

Concerning Overseas Travel Insurance for the Keio University Student Exchange Program

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For students who are studying abroad on the Keio University Student Exchange Program, for the purposes of ensuring a healthy and safe time while studying abroad, it is mandatory to join the Keio University Overseas Travel Insurance plan (including the Crisis Management Support Service) for the entire period of the program, from the day of departure from Japan to the day of arrival back to Japan. (Expect the premium for one academic year to be between 170,000 and 200,000 yen.)

Furthermore, even though you will be signed up to the Keio University Overseas Travel Insurance, you are required to join a separate insurance policy in the host country if required by the host university or for visa purposes, on top of the of Keio Overseas Travel Insurance. The premium of the insurance policy that the host university designates can vary depending on the country or region and the length of time of your visit, but in general it can be between 100,000 and 400,000 yen. Especially at some universities in North America the price tends to be very high.

At some partner universities, if the host university recognizes that the Keio Overseas Travel Insurance satisfies their requirements, there are cases where it is possible to complete certain procedures for exemption from joining the host university's preferred insurance plan. Because it can change from year to year at each host university whether they require you to join a specific insurance plan, or whether there is a waiver policy or not, after completing the internal selection process, please confirm this on your own at the same time you do the preparation and submission of paperwork for studying abroad at your host university. For these reasons, please be prepared beforehand that when applying for the student exchange program, it may be necessary to sign up to both the compulsory Keio University Overseas Travel Insurance plan as well as the insurance plan of the host university or country. (In total this may amount to between 200,000 and 650,000 yen.)

For complete information on the student exchange program, please refer to the Study Abroad Guidebook (the 2018 Keio University Student Exchange Program Application Guidelines). Furthermore, concerning the cost of the entire study abroad, it varies considerably according to the country, university, and various other factors including personal spending habits. However, excluding the academic fees and expenses, in general please allow for an amount in the range of 1,500,000 and 2,500,000 yen. (For expenses by item, please refer to p.9 of the Study Abroad Guidebook.) After passing the internal screening process, there will be detailed explanations at orientations for those who passed, but please be aware in advance that signing up to the insurance plans and the visa applications are the responsibility of each student once the study abroad destination has been decided.

*For the insurance plans specified by the host country or university, the premiums are subject to change without notice. Moreover, the figures given above are for reference purposes only, and may vary according to factors such as fluctuations in the exchange rate.

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