	Rheology through simulations
Polymeric and Organic Materials Engineering	Professor Giuseppe Milano	Molecular simulations, polymers, biomembranes, synthetic biology
Polymeric and Organic Materials Engineering	Professor Hideharu Mori	Polymer synthesis, functional material, organic-inorganic hybrid
Polymeric and Organic Materials Engineering	Professor Masataka Sugimoto	Polymer viscoelasticity, processing of soft matter such as foaming using supercritical fluids, electrospinning, multilayer formation, extrusion etc.
Polymeric and Organic Materials Engineering	Professor Akihiro Nishioka	Polymer Rheology, Biomass resources, Plastic Materials, Polymer processing, Starch, Cellulose, Food processing, Polymer composite, Polymer Alloy
Polymeric and Organic Materials Engineering	Professor Go Matsuba	Polymer structural analysis, X-ray scattering, bio-materials
Polymeric and Organic	Professor	Materials and devices for conversion and storage of

Materials Engineering	Tsukasa Yoshida	renewable energy (renewable energy, electrochemistry, solar cell, battery, water splitting)
Polymeric and Organic Materials Engineering	Associate professor Sathish K. Sukumaran	Soft Matter Dynamics, Flow and Processing; Molecular Simulations
Polymeric and Organic Materials Engineering	Associate professor Tomonori Koda	Theoretical Modeling, Mill Design, Polymer Material
Polymeric and Organic Materials Engineering	Associate professor Ken Miyata	Plastics for automobile and electric appliances, Plastic Packaging film and materials, Polymer blends, Joining Technique for plastics
Polymeric and Organic Materials Engineering	Assistant Professor Tetsuo Takayama	Mechanical properties, polymer composites, injection molding
Polymeric and Organic Materials Engineering	Assistant Professor Jin GONG	Crystalline gel, Film, Fiber, Non-woven, Particle, Synthesis, Characteristics
Chemistry and Biochemical Engineering	Professor Shiro Kambe	Research on high-Tc superconductors
Chemistry and Biochemical Engineering	Professor Bungo Ochiai	Polymer chemistry, material chemistry, organic material, organic-inorganic hybrid material
Chemistry and Biochemical Engineering	Professor Hideyuki Tagaya	Chemical recycling of polymeric wastes
Chemistry and Biochemical Engineering	Professor Hiroyuki Konno	Medicinal chemistry, natural product chemistry
Chemistry and Biochemical Engineering	Professor Osamu Yamamoto	Materials science, graft materials, skin regeneration, bone regeneration, Implants
Chemistry and Biochemical Engineering	Associate professor Akito Masuhara	Polymer electrolyte fuel cell (ion conductive membrane), Hybridized photo-luminescent nanoparticles (Perovskite quantum dot), Organic nanomaterials, Nano assembly structure
Chemistry and Biochemical Engineering	Associate professor Keigo Matsuda	Chemical engineering, Process modelling, Reaction/Separation process, Renewable energy process
Chemistry and Biochemical Engineering	Associate professor Koki Makabe	Protein engineering, protein design

Chemistry and Biochemical Engineering	Associate professor Shigekazu Yano	Microorganisms, microbial enzymes
Chemistry and Biochemical Engineering	Assistant Professor Gulsan ara sathi Kazi	Biomaterial, tissue regeneration, tissue engineering
Informatics and Electronics	Professor Manabu Sato	Optoelectronics, optics, optical measurement. image processing, optical coherence tomography
Informatics and Electronics	Professor Kazuhiro Kondo	Denoising of degraded speech signals with additive noise and reverberation (speech quality, speech intelligibility, speech enhancement)
Informatics and Electronics	Associate professor Toshiyuki Sugimoto	Applied Electrostatics, Applied High voltage
Mechanical Systems Engineering	Professor Yasuo Kondo	Machining, condition monitoring, resin machining, metal working fluid, design for X, IoT monitoring
Mechanical Systems Engineering	Professor Hidemitsu Furukawa	3D printing, gels, soft matter, advanced materials
Mechanical Systems Engineering	Associate professor Riichiro Tadakuma	Robotics, mechanical engineering
Mechanical Systems Engineering	Associate professor Hiroaki Nishiyama	Laser materials processing, Microdevices, Nanophotonics
Mechanical Systems Engineering	Assistant Professor Kaoru Yasuhara	Heat and mass transfer, snow melting, mist generation
Mechanical Systems Engineering	Assistant Professor Siu Kang	Computational neuroscience, biomedical image analysis, artificial intelligence

*For further information, please refer to the “Seeds Collection” in the website of Yamagata University Faculty of Engineering.

https://www.yz.yamagata-u.ac.jp/seeds_en/html5.html#page=1

5. Life in Japan

Spring and Fall Semesters

Spring Semester classes start in early April and end in early August. The summer vacation continues until September 30. Fall Semester classes start in early October. There are approximately 15 days of New Year’s vacation from the end of December to early January. After the end of the semester, there is another vacation from late February through March. However, graduate students do not necessarily follow the same schedule.

