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To students preparing to search for the Self-Arranged Accommodation

General Advice for house hunting in Japan

As you search for a suitable accommodation, please keep in mind the following points:

- KGU Nishinomiya Uegahara Campus (NUC) is KGU's main campus and where you will have to attend most courses available to exchange students. Here is the location of the campus:
[1-155 Uegahara Ichiban-Cho, Nishinomiya, Hyogo, JAPAN](#)
- We strongly recommend that you select an accommodation located within Hyogo Prefecture. KGU will not be able to provide support to students who elect to live very far from campus and therefore advise you find an accommodation within a 45 minute commute from NUC.
- Commuting is expensive in Japan and as exchange student at KGU, you will only receive a student discounted commuter pass for the Hankyu Line and/or Hanshin Line part of your commute. You will not be able to apply for the student discount for any other line (JR, Osaka Metro, Kobe Metro...).

※ *Remarks:*

KGU is not affiliated to any of the below entities.

The name and links are provided for the sole purpose to help students in their search of suitable accommodations and shall not be seen as an endorsement by the university.


Prospective students interested should exercise due diligence when contracting a lease.

Below you will find some suggestions of [Share Houses](#), [Apartment Rentals](#) and [Homestay](#) providers that you can contact.

Share Houses

- ※ Most shares houses will provide all the living essentials, such as bedding and cooking utensils.
- ※ In very few cases, shares houses will require a guarantor. Please understand that KGU will not be your guarantor. You should make sure to secure your own guarantor or pay extra for a guarantor company (the share house management will advise you on this issue).


Below are a number of share houses that our exchange students have used in the past.

Name	Social Residence Academia Osaka Amagasaki		ソーシャルレジデンスアカデミア大阪尼崎
Location	Hanshin Line - Mukogawa Station		阪神線 武庫川駅
Link	https://www.oakhouse.jp/eng/kwansei-gakuin-univ		
Comment from F22 students	Location:	A little far from the university (45 minute commute) / Close to a train station / Close to Osaka / Supermarket is very close / People are very nice / Lots of events organized	
	Overall:	Fully equipped with personal fridge in private room / Rental bedding available / Quiet area / Great opportunity to connect with people from outside the university.	
Comment from the owners	One of the largest share houses in the Kansai region. With the concept of "Everyone is a teacher, everyone is a student. A community where everyone shares their knowledge," this interactive share house offers well-equipped facilities. It is also used as a venue for joint events, such as Christmas parties, proposing a new way of living. You can use the spacious lounge, co-working space with monitors, theater room, and gym without any additional charges.		
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Name	GRAN KOBE	グラン神戸
Location	Hanshin Line - Uozaki Station	阪神線 魚崎駅
Link	https://www.oakhouse.jp/eng/kwansei-gakuin-univ	
Comment from the owners	<p>Welcome to a shared house where you can receive fresh hydroponic vegetables! Residents can freely take vegetables from the dedicated refrigerator in the lounge. Just a one-minute walk away, the clear stream of Sumiyoshi River allows you to refresh by listening to the murmuring water, go for a run, or exercise along the walking path, enabling a natural and healthy lifestyle. The property, which opened in March 2024, features extensive common areas such as a theater, gym, study room, and spacious kitchen, along with 42 fully furnished rooms equipped with appliances and internet. Uozaki Kitamachi is a quiet and peaceful residential area. Would you like to create a shared house together while engaging in international and community exchange?</p> <p> KGU exchange student discount in operation (5% off monthly rent + 20,000 JPY cashback) Apply through this link to receive discount</p>	

Name	GRAN TAKARAZUKA	グラン宝塚
Location	Hankyu Line - Hibarigaoka Hanayashiki Station	阪急線 雲雀丘花屋敷駅
Link	https://www.oakhouse.jp/eng/kwansei-gakuin-univ	
Comment from the owners	<p>A kitchen, shower, and toilet are available for every four rooms. For those looking for a share house with fewer people rather than a large crowd, we recommend Gran Takarazuka! Located in one of the most prestigious residential areas in Kansai, it is just a five-minute walk from the nearest station. The back of the property is surrounded by nature, making it a quiet environment where you can hear birds chirping and the sound of a flowing river. It takes 25 minutes by train to Osaka Umeda Station. For daily shopping, it's one station by train or a 15-minute walk to Kawanishi-Noseguchi Station, where you can find supermarkets, gyms, and restaurants. Note: This is a non-smoking house, so contracts cannot be made with smokers.</p> <p> KGU exchange student discount in operation (5% off monthly rent + 20,000 JPY cashback) Apply through this link to receive discount</p>	

Name	Diversity Koyoen	ダイバーシティ甲陽園
Location	Hankyu Line - Koyoen Station	阪急線 甲陽園駅
Link	https://sharehouse.in/eng/house/detail/2549/	
Comment from F22 students	Rent:	Monthly rent is a little bit expensive (around 70,000 JPY)
	Location:	30 minutes' walk from the university and close to a train station.
	Overall:	Great opportunity to connect with people from outside the university.

Find more share houses with the below websites.

Hitsuji Fudosan (JP only)	https://kansai.hituji.jp/
Guest House Bank	Hyogo Shared Houses Guest House Bank
Share House	sharehouse.in - Let's live together
Shares	Share Houses Featured on Kansai - [Shares]

Apartment rentals



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- ※ Most apartment rental will require you to have a guarantor. Please understand that KGU will not be your guarantor. You should make sure to secure your own guarantor or pay extra for a guarantor company (your realtor will advise you on this issue).
- ※ Additional fees are commonly required when renting out an apartment such as “key money”, a non-refundable deposit, which can often be very expensive.
- ※ Most apartment rentals in Japan will not be furnished if there is no indication of the contrary.

For apartment rentals, the below websites offer English language:

Unilife	Unilife English Language HP (Apartments near Kwansei Gakuin University)
Gaijinpot Apartments	Gaijinpot Apartments (Hyogo Prefecture Search)
Best Estate	Best Estate (Apartments in Hyogo)

- ※ While AirBnB is an option you may want to consider, we do not recommend you use this otherwise popular service for your mid to long term accommodation as some location may prevent you from registering your address at the city hall. If AirBnB is the only option you are considering, please make sure to confirm with the owner that you are able to register your address at the city hall for this specific location.

Homestay

- ※ For students who would prefer an immersive experience, finding a host family through a private entity is also an option.
- ※ Please enquire to learn more about what can be provided by the host family and prices.

Homestay in Japan	https://homestay-in-japan.com/guest/en/
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