



Japan

Highlights

UGA has a network of student exchanges in Japan that offer immersive education experiences to UGA students in a wide variety of environments and academic fields.

57 students participated in student exchanges and faculty-led programs in the 2016-2017 academic year.



Japan is also a valuable partner for joint academic output with the main areas of co-publication including Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Genetics and Heredity, and Plant Sciences.

UGA is conducting radioecology research with Fukushima University to advance understanding of the effects of nuclear accidents and power production, specifically focusing on wildlife populations.

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Active Partnerships

18 Rank
2

Joint Publications

406 Rank
8

UGA Students Abroad

57

Visiting Scholars

14 Rank
6

UGA Faculty Visits

52 Rank
10

International Students

22 Rank
8

UGA Education Abroad in Japan

During the 2016-2017 academic year, 57 UGA students studied in Japan, many of whom went on reciprocal student exchanges. Current programs in Japan include:

Program	City/Destination	Focus
Public Health, Culture, and Aging Issues in Japan	Hiroshima	Study Abroad
Daito Bunka University	Tokyo	Exchange
Kagoshima University	Kagoshima	Exchange
Kobe University	Kobe	Exchange
Kwansei Gakuin University	Nishinomiya	Exchange
Kyoto University of Foreign Studies	Kyoto	Exchange
Kyushu University	Fukuoka	Exchange
Meiji University	Tokyo	Exchange
Osaka University	Osaka	Exchange
Sophia University	Tokyo	Exchange
Waseda University	Tokyo	Exchange
Yokohama University	Yokohama	Exchange

Academic Collaboration in Japan

During 2007-2017, UGA faculty collaborated with colleagues in Japan to jointly publish 406 scholarly articles. Top areas of cooperation during this period included: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Genetics and Heredity, and Plant Sciences. Top collaborating institution in Japan during this period included Kyoto University, University of Tokyo, and Niigata University.

Institutional Collaboration

Japan is home to over 15 UGA formal institutional partnerships.

Institution	City	Focus
Chiba University Graduate School of Horticulture and Faculty of Horticulture	Chiba	Collaborative research on food quality and safety management systems
Daito Bunka University	Tokyo	Student exchange
Fukushima University	Fukushima	Collaborative research in radio-ecology
Kagoshima University	Kagoshima	Collaborative research; faculty and student exchange
Kitasato University	Tokyo	Faculty and student exchange
Kobe University	Kobe	Student exchange
Kwansei Gakuin University	Nishinomiya	Student exchange
Kyoto University of Foreign Students	Kyoto	Student exchange
Kyushu University	Fukuoka	Student exchange
Meiji University	Tokyo	Student exchange
Osaka University	Osaka	Student exchange
Shiga University of Medical Science	Ōtsu	Collaborative research on health systems
Sophia University	Tokyo	Student exchange
Tokyo Metropolitan University	Tokyo	Collaborative research in the theoretical modeling of astrophysical environment
Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology	Tokyo	Graduate student mobility
Waseda University	Tokyo	Student exchange
Yokohama National University	Yokohama	Student exchange

Chiba University Partnership

Chiba University's expertise in horticultural crops, particularly fresh fruits and vegetables, complements UGA's expertise in food quality and safety management systems. There are plans for joint research involving the effects of modified gas environments and lighting on ascorbic acid content as well as quality and shelf life of fresh cut bell peppers and other fruits and vegetables during cold storage.

Fukushima University Partnership

Fukushima University is uniquely poised to conduct radioecology research due to the nuclear disaster that occurred in the Fukushima Prefecture in 2011 and its current emphasis on radioecology. UGA is conducting radioecology research to advance understanding of the effects of nuclear accidents and power production, specifically focusing on wildlife populations.

Kitasato University Partnership

For many years, students from Kitasato University have regularly traveled to UGA to learn clinical skills in UGA's veterinary teaching hospital. In addition, both institutions have hosted faculty from the other for seminars and professional training.

Kumamoto University Partnership

UGA's Health Promotion and Behavior Department conducts a summer course in Kumamoto, Japan that focuses on international public health issues such as aging, environmental problems, community health, and chronic and infectious disease. The program is held at Kumamoto University with faculty and students from Japan and other countries, involving both lecture and service learning opportunities.

Shiga University of Medical Science Partnership

UGA faculty have performed critical ongoing joint research with Shiga University of Medical Science, comparing the health systems of the United States and Japan. Specifically, they have examined how physicians manage cardiovascular risk factors – such as hypertension, diabetes, hypercholesterolemia, and obesity – in light of Japan's approximately 50% lower rate of cardiovascular disease as compared with the United States.

Tokyo Metropolitan University Partnership

UGA researchers are performing theoretical modeling of the astrophysical environment to understand x-ray observations made by space telescopes. Tokyo Metropolitan University has a laboratory facility allowing the benchmarking of these x-rays, a critical step in this research. National Science Foundation funding has facilitated faculty and graduate student mobility.

Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology Partnership

This partnership allows graduate students from the Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology to study poultry diseases at UGA, creating opportunities for shared knowledge and collaboration.

Department of Comparative Literature

UGA's Department of Comparative Literature offers introductory to advanced Japanese language courses, as well as courses in Japanese literature and culture. Students can earn a minor in Japanese Language and Literature or a B.A. in Asian Languages and Literature.