Spring Semester	April	Spring Semester begins, orientation, class registration
	late July/early Aug.	final exams
	late Aug./Sep.	summer break

Fall Semester	October	Fall Semester begins, class registration
	late Dec./early Jan.	winter break
	early Feb.	final exams
	late Feb./early April	spring break

After Arriving in Japan

After arriving in Yamagata, students will be lodged at the Yonezawa International House. Within two or three days, students will be required to register their addresses, open bank accounts, and participate in orientation.

Housing and Cost of Living

Students on the Short-term Visiting Trainee program can typically be accommodated at the Yonezawa International House. Please be aware, however, that you may be asked to rent an apartment off-campus if the number of applicants is above the capacity of the Yonezawa International House.

The Yonezawa International House is about a ten-minute walk from the campus.

Please see the box below outlining the expenses regarding housing. In addition to the expenses below, electricity, gas, and water must be paid by the applicant. Internet is available as well, but an individual contract is necessary.

The security deposit will be used for cleaning and other expenses upon moving out. The remaining sum will be returned unless there are extra damages or loss.

Type of dormitory	Type of room (Number of rooms for Int. Students)	Boarding fee per month	Communal services fee per month	Security deposit on your move-in
Yonezawa International House	Single room (33)	¥5,900	¥800	¥30,000
	Couple room (2)	¥11,900	¥900	¥36,000
	Family room (2)	¥14,200	¥1,200	¥45,000

《Considerations》

- Living in Yamagata, students will have to pay for their room rent, utilities, food, transportation, internet, phone, and after class activities. In total, this comes to approximately ¥60,000 per month. (110.27 JPY ≈ 1 USD, 122.06 JPY ≈ 1 EUR)³
- Short-term Visiting Trainee's personal costs, including, travel, accommodation, meals, transportations, insurance, and other personal expenses should be paid by the student or by their home university.
- In order to be prepared just in case an accident should occur, students should also provide their own overseas travel insurance coverage valid for the duration of their stay in Japan.
- We cannot provide any scholarships for Short-term Visiting Trainees. Please inquire with your home university regarding scholarship information.

³ As of August 1st, 2019.

Opportunities for Japanese Cultural Experiences

Yamagata University International Circle in Yonezawa (YUICY) and various international exchange groups organize a number of valuable cultural experiences such as a boat trip on the Mogami River. Yamagata Prefecture is an area full of nature and beautiful sites to enjoy throughout the year. There are hot springs (*onsen*) in every city, town, and village, and it is also a good environment for making friends. We guarantee that international students will have many opportunities to fully enjoy their stay in this hospitable region.



6. How to Apply: Deadlines

The selection of candidates for the Short-term Visiting Trainee program is carried out based on the Required Documents in the Table below. Students applying for the program are asked to send their completed application materials to the address below through their home university's International Exchange Office (or the equivalent department) by the following deadlines: **December 20th, 2019 for students starting in April, 2020 and May 1st, 2020 for students starting in October 2020.**

Student Services, Yamagata University Faculty of Engineering
E-mail: kougakusei@jm.kj.yamagata-u.ac.jp

	Required Documents
1	Request for Acceptance of Short-term Visiting Trainee 【Form 1】 (Submit as a Word file)
2	Plan of Study or Research 【Form 2】 (Submit as a Word file)
3	Academic Transcript (from currently enrolled university) (Submit as a PDF file)
4	One copy of the official score sheet for the Japanese Language Proficiency Test and an English language test (TOEIC®, TOEFL®, IELTS, etc.). ※Students are required to take either the Japanese Language Proficiency Test or an English language test (TOEIC®, TOEFL®, IELTS, etc.). It is desirable for students to take both of them.
5	Copy of Passport *The passport can't expire during your stay in Yamagata.
6	Application Form for Residence Approval *Only for students who want to live in the Yonezawa International House.

7. Notification of Results

Results of applications to Yamagata University will be sent to the office in charge of study abroad at the applicant's home university 1–2 months before the date of the student's expected date of entry to Japan.

Before their arrival, students are asked to confirm the necessary visa application procedures with their local Japanese Embassy or Consulate as well as provide their own flight tickets.

8. Access to Yonezawa Campus

Please refer to the following URL. It takes about 2 hours from JR Tokyo station to Yonezawa by Shinkansen.

<https://www.yamagata-u.ac.jp/en/about-yu/transportation/>

<https://youtu.be/0DfNwZ04QNc>

If it is difficult to come to Yonezawa Station by yourself, please contact us. We can pick you up at Fukushima or Sendai station instead.

【Reference】

- Narita/Haneda airport ~ Tokyo: Train (Narita Express, Keisei line, monorail etc.)
- Tokyo ~ Yonezawa station: About 2 hours by Yamagata Shinkansen (Tsubasa)

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