



Kyoto, Japan

Unique Features

- **Established in 1875, Doshisha University is one of the oldest private institutions of higher education in Japan**
- **Kyoto is considered the cultural capital of Japan and served as the country's official capital city for over 1,000 years**
- **Nicknamed "city of ten thousand shrines", there are over 3,000 shrines and temples throughout Kyoto**
- **There are over 400 clubs and organizations at Doshisha University**
- **While Kyoto is almost 300 miles away from Tokyo, you can travel to the capital city in just over 2 hours via the shinkansen (bullet train)**
- **Questions? Email geo@amherst.edu**

Doshisha University Fall Semester Exchange

Academics & Eligibility:

Amherst College has a long history with Doshisha University. Doshisha's founder and visionary leader, Joseph Hardy Neesima, graduated from Amherst in 1870. Students choose between the [Center for Global Education program](#) (no Japanese experience required) or the [Center for Japanese Language and Culture program](#) (1 year of college-level Japanese required). At the time of participation, students must be juniors with a >3.0 GPA.

Housing and Meals:

Students live in dormitories close to campus with other students. There is a dining hall located on-campus, and many restaurants and convenience stores for students to purchase meals and snacks.

Dates: *Fall 2023: first week of September - mid-January (exact dates TBD)*

Finances:

Doshisha University will guarantee scholarships for 3 Amherst students to spend the fall semester at Doshisha. The scholarship grants the following:

- *Tuition and housing for fall semester (including accommodation entrance fee)*
- *80,000 yen per month, for up to six months (about \$600 USD as of 12/22)*

Fees charged to AC account:

- *Amherst Student Health Insurance (waivable)*

Students should budget for other expenses, such as airfare, meals, visa fees, and any additional personal expenses. Please [contact the Office of Financial Aid](#) if you receive financial aid from Amherst.

More information

- [Doshisha University Exchange Program](#)
- [Doshisha University Student Life](#)
- **[Eligibility and how to apply](#) - Fall 2023 apps due 2/17!**