

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC EXCHANGES

Since it was founded in 1974, Shiga University of Medical Science (SUMS) has actively promoted international academic exchanges. The goal of these exchanges is to foster the talents of students pursuing careers in medicine and the efforts of those engaged in medical research and education. Academic exchange agreements have been concluded with several major universities around the world. To date, SUMS has welcomed many students and scholars from overseas through these programs. In the past 10 years, SUMS has accepted about 130 guest researchers, and about 20 researchers entered the graduate school and earned the Doctor in Medicine Degree. There are currently 15 graduate students, and 7 scholars working in their respective fields at the university, representing the countries of China, Vietnam, Bangladesh, Egypt, Bulgaria, Canada, Malaysia and France. In addition, the number of university staff and faculty members dispatched abroad to attend international conferences or to work with their overseas counterparts has been increasing yearly.

Since 2003, SUMS has been providing a curriculum of voluntary study for 4th year students to study abroad, and nearly 30 students go to universities, research institutes and hospitals worldwide every year.

To help to meet the housing needs of the growing number of visiting students and scholars, SUMS constructed an International House, which was completed in 1994. The building is a three-story residence offering a broad range of amenities in a convenient location at the edge of campus. Any registered students or scholars from overseas, along with their spouses and children, are qualified to reside at the International House.

Academic exchange agreements and International House accommodations are helping to keep SUMS at the forefront of international cooperation and learning in all medical fields.



International House



International House

Type	Area	Number
Single Room	16 m ²	16
Double Room	40 m ²	5
Family Room	60 m ²	3



Universities with Cooperative Agreements

Institution	Country	Date Agreed
Beihua University	China	1984.11.24
Changchun Municipal Hospital	China	1984.11.24
The University of British Columbia	Canada	1990. 7.26
University of Michigan	USA	1990.11.29
China Medical University	China	1993. 9.28
Rome University "La Sapienza"	Italy	1994.10.28
The University of Picardie Jules Verne	France	1995. 5.16
Harbin Medical University	China	2001.11.21
University Hospital of Amiens-Picardie	France	2004.10. 4
Cho Ray Hospital	Vietnam	2006.12.25
University of Medicine and Pharmacy at Ho Chi Minh City	Vietnam	2008. 6.23
The Japan Center for Michigan Universities	USA	2008.11.19
Northeastern University	China	2009. 5. 1
University of Ottawa	Canada	2010. 2.16
The National University of Malaysia	Malaysia	2011.11.10
The University of Nairobi	Kenya	2012.11. 7
Kenya Medical Research Institute	Kenya	2012.11. 7

Foreign Students and Foreign Guest Researchers (2002 ~ 2011)

Country	Total
Australia	1
Bangladesh	17
Belarus	4
Bulgaria	6
Canada	2
China	97
Denmark	1
Egypt	16
France	6
Germany	1
Hungary	4
India	5
Indonesia	1
Kenya	2
Korea	1
Madagascar	1
