

Orion International House(*Osaka-fu Sakai Ryugakusei Kaikan*)

APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR HOUSE RESIDENTS FOR October2015

Osaka Foundation of International Exchange (OFIX)

Osaka Foundation of International Exchange (OFIX) operates Orion International House (the Osaka-fu Sakai Ryugakusei Kaikan), a housing complex for foreign students. This House is part of an overall program for foreign students organized by the Osaka Prefectural Government and OFIX. OFIX is offering rooms in this House to foreign students so that they may live in a comfortable atmosphere conducive to studying. Currently, foreign students from over 10 different countries live in Orion International House. Moreover, exchange events, to promote friendship between the local residents and foreign students, and activities that will be useful for international students, such as disaster drills, are being conducted at Orion International House. We are now accepting applications for rooms available in October 2015 according to the guidelines specified below.

1 Number of rooms available :

Approximately 6 rooms for males and 13 rooms for females.

*Female/male rooms are generally on separate floors, but not in all cases.

2 Eligibility :

Occupancy at the house shall be limited to foreign students with no accompanying dependents (designated as “International Student” under the Immigration-Control and Refugee Recognition Act) enrolled at graduate schools, universities or colleges, junior colleges, and technical colleges, as prescribed in Article 1 of the School Education Act; and advanced vocational schools as prescribed in Article 126, paragraph 2 of the same act; or at the Japan Student Services Organization Osaka Japanese Language Education Center (including those scheduled to attend from October 1st 2015), who are diligent and of excellent disposition, and who are having difficulty in securing accommodation.

3 Outline of the dormitory :

(1) Location: 2-226 Higashi Uenoshiba-cho, Kita-ku, Sakai City

(400m walk northeast from Uenoshiba St. on the JR Hanwa line)

(2) Construction: 85 single rooms (each room is approx.17m²)

En-suite bathroom, air-conditioner, desk, bed, refrigerator, etc. Use of internet possible through private contract.

4 Terms of residence :

Residence is limited to a two-year term from the beginning of October 2015.

Rooms may not be available for residency starting on October 1st due to cleaning.

5 Housing costs :

The monthly room charge, including maintenance, is ¥26,000 per month (no deposit required, includes communal area maintenance fee)

Please note that daily rates will not be offered to those entering or leaving Orion International House midway through the month.

Furthermore, the room charge may rise to accommodate any increases in the cost of living.

6 Other fees

Utilities such as electricity, water, and internet are to be paid for by the residents of each room.

7 How to apply :

Those who wish to reside at Orion International House must fill out the prescribed application forms (2 forms), and together with a certificate of health, submit them by the date stipulated to the foreign student advisors at their respective schools. A recommendation letter from the head of the school is also required.

Applications and letters of recommendation should be processed and submitted together by each school.

8 Selection and notification of acceptance :

This foundation will select dormitory residents based on the recommendations of their schools. All applicants will be notified through their schools .

9 Other :

(1) Details regarding this system have been determined by OFIX and are based upon the “Orion International House Management Regulations.”

(2) Each occupant is strongly encouraged to be an active participant in House activities.

10 For further information :

Please contact your foreign student advisors in your respective schools.

Orion International House Homepage: <http://www.ofix.or.jp/accept/support/orion.html>