

OIST Special Research Internship Programs



OIST is seeking motivated young scientists to participate in special research internship programs. This program is a great way to experience an international environment and improve English communication skills, while in Japan! In addition to the OIST Doctoral Program, seminars, and workshops, the OIST Graduate School offers education and research opportunities through a system of undergraduate and graduate placements as Research Interns. These short-term placements as a Research Intern give students the opportunity to gain experience in a particular laboratory or to learn a specific technique. The schedule can be selected according to individual goals and projects.

While working on research activities in a well-equipped, state-of-the-art environment, you can interact with the world leading professors, researchers and students gathered from various countries and regions regardless of research fields. While experiencing the international environment, you can expect to improve not only research but also communication skills.

Why don't you take one step at OIST to become a scientist active in the globalized world?

Eligibility

OIST Graduate School hosts a [general research internship program](#) as well as the special research internship programs. Special internship programs are available only to students who are willing to engage in research activities and are enrolled in a designated university in Japan. This page contains information about special internship programs. For information about our general research internship program, please see our [main site](#).

Duration

Applicants can indicate the preferred timing for the internship within the window set by OIST and each institution. Preference is for internships of at least 2 months in duration.

Support

Allowance

OIST provides a Living Allowance of 2,400 JPY per day (weekends & holidays excluded) while at OIST.

Travel Expenses

OIST will provide a simple roundtrip air ticket to selected Research Interns. (The travel dates must be as close as possible to the term of the placement.)

Housing

OIST will provide an apartment to Research Interns.

Note: The Student Affairs Section of the Graduate School will provide support for Research Interns at OIST with matters such as air tickets and housing. OIST regrets that support is not available for dependents, family members, and persons other than the student.

Procedures

1. Submission of necessary documents in accordance with application procedures of enrolled institution.
2. Initial selection is made within enrolled institutions & candidates' applications are sent to OIST for review.
3. Final selection at OIST and matching with OIST research unit.
4. Result announcement within 3 months of application deadline (deadline set by home institution).
5. Logistics & arrangements (arranged between OIST & selected interns, starting around 2 months ahead of start date).
6. Sending airline tickets and necessary information from OIST to research intern.
7. Start internship at OIST.

Required Application Materials

Please fill out all required materials below in English.

- 1) Curriculum Vitae Sheet - [OIST CV SHEET](#)
- 2) Personal Statement - [STATEMENT SHEET](#)
- 3) Academic Transcript - Unofficial partial transcripts are accepted for those who have not yet graduated.
- 4) ID Photo - A recent photo, showing your face from the front in standard passport orientation

Application Deadline

Equivalent to the deadline determined by enrolled organizations.

Contact

If you need any more information or assistance with your application, please contact us at [research-intern\[at\]oist.jp](mailto:research-intern[at]oist.jp). Those who wish to consult by phone or Skype, please specify the contact information and preferred time in the inquiry.

Regulations

If applicants intend to import biological or hazardous material for their research, please contact us in advance. Detailed regulations pertaining to matters of payment, intellectual property rights, attendance, health and safety, and other matters will be made available to successful applicants.

Faculty Availability and Projects

You can fill out your desired unit up to the 4th choice. To increase the chance of acceptance please list more than one unit of interest.

Please see information about faculty availability and research topics [here](#).

Please note: Acceptance to any research unit at OIST is at the discretion of the faculty. For each application round only a limited number of interns will be admitted. Not all available faculty will be able to accept an intern.