



**Call for applications: Student exchange with Kyoto University of Foreign Studies (KUFS)
(application deadline: August 1st, 2025)**

The Humanities and Social Sciences department is inviting applications for three semester study places for the summer semester 2026. Applications are open to all students who are enrolled on a Bachelor's, Master's or teaching degree programme at the GSW department in the summer semester 2026.

An overview of the programme

For five years now, the GSW department has offered three study places at the Kyoto University of Foreign Studies (KUFS) every summer semester. The international university with around 4,500 students from all over the world is located in one of Japan's most historically and culturally significant cities. Kyoto combines tradition and modernity: from 794 to 1868, the city in the south of Japan was the seat of the imperial court and, together with the neighbouring cities of Uji and Otsu, has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1994. Today, Kyoto is an exciting and unique city characterised by a wide range of cultural activities, a diverse restaurant and bar scene and unique sights. With several universities, Kyoto has become a young, creative and multicultural university city.

GSW students can study at KUFS for one semester as part of the exchange programme. The stay abroad includes a tuition fee waiver and the opportunity to live in a KUFS student residence. As part of a Learning Agreement, students also benefit from a simplified credit transfer procedure for the coursework they have completed.

You can find detailed information on the application process and deadlines [here](#).

The application procedure

Applicants for one of the three exchange places at the KUFS go through a three-stage application procedure consisting of a **written application**, an **English-language interview** and the **nomination and application at KUFS**. Below you will find more detailed information on the procedure and application modalities.

Who can apply?

All students who are enrolled in a Bachelor's, Master's or teaching degree programme in the GSW department in the summer semester 2026 can apply for one of the three semester study places at the KUFS.

Prerequisite for the application is English language proficiency at a level of B2 or higher (according to CEFR, TOEFL iBT total score > 62 or IELTS level > 5.0). To study the Japanese Course at the Japanese Studies Centre for International Students, you must provide proof of at least 150 hours of Japanese lessons.

Application documents and deadlines

The following documents must be submitted **in a single pdf file via e-mail**:

- Curriculum vitae in English

- Letter of motivation in English (maximum 8000 characters, including spaces)

- Official transcript of your previous academic and examination achievements or university certificates of all university degrees obtained to date and the corresponding transcripts

- Official proof of your language proficiency in English and, if applicable, Japanese (TOEFL or IELTS test, or proof of Japanese courses attended). Please note that you should provide proof of English language proficiency at level B2 or higher (according to CEFR).

The application documents must be bundled in one pdf file and sent exclusively by e-mail to internationales.gsw@tu-dresden.de.

The deadline for submitting the application documents is **August 1st, 2025**.

The team of the International Advice Officer at the School of Humanities and Social Sciences is always available to answer any questions you may have about the application process. If you have any queries or uncertainties, please contact us at any time.