



# NAGOYA GAKUIN UNIVERSITY

INSTITUTE FOR JAPANESE STUDIES

EXCHANGE PROGRAM OPPORTUNITY

## FALL 2023

The Institute for **Japanese Studies (IJS)** at **Nagoya Gakuin University (NGU)** was established in 1989. IJS is an intensive exchange opportunity, providing Japanese language and area study courses for international students, as well as preparation for those students seeking admission to a regular degree program at a Japanese university. Please refer to [www.ngu.jp/english/ijs/](http://www.ngu.jp/english/ijs/) for more information.

### Dates (Fall Semester):

September 1st – Mid December 2023.

Exchange students must attend the orientation in September 2023 (date to be confirmed).

### Eligibility

To be eligible to participate, students must:

- Applicants must be sufficiently proficient to be able to read and write Hiragana and Katakana and know the basic 100 kanjis (BASIC KANJI BOOK VOL.1, Bonjinsha Co.).
- Be enrolled full-time at George Brown College.
- Have a minimum program GPA of 2.7.
- Be in good health, both mentally and physically, to study in Japan for the full duration of exchange program.
- Require a general education or lower liberal arts elective.
- Passport with at least six months validity after trip's end date.
- Meet all entry, exit and re-entry requirements for Japan and Canada (this information is subject to change at any time).
- Have a strong academic interest in Japan.

George Brown College students in diploma and degree programs can choose from a list of pre-approved NGU courses taught in English for either George Brown College General Education elective exemptions or lower-level Liberal Studies electives.



# List of Required NGU Exchange Application

## [Online/via email]

1. Complete the Application Form via [Microsoft Forms](#)
2. Information sheet on previous Japanese language study and others. (FORM 2-1 to 2-7)
3. Digital photograph with a file size of 1MB or less (colour, clear, sharp and in-focus full-face photo with no hat on, taken within three months of application, in front of a plain white or light-colored background. Computer-generated photos are not acceptable.)
4. Passport copy in digital file.
5. Please submit 2–4 via email to [kouryuu-center@ngu.ac.jp](mailto:kouryuu-center@ngu.ac.jp)



## [By Post/Mail]

- Check List (FORM 0) either in Japanese or English
- Two kinds of recommendation letters (FORM 3 & FORM 4) from college professors who are familiar with the applicant's background. FORM 3 and FORM 4 must be written by two different persons, and the letters must be sealed in an envelope.
- Certificate of Health (FORM 5) by a qualified physician.
- Certificate of Attendance from the college presently attended.
- Official transcript of academic record from the college/school last attended.
- Financial evidence; please choose one from three choices: **1–3**

- 1) Certificate of bank balance statement issued by the financial institution verifying enough funds (more than JPY600,000 or approximately CAD \$6000) for one-year to study in Japan. If a parent or other family member may act as the applicant's financial supporter, please ensure that ALL the following documents (**a**, **b**, and **c**) are submitted:
  - a. An official document verifying the relationship to the applicant
  - b. Pledge signed by the supporter (FORM 6)
  - c. An official document verifying supporter's occupation and proof of annual income.
- 2) Scholarship document showing sufficient funds (more than JPY600,000 or approximately CAD \$6000) and the scholarship period.
- 3) Loan document showing sufficient funds (more than JPY600,000 or approximately CAD \$6000) and the loan period.

## Costs Estimates of Opportunity (Estimates only and subject to change)

Tuition Fee is paid to George Brown College.

Air Tickets to and from Japan – approximately CAD \$2000+

Housing for one semester – approximately JPY27,000 or approximately CAD \$300 to JPY50,000 or approximately CAD \$500 per month.

NGU will apply for the Certificate of Eligibility necessary for getting a visa, but student must pay the visa cost.

Airport Pick up fee is JPY10,000 or approximately CAD \$100 per person.

Meals would be extra.

## Funding Opportunities:

Funding for this opportunity is available to eligible students through the Global Mobility bursary of up to \$1500 to all students (domestic and international), and Global Skills Opportunity (GSO) project, which is funded by the Government of Canada's Outbound Student Mobility Pilot Program. GSO project funding (of up to \$1500) is open to all domestic students, but will prioritize Indigenous students, low-income students, and those with disabilities.

## Application:

Please contact Aida Viveiros at [aviveiro@georgebrown.ca](mailto:aviveiro@georgebrown.ca) to receive NGU application documents and confirm your nomination.

**Deadline:** to receive all required NGU documents to be nominated by George Brown College is March 31, 2023.

## Additional information:

- George Brown College relies on the Government of Canada's (GOC) Travel Advice and Advisories and the associated risk level for each destination to assess whether or not students should engage in an overseas activity. Please refer to <https://travel.gc.ca/destinations/japan>
- While we make every effort to prepare students for a successful experience abroad, circumstances may arise that are beyond our control including the evolving COVID-19 global pandemic.
- Students who participate on a global mobility opportunity must accept as a condition of participation the possibility that the activity may be cancelled or terminated early due to concerns over the safety and security of students. If cancellation or termination occurs, participants may encounter additional and unexpected financial and academic implications. George Brown College will work to mitigate negative implications to the best of its ability.
- International students at George Brown College who are interested in participating on this opportunity are required to meet with their International Student Advisor to ensure their program of study and/or study permit will not be impacted by travelling abroad. This must take place as soon as possible in the application process.
- All students are advised to consult the Consulate-General of Japan in Toronto to confirm the visa requirements.