

Tutor System for International Students

The tutor system was established to help new international students with studying and living in Japan. As a rule, students in their 2nd year and over (including 2nd year graduate students) will be chosen by the Chancellor to be tutors.

For new international students, tutors are like a friend or family member who they can consult when facing difficult or troubling times. Tutors also serve as consultants who can help with filling out paperwork at city hall, attaining a contract for a cell phone, or other instances requiring assistance.

Primary Roles of International Student Tutors

Tutors take on wide-ranging roles to provide support to new international students.

1. Tutors provide direct assistance with international students' study and research by giving advice regarding class preparation and revision, and help with class registration.
(Assistance with studies is the central and most important role of tutors.)
2. Tutors help international students improve their Japanese language skills.
3. Tutors help international students with their daily lives.

The Scope of Duties for International Student Tutors

(1) Main Assistance

- Advice regarding class registration
- Help with lectures, research, training, etc.
- Assistance with preparation and revision for seminars

- Supplementary correction of reports, research papers, etc.
- Advice about using facilities related to specialized fields of study
- Supplementary Japanese language lessons and Japanese conversation
- Explanation of specialized vocabulary
- Introduction and explanation of Japanese culture and social customs
- Help with shopping after arrival in Japan and when moving

(2) Supplementary Support

- Greeting students upon arrival to and departure from Japan
- Help with required paperwork and registration on and off campus immediately after arrival in Japan

(Alien registration, national health insurance, opening a bank account, making a cell phone contract, etc.)

- Help searching for housing
- Accompaniment to hospital in the case of illness or injury