



Nara National Institute of  
Higher Education and Research  
**Nara Women's  
University**

International Division Nara Women's University  
Nara International Strategy Center (Nara ISC)



# OVERVIEW



Nara National Institute of Higher Education and Research

## Nara Women's University

Nara Women's University (NWU) can trace its privileged origin back to Nara Women's Higher Normal School in 1909, which was established by an imperial decree as a premier institution for top female educators to rival the twin of Tokyo. The alumni pioneered academic research and contributed to the promotion of science in the very heart of Japanese history and culture. NWU retains the prestige and enjoys a reputation for quality of higher education and research.

**115+** years of history



Students

**2,620**

Undergraduates **2,126** Graduates **494**



Academics

**194**

(including **75** female professors)

Faculty-student ratio



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**13.5**

As of August 1, 2024

Percentage of female professors



**38.7%**

### Organization

#### Faculties

- Faculty of Letter
- **Faculty of Science**
- Faculty of Human Life and Environment

*one of the two esteemed departments for female scientists since the pre-war era.*

- **Faculty of Engineering**

*the pioneering establishment focused on female engineers in Japan.*

#### Graduate School

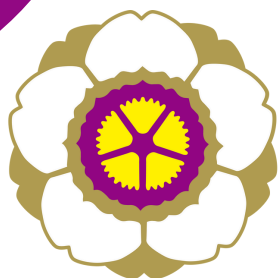
Humanities and Sciences  
Master's Course / Doctoral Course



NWU is located in Nara City, an ancient capital of Japan, which has eight world heritage properties designated by UNESCO and is surrounded by many cultural sites and beautiful nature.

Nara





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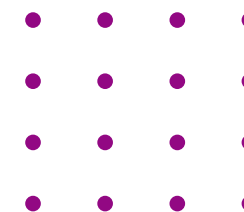
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# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

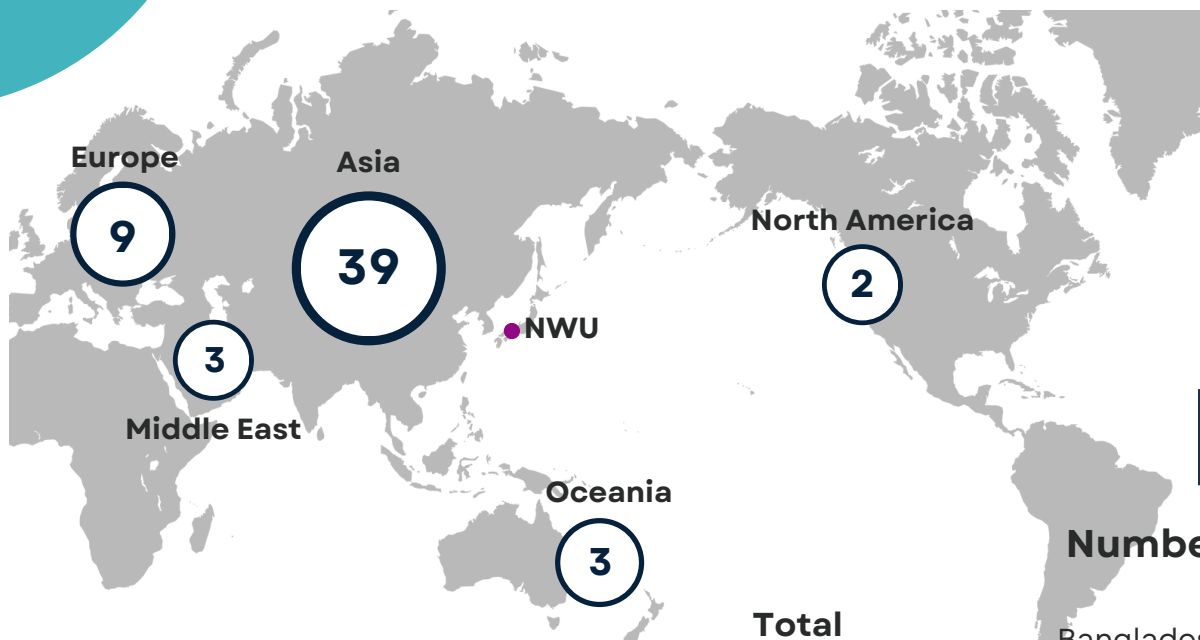


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NWU is a small university with a very international outlook, with over 100 international students from all over the world studying here each year.  
At NWU, you will gain the cultural knowledge and skills necessary to become a member of an international community.

## INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS

As of February 3, 2025



Number of universities with international exchange agreements

**Total**  
**56**



BASIC DATA ON INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

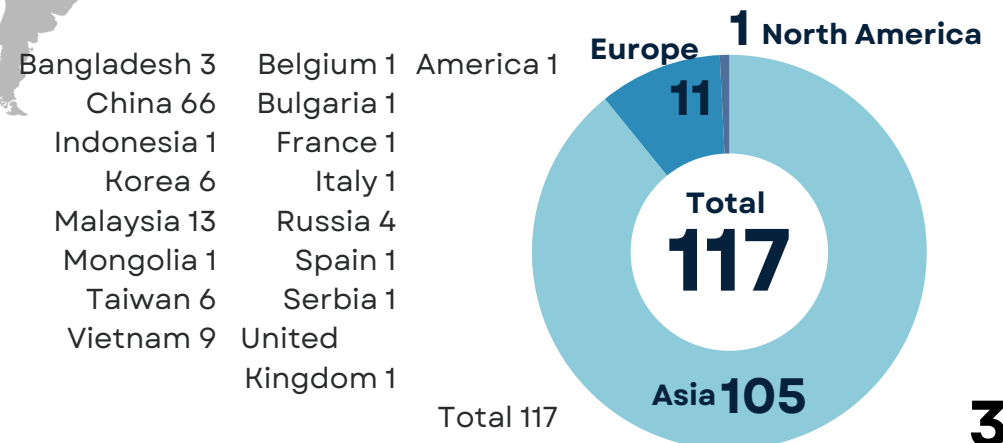
As of May 1, 2024

**Number of International Students** **117**  
**Percentage of International Students to Total students** **4.5%**

### Number of International Students by Faculty and School



### Number of International Students by Region



Bangladesh 3  
China 66  
Indonesia 1  
Korea 6  
Malaysia 13  
Mongolia 1  
Taiwan 6  
Vietnam 9  
Belgium 1  
Bulgaria 1  
France 1  
Italy 1  
Russia 4  
Spain 1  
Serbia 1  
United Kingdom 1

Total 117



## MEXT-SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDYING IN JAPAN

	Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Embassy Recommendation	Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship University Recommendation
<b>Program</b>	Undergraduate • Research Students	Undergraduate • Research Students
<b>Field of Study</b>	Any Field but Related to Applicant's college Diploma	Limited (Only universities/programs have university recommendations for MEXT Scholarship )
<b>Age</b>	Under 35	Graduate : Under 35 Undergraduate: Under 24
<b>Japanese Ability</b>	Not Required	Not Required
<b>Application Registration</b>	Announcement on Japanese Embassy's website/SNS etc.	Apply for the scholarship with your university application
<b>Contact</b>	Embassy of Japan in your country	International Affairs Division, Nara Women's University

## MAJOR SCHOLARSHIPS AT NARA WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY

### ■ Nara Women's University Nadeshiko Fund Scholarship for International Students

**Qualifications:** Private-expense international students / **Amount of Scholarship per month :** 40,000 yen /

**Grant Period:** 1 year / **Application:** April

### ■ Sahokai Scholarship

#### **Qualifications:**

- Private-expense international students from Southeast Asian countries\*
  - Registered for 1 year or more in undergraduate course or graduate course in Nara Women's University \*After third year of undergraduate course
  - Have never received Sahokai Scholarship \*Southeast Asian countries include Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Indonesia, Brunei, Philippines and East Timor
- Amount of Scholarship per month :** 100,000yen / year(one-off) / **Application:** October

