

Osaka University
Humanware Innovation Program
International Internship

To student applicant, and whom it may concern

Prof. Hiroshi Shimizu, Program Coordinator
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Liability for Unexpected Accident during Internship Abroad

Humanware Innovation Program provides third-year students and over with international/domestic internship program as a part of the curriculum. Each graduate school supporting Humanware Innovation Program has successfully organized and maintained a safety management system to secure the internship programs.

The aims of the international internship program are to have students experience joint researches in overseas research institutes, and acquire the skills as well as capabilities of leading internationally cooperated projects with an international and initiative mindset.

We have dedicated considerable efforts to create environment where students can perform the internship program in a safe and productive manner. For instance, we work closely with people in the host organization of the internship, and establish communication channels to them, e.g., email and phone call, even before the program begins. Moreover, we also request students to visit them if necessary to make sure the safety of students.

Osaka University (and Humanware Innovation Program), however, asks for your understanding in advance that we cannot be liable for any damage caused by 1) force majeure accident including natural disaster, 2) intentional and inattentive accident by a student, 3) loss of personal belongings, 4) any damage/accident during free time, etc, during the internship program.

All students participating in the international internship program, therefore, are obligated to take out overseas travel insurance to prepare for emergencies. In the case of aircraft accident, compensation will be made in accordance with the agreement produced by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). Additionally, students should be registered to use OSSMA (Overseas Students Safety Management Assistance) service provided by the company named Emergency Assistance Japan (EAJ). OSSMA is not an insurance but a service which assists you 24-hour/365-day in case you are in trouble, and so it keeps the loss to a minimum.

We kindly ask you to send us (Humanware Innovation Program office) the written pledge below with your signature or seal until submission deadline.

We would very much appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Best Regards,

Pledge

TO: Prof. Hiroshi Shimizu, Program Coordinator

Osaka University Humanware Innovation Program

I hereby pledge to comply with and agree to the items below when participating in overseas dispatching program (hereinafter referred as “internship”) in Humanware Innovation Program at Osaka University.

1. I will be aware that I am a dispatched student from Osaka university and act in a proper manner with pride. I will keep the rules/regulations at the host company/institute and devote myself to academic pursuits during the program.
2. I will continue the internship until the last day of the program.
3. I will obey local laws, respect local culture and customs, and never violate social order.
4. I will behave in accordance with the guidelines provided by Osaka University.
5. I will perform crisis management under my own responsibility and take appropriate action in case of emergency. I have taken out overseas travel insurance covering the unexpected expenses that may arise during the internship program.
6. I will not claim in law against Osaka University regarding damages caused by intentional and inattentive accident by myself (e.g., illness), as well as force majeure accidents including natural disaster, terrorism, and vehicular accident.
7. I will not claim in law against Osaka University regarding detriments caused by unexpected termination of internship program and homecoming. Osaka University may advise students to return in the middle of ongoing internship program considering degree of risk in their personal safety or security, especially when the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Japan or other equivalent government organizations announce(s) the occurrence of large-scale natural disasters, political/economical/social crisis, spread of infectious diseases, etc., in the place where the internship program is carried out.
8. I will submit all required documents by the due date, and also will submit report(s) soon after returning to Japan.
9. I am aware that Osaka University retains right to terminate the internship program in case of absence from the program without permission or any violation to rules described in this pledge.
10. I am aware that Emergency Assistance Japan (EAJ) maintains my personal information, e.g., illness or any troubles while providing OSSMA (Overseas Students Safety Management Assistance) service during my internship program. I also agree that the personal information can be shared with people in charge of Humanware Innovation Program or medical staff in a hospital.
11. I informed families and people whom it may concern of my participation in the internship program, and so this participation is based on the understanding of those people. I also explained the contents of this pledge as well as the details of the program including internship destination, period, accommodation, emergency contact, etc.