

FAQ for International Students

Application

Q 1. When can I apply for UTokyo accommodations?

A 1.

[Case of Mejirodai International Village (MIV), Oiwake International Village]

Applications are accepted 6 months prior to the date you wish to move in. For example, if you wish to move in on December 1, you can apply from the June selection (deadline June 25) onwards.

Please note that if you are applying for MIV, the latest you can apply is 2 months prior to the date you wish to move in (in the example above, October selection (deadline October 25)).

[International Lodges: Komaba Lodge Main, B, C, D, Komaba Lodge Annex, Kashiwa Lodge]

There are only semi-annual applications available (April Intake, October Intake). Application information will be released by your affiliated faculty/department in mid-December for the April Intake and around the end of May for the October Intake. Please apply according to the instructions given. Please note that there are no other offerings available except for the two periods indicated above.

Q 2. I want to apply for International Lodges and International Halls of Residence at UTokyo.

How can I apply?

A 2.

Applications for each International Lodges and International Halls of Residence are accepted twice a year in spring and autumn. Information regarding application for International Lodges and International Halls of Residence is released by the faculty/department the student is affiliated with. For obtaining necessary application information (including your password), DO NOT contact the Housing Office. Contact your affiliated faculty/department directly. Application information will be released by your affiliated faculty/department in mid-December for the April intake and around the end of May for the October intake,

Q 3. I intend to come to Japan before I enroll at UTokyo. Can I move in before my official enrollment?

A 3.

Unfortunately, you may only reside in the accommodation from the start of your official enrollment period at UTokyo. The period allowed to stay in each accommodation is determined by the official term of enrollment at the university. Students are expected to arrange their own accommodation well ahead of their intended period of residence.

Q 4 . Do I already have to be a student at UTokyo in order to apply for UTokyo accommodations?

A 4 .

You are eligible to apply for a UTokyo accommodation if you are currently a student at UTokyo or, if you have been accepted to study at UTokyo. You may also apply if you have taken an entrance exam to join a UTokyo program, awaiting your result, by including your examinee number on your application. Please note that you may not apply for another UTokyo accommodation if you have already been accepted to stay in one of the UTokyo dormitories at the time of application.

* Examinees of UTokyo undergraduate programs have a different application schedule. If this applies to you, see the link below:

https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/housing-office/ja/osta/miv_before_admission.html

* Only students formally admitted to doctoral courses at UTokyo are permitted to apply for the Oiwake International Village.

Q 5 . I am not sure which application category I fall under: international student or researcher.

Should I contact the Housing Office?

A 5 .

No. The Housing Office does not have access to your incoming status at UTokyo, which is managed by your affiliated faculty/department. In order to proceed with your application, it is important to verify your correct status, as accommodation options vary according to your position. If you are unsure of your status, please do not make assumptions -contact your affiliated faculty/department to confirm your status before applying for housing.

Q 6 . I will be studying/doing internship at UTokyo, but I will not be enrolled.

Am I still eligible to apply for UTokyo accommodation?

A 6 .

Eligibility for university housing is based on your official status at UTokyo which is determined by your affiliated faculty/department. It is therefore essential that you verify your status with your affiliated faculty/department before initiating your housing application.

Moving-in

Q 7 . Can I move in before the first day of my term of residence?

A 7 .

No, you cannot. If you would like to move in before the first day of your term of residence, you will need to arrange a hotel yourself, so you will have a place to stay until your permitted move-in date.

Q 8. I would like to send parcels to the dorm before I move in.

Can the dorm office receive them on my behalf?

A 8.

Parcels must be received by residents themselves. Please be aware that the dorm offices cannot receive them on behalf of the residents. When sending parcels, please ensure they are scheduled to arrive at a time when you, as the resident, will be present to receive them in person at the dorm.

Q 9. My arrival to the dorm will be late at night. Can I still move in?

A 9.

Please arrive during your dorm's office hours, as certain arrival procedures and paperwork must be completed upon arrival. For information regarding office hours, please check the "GUIDE FOR PROSPECTIVE RESIDENTS" for your dorm.

https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/housing-office/en/download/index_00001.html

If you will not be able to arrive during office hours, please be sure to contact the dorm office for assistance.

Q10. I still haven't received my Certificate of Eligibility (COE) and I don't know if

I will be able to move in during the designated period. What should I do?

A10.

If your arrival to Japan will be delayed due to the late issuance of your COE, be sure to contact your dorm office with the following information:

- Name of dorm you intend to move in to, Room number, Permit number
- Reason of delay
- Expected date of arrival (if you know)

※Please ensure that you inform your affiliated faculty/department as well.

Information on Room Availability

Q11. I would like to get information about room availability for each accommodation.

A11.

Since the selection processes for Mejirodai and Oiwake for students, as well as the general dormitory screening for international researchers, are conducted on a monthly basis and vacancy numbers fluctuate, we do not disclose the number of available rooms in response to individual inquiries.

Usage of Couple Room

Q12. Can I stay together with my fiancé/fiancée?

A12.

In order to use the couple room, you are required to hand in an official document (marriage or partnership certificate) at the time of application to prove your relationship with the person you intend to stay with. If you can provide an official document proving your relationship with your fiance/fiancée by the given timeframe, permission might be granted depending on room availability.

Q13. Besides my spouse, I have a child. Can the three of us use the couple room?

A13.

Couple room usage is permitted for both international students and international researchers residing with their spouse or partner, and may include one accompanying child who is under 6 years of age as of April 1 of the year they plan to move in.

Dorm Expenses for the Move-in Month

Q14. How much should I expect to be ready to pay for the month I move in?

A14.

The amount required for the initial bill will vary depending on the accommodation you move into. For details, please check the "GUIDE FOR PROSPECTIVE RESIDENTS" for your dorm.
https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/housing-office/en/download/index_00001.html

Q15. Do I need to pay the expenses for the month I move in before coming to Japan?

A15.

In principle, you are to pay your initial bill after you move in.

Non-residents in Rooms

Q16. Family members are coming to Japan. Can they stay with me in my room?

A16.

Only registered residents are permitted to stay in the rooms. You may not allow anyone else, including family members or friends, to stay overnight in your room for any reason. In addition, UTokyo accommodations do not have guest rooms. If visitors need to stay overnight, please ensure they arrange accommodation outside the dorm (e.g., hotels). While overnight stays by

non-residents are strictly prohibited, some dorms do allow visitors to enter resident rooms during the day. For details, please check the "GUIDE FOR PROSPECTIVE RESIDENTS" of your dorm.
https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/housing-office/en/download/index_00001.html

Q17. Can I live with my pet?

A17.

UTokyo accommodations do not allow residents to live with their pets. If you wish to reside in a pet-friendly room, we kindly ask that you explore private housing options instead.

<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/housing-office/en/housing/minkan/index.html>