### ■ Other



Main Scholarship  
Foundation List

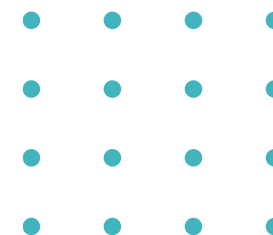
# SELECTED PROGRAMS



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Project	Faculties, etc	Fiscal Year • Term
Strategic Basic Research Program (CREST)	Faculty of Science	6.5 years from 2016
Operations for Promoting Science and Technology System Reform	Center for Diversity and Inclusion	6 years from 2019
University Fellowship Establishment Project for the Creation of Science, Technology and Innovation	Shattering the Glass Ceiling Fellowship Steering Committee	8 years from 2020
Support for Pioneering Research Initiated by the Next Generation	Shattering the Glass Ceiling + Steering Committee	6 years from 2021
Project to support the establishment of a recurrent education platform through Industry-academia-government collaboration to meet regional needs	Center for NARA Colleges Collaboration	1 year from 2023
Program for Cultural and Art Promotion Utilizing Universities	Faculty of Engineering	1 year from 2023

As of May 1, 2023





## FACULTY OF LETTERS

The Faculty of Letters at Nara Women's University provides an excellent education in liberal arts and specialized fields. It aims at cultivating those proactive individuals with a deep understanding of humanity, culture and society as well as various linguistic skills who can initiate tasks on their own and work out solutions from a flexible viewpoint free from the conventional framework of knowledge.

The Faculty consists of three departments: the Department of History, Sociology and Geography, the Department of Language and Culture, and the Department of Human Sciences. The Department of History, Sociology and Geography offers a range of courses on Japanese, Western and Eastern history from antiquity to contemporary times, physical / human geography, area studies, environment issues, sociologies of the family, information, and culture, art history and archaeology. The Department of Language and Culture explores languages and literature as well as cultural phenomena in general in Japan, China, the U.S., Britain, Germany, France and those regions under their cultural influence. The Department of Human Sciences addresses the question of what humanity is through a comprehensive approach to human beings and their interactions in society and culture.

### Department of History, Sociology, and Geography

- History
- Sociology
- Geography

### Department of Language and Culture

- Japanese and Asian Literature
- European and American Literature

### Department of Human Sciences

- Education-Philosophical Anthropology
- Psychology



Pick Up!



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### "NARA Study" Project

The Nara Study Project is a new initiative that explores the unique social and cultural characteristics of Nara—a region with a rich history—from a modern perspective and shares its findings with a wider audience. Experts from various fields, including history, geography, archaeology, sociology, cultural anthropology, folklore studies, and art history, work together to research Nara. Through this collaboration, we aim to contribute to the advancement of regional and local studies while also applying our insights to education and community engagement.

## FACULTY OF SCIENCE

The Faculty of Science aims to "Provide students with basic and professional education in natural sciences including mathematics, and through participation in research activities, to nourish their scientific mind and competence to tackle problems by themselves based on acquired knowledge and expertise in natural sciences, and finally to develop professional female resources who can take initiative as a leader in a wide range of fields in the modern society."

The Faculty of Science consists of two major departments, the Department of Mathematical and Physical Sciences and the Department of Chemistry, Biology, and Environmental Science. Through lectures, experiments, practical learning, seminars of the course subjects and graduation research in each department, students will have the opportunity to hone their scientific thinking power and experimental skills as well as to improve their foreign language abilities and communicative abilities.

### Department of Mathematical and Physical Sciences

- Mathematics
- Physics
- Physics and Mathematics

### Department of Chemistry, Biology, and Environmental Science

- Chemistry
- Biological Sciences
- Environmental Sciences



### Science Open Labo

The Faculty of Science organizes the Science Open Lab every autumn as a community outreach event designed to share the excitement of natural sciences with the general public, including elementary, middle, and high school students. In connection with this event, the faculty offers a course called "Science Open Lab I・II". In this course, students actively participate in planning, preparing, and running experiments and exhibits for the event, as well as taking initiative in evaluating and improving these activities. Through this process, students not only help spread the excitement of natural sciences to the community but also strengthen their motivation for learning and sharing knowledge. Additionally, by engaging with their peers and event attendees, students enhance their communication skills and are nurtured to become future female leaders in the sciences.





