



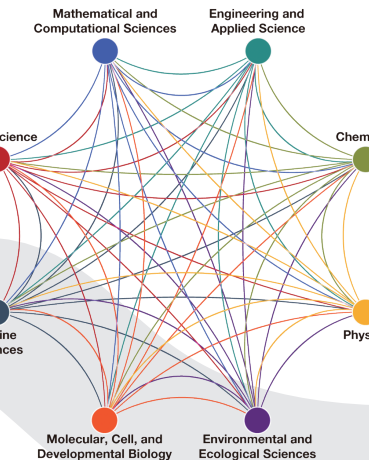
OIST

Multidisciplinary Opportunities

OIST is a university with no departments, eliminating artificial barriers between people working in a wide variety of fields including Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Neuroscience, Mathematics, Computational Science, Environmental, Ecological, Marine Sciences and Engineering and Applied Science. OIST is bringing brilliant minds from all over the world to Okinawa and provides them with stable funding and excellent resources to transform the way science, research, education and innovation are done globally.

Faculty and Students

Our internationally renowned faculty members and our outstanding students are recruited from around the world. With an excellent ratio of professors to students, superb research facilities, and an innovative educational program, there are limitless opportunities for students of OIST to chart their own path, to realize their full potential, and to become world-leading independent scientists.



Flexible Program

A customized program of study is tailored to the talents and requirements of each individual student. Laboratory rotations, your choice of core and elective courses, and many avenues for independent study provide sound preparation for your thesis research. OIST is enhanced by additional learning and teaching opportunities, through extracurricular nano-courses, online courses, professional development, and hundreds of international seminars, symposia and summer schools each year.

World-class Equipment

Graduate students at OIST have access to outstanding laboratory facilities and all the equipment you need to get you to the cutting edge in your research.

The newly completed laboratory buildings are state-of-the-art, and very well equipped for all research requirements.

Instrumentation is available for observation from nanoscale dimensions to large ecosystems, with equal access for students and research staff.

Analytical transmission electron microscope JEOL JEM-ARM200F



Research Support

OIST provides centralized research resources and technical support, creating an exciting and enabling environment for researchers. At OIST, we have all manner of state-of-the-art devices, suitable for any field, with strong emphasis on imaging techniques, material preparation and characterization, and the best genomics and computing facilities in Japan.



Life at OIST

Housing

Single or shared two or three-room apartments, with kitchen and living rooms, are available on-campus at affordable student rates. Community facilities include a gym, convenience store, laundromat and activity center, all just a short walk from the laboratory buildings.

Language

The language of instruction at OIST is English, and all services are provided in both English and Japanese by bilingual staff. Free language classes in English and Japanese for everyone in the OIST community are taught by professional language instructors.

International Community

We are a very diverse community, with many opportunities to share language, culture and more. Food, dance, and other cultural influences from across the world are shared by a diverse range of people. As OIST grows, this welcoming environment remains a central feature of the community.

Healthcare

OIST provides a range of on-campus facilities to support your physical and mental health and well-being, and has high-quality medical and hospital facilities nearby. OIST students and their dependents are covered by Japan's national health insurance scheme, which keeps healthcare both accessible and affordable.

Childcare

An excellent early childhood education center is located on campus, providing day care for children from two months to preschool, and an afterschool program for school children. Our generous maternity leave provisions and Childbirth Accommodation Policy provide flexibility and academic stability for students who are starting a family.

Clubs

One cannot fully experience student life without a great social life. As well as our close-knit and supportive community, OIST supports a variety of extracurricular activity clubs covering a wide range of activities from sports to arts. Club activities develop relationships between individuals from inside and outside the OIST community, enriching students' social and cultural life in Okinawa.

Okinawa

Okinawa is a beautiful sub-tropical island located in the center of Asia, a region of rapid economic growth. This idyllic location offers a rich environment for a world-class graduate university with great potential for future development. With its highly imaginative academic minds and sophisticated research infrastructure, OIST will continue to make scientific discoveries that will drive technological development in Okinawa, and beyond.



OIST students come from over 40 different countries



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State-of-the-art Research Facilities

Lab Rotations

Multidisciplinary Research

Individualized Program

248 PhD students from over 47 countries and regions

82 Faculty

479 Researchers

81% Students from outside Japan

62% Faculty members from abroad

Over 42% Female students

Financial Support

JPY 2.4 million Living Expense provided

JPY 0.6 million Tuition Fee covered

Personal Computer

Annual Educational Visit

Conference Travel

Career Development Travel

1:3 Ratio of Professors to Students

Over 300 publications in 2017

Admission rate: about 1 out of 20

Student Background

40% with Bachelor's degree

60% with Master's degree

45% Life Sciences

35% Physical Sciences

20% Engineering

Fully funded PhD

Application details at: admissions.oist.jp
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The PhD program is designed to build a firm foundation in a core discipline, with opportunities for cross-disciplinary collaboration and interaction. This emphasis on collaboration is built in to the architecture of the state-of-the-art laboratory buildings, providing an outstanding environment for modern-day research and education.

Career Development

OIST is committed to the development of individual students' knowledge and skills, not only in research, but also in career development and leadership in the scientific research and educational environment of the future.

A professional career development course, which continues throughout the degree, covers principles of research conduct and ethics, develops your ability to communicate your science, and provides practical experience in presentation and teaching skills that are so important for maximizing your future career opportunities.

Life after OIST

Our graduates have moved on to exciting career opportunities at universities, research institutions, and companies all around the world. Many have taken up postdoctoral research positions at prestigious institutions such as Harvard University, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Johns Hopkins University, and the University of Tokyo.

Graduates interested in industry have secured professional positions at leading technology firms and publishing companies.

Student Perspective

Student name: Adrian David

Unit name: Mathematical and Theoretical Physics

Previous University: University of Oxford
Mansfield College
Master of Mathematics

Why I chose OIST

“As most interns, I was drawn to OIST by the sense of adventure it offered. Finding myself at the end of four years of undergrad with no clear forward plan, but with an interest in research and exploration, the OIST internship, which I found through the Oxford University Career Service, was a great fit. And indeed it did not disappoint: I was immersed in a very friendly, multicultural group, and given a research project that challenged my abilities on various levels. This solidified my intention to pursue a PhD, even though I had had good internship experiences in other industry sectors.

One of the main reasons I came back to OIST were the financial and travel support, and the freedom to explore different research fields, before committing to a group or project: in fact, for my thesis work I joined a group different than the one I did my internship in. Beyond the exposure to various research fields, one of the things that I have found most rewarding about OIST is the fact that I was able to shape this university, especially the student experience, through my work on the Student Council; that is something that might not be as immediate at a more established institution.”

Fully funded Research Internship RI

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Short-term Research Internship Program gives students the opportunity to gain experience in a particular laboratory or to learn a specific technique. Interns will work under the direction of a Professor and contribute to the research activities of OIST.

RI Eligibility

Excellent students who are in the final 2 years of the undergraduate or Masters programs in universities, colleges, junior colleges, and or recent graduates of such institutions. Academic background of applicants should be appropriate to their desired host unit(s) at OIST.

Application

Submit your application online. No application fee is required. The duration of the internship is from 2 to 6 months.

Pathway to PhD

While enrolling at OIST as Research Interns, students have the opportunity to apply directly to the fully funded PhD program. This process provides great benefit for interns to have their application processed immediately regardless of the regular application deadlines.

Intern Support

OIST provide one direct round-trip flight between your home and Okinawa, as well as a daily living allowance (JPY2,400) per working day, accommodation, and support for visa and insurance procedures.