

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

APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR HOUSE RESIDENTS FOR OCTOBER 2024

Osaka Foundation of International Exchange (OFIX)

Osaka Foundation of International Exchange (OFIX) operates Orion International House (*Osaka-fu Sakai Ryugakusei Kaikan Orion Ryou*), a housing complex for international students. This house is part of OFIX's initiatives to support international students by providing a welcoming living environment, enabling them to dedicate themselves to their studies. Currently, it houses students from more than ten different countries. Moreover, exchange events, to promote friendship between the students, are regularly held. We are now accepting applications for rooms available starting from October 2024.

1 Number of rooms available :

Approximately 10 rooms for males and 6 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 2024), 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 starting from the date of approval for move-in.

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

5 Housing costs :

The monthly room charge, including maintenance, is ¥36,000 per month (Includes water, gas, and internet.)

If a resident moves in or leaves in the middle of the month, rent could be billed partially depending on the day of the move.

Students who are granted residency approval must pay a security deposit equal to the sum of the first month's rent in addition to the first month's rent (total sum of 2 months' rent) after moving in.

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

6 Other fees

The electricity usage of each room is to be paid by the occupant of that room.

7 How to apply :

Those who wish to reside at Orion International House must fill out the prescribed application forms (2 forms) and 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: <https://ofix.or.jp/dormitory/#>