### FACULTY OF HUMAN LIFE AND ENVIRONMENT

The Faculty of Human Life and the Environment was created from the former Faculty of Home Economics. In the past, the school focused on clothing, food and housing but now the faculty studies and researches environmental issues from every angle. The issues focused on are our own lives and the impact we have on our environment. The aim of this course of study is to use scientific analysis to contribute to the creation of a safer and more bountiful living environment.

The Faculty of Human Life and the Environment offers courses in four main areas of study. The Department of Food Science and Nutrition, the Department of Health Sciences, the Department of Residential Architecture and Environmental Science, and the Department of Culture and Computer Science.

The Department of Food Science and Nutrition has a study program based on bioscience; specifically, the relationship between humans and the foods they eat. The course looks to analyze this relationship from the molecular level up to the scale of living beings, using a broad-based approach to clarify these topics. At the Department of Health Sciences, we aim to help students comprehensively learn about human health from various viewpoints, such as the lifestyle, social environment, body, exercise, mind, development, and education. The Department of Residential Architecture and Environmental Science course looks at the safety, comfort, and the aesthetic factors of our dwellings and their design, facilities, and management from an educational and research perspective. Lastly, The Department of Culture and Computer Science tries to solve social issues and create new value, by using Humanities and Social Sciences, Information and Communication technology in a cross-sectional way.

#### Department of Food Science and Nutrition

#### Department of Health Sciences

- Environmental Health
- Sports and Health Science
- Clinical Psychology

#### Department of

#### Residential Architecture and Environmental Science

#### Department of Culture and Computer Sciences

- Culture and Humanities
- Life Computing and Communication Technology



### FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

The Faculty of Engineering aims at cultivating proactive individuals who deeply understand humanity and society and develop better society by using engineering for creation. The faculty consists of only one department: Department of Engineering.

In the Department, there are various researchers specialized in Biomedical Engineering, Informatics, Human Environment, and Materials Engineering. Students can integratively and cross-sectionally nourish their engineering mind and competence as well as Liberal arts for Innovation.

#### Department of Engineering



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#### We Program

With the cooperation of companies, various workshops are offered free of charge for junior high school students through university students.

#### Myway. Program

This program is designed for future female engineers, including students from other universities, and consists of approximately six months of continuous one-on-one coaching and group work among participants. Female engineers from Micron will serve as mentors, supporting each individual in overcoming challenges, fostering growth, and developing creativity.

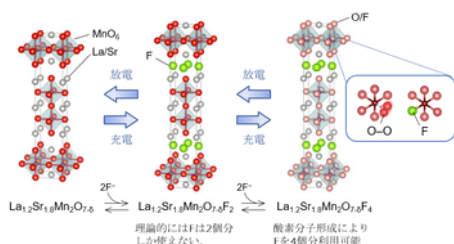




## RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

### Materials development for next-generation energy storage devices

Associate Professor Yamamoto's research group has been working on the development of materials for next-generation energy storage devices and has developed several cathode materials that exhibit two to three times the capacity of conventional cathode materials for lithium-ion secondary batteries. This achievement will greatly accelerate research and development toward the practical application of all-solid-state fluoride ion rechargeable batteries. All-solid-state fluoride ion rechargeable batteries, which can achieve both high volumetric energy density and safety, are promising as batteries for electric vehicles. It is expected to contribute to the widespread use of electric vehicles to solve energy and environmental problems.



### Elucidation of Brain Mechanisms of Communication

Professor Mizuhara is working to elucidate the brain mechanisms of communication. In order to elucidate how we humans realize communication, we are measuring brain activity using MRI equipment and electroencephalography (EEG) equipment. Conventional measurement techniques have difficulty in handling both temporal and spatial information simultaneously, but by measuring EEG simultaneously in an MRI machine, we have developed a brain activity analysis technique that can handle both temporal and spatial information. The results of this research have been highly acclaimed, winning awards in the world's leading brain science journals. The brain is an academic field in which many complex and unresolved issues remain, so much so that it is often referred to as the "inner universe." This technology is expected to enable detailed verification of human brain mechanisms.



## ACTIVITY REPORTS

### A student from the Faculty of Science at NWU participated in COP29.

From November 11 to November 24, 2024, the 29th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP29) was held in Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan. A student from the Faculty of Science at our university, who is a member of Climate Youth Japan\*, participated in the conference.

At the venue, the student took the stage at a pavilion with the theme "Japan-US-Korea Cooperation and Climate Change Response - Leveraging Each Nation's Unique Strengths for Effective Natural Disaster Response." Additionally, they engaged in networking, conducted surveys, and collected responses during the event. After returning to Japan, the student was interviewed by a newspaper about their participation in COP29 and appeared on a television program to discuss the climate crisis.

\*Climate Youth Japan is a network-based youth environmental NGO established in March 2010 by Japanese youth who participated in the 15th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP15) held in 2009.

Participating in COP29, I learned many things, such as the difficulty of reaching a consensus that is acceptable to all countries, issues related to youth participation, and Japan's position in the world. I was also able to talk with youth from Africa and Europe, which I do not usually have the opportunity to do, and this broadened my perspective on climate change issues.

I would like to make use of this experience to think about what I can contribute to climate change issues and continue my activities in the future.





We support campus life at NWU for international students to make your stay safe and comfortable.



### DORMITORIES

NWU has two dormitories near the university.

#### International House

For International Students, Japanese students in master's course and foreign researchers

#### International Students House

For both Japanese and International Students

- Monthly Fee : About 15,000 yen
- Each room is furnished : desk, chair, bed, bathroom, refrigerator, air conditioner etc.
- Common utilities : kitchen, laundry, living room etc.

**1** minute



### DINING HALL & LOUNGE

The most satisfying co-op cafeteria in Japan.



#### Dining Hall

Lunch and Dinner (Halal menu available)

#### Lounge "SHI Cafe Dear deer!"

Lunch and coffee time

**6** minutes



**40** minutes



### SUPPORT



#### Tutor

We have a tutorial system for international students who are new to Japan. We arrange our students as a tutor for helping them to get used to a new environment and consult about their study and daily life throughout a period of time.

#### Counseling

You can receive counseling by a professional counselor, on academic performance, physical and mental problems, troubles in personal relations, and other issues.

### EVENTS



#### Extra-curricular activities and International Exchange events

International students can experience Japanese culture, such as a flower arrangement, a tea ceremony and etc. Also we hold a speech contest in Japanese language for international students. We encourage international students to interact with Japanese students through various events.

# INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY CENTER (NARA ISC)

As of April 1, 2023, the "Center for Intercultural Exchange and Studies" at Nara University of Education and the "International Exchange Center" at Nara Women's University were merged to form the "International Strategy Center (Nara ISC)."

## NARA INTERNATIONAL CAMPUS

**A framework for promoting a cyclical process of international exchange and regional revitalization.**

Nara ISC offers various programs for students from both universities to gain cross-cultural understanding and a wide range of international experiences.

We will establish the **"Nara International Campus"** and promote the cycle of international exchange and regional revitalization, providing students with a unique study and research environment that maximizes the advantages of being in Nara.



### Training and producing domestic students

- Female leaders with rich international knowledge and a deep understanding of traditional culture
- Teachers with exceptional international and intercultural understanding



### Overseas partner universities

#### Training and producing talent to serve as a bridge between nations

- International students in Nara seeking to deepen expertise, gain insight into cultural resources, and acquire advanced technology.
- Individuals with expertise in their field and knowledge of Japanese culture, centered on Nara, who can serve as a bridge between nations.





# SHORT-TERM PROGRAMS AND EXCHANGE EVENTS



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Nara Women's University aims to cultivate pro-Japanese female leaders who can thrive internationally by offering short-term study abroad programs for students from partner institutions.

Through these programs, participants have the opportunity to learn about and experience both traditional and modern Japanese culture through a variety of lectures, field trips, and interactions with NWU students. They also engage in discussions that compare the unique and universal aspects of Japanese culture with their own cultures.



- **MAHORоба PROGRAM (English)**
- **MAN'YO PROGRAM (Japanese)**
- **SORAMITSU PROGRAM (Japanese, Online)**
- **BUSINESS JAPANESE PROGRAM (Japanese, Online)**
- **Summer Program on Mathematical Modeling (SPMM) (English)**

Additionally, the university organizes numerous international exchange events, providing participants with opportunities to deepen their interactions with NWU students and members of the local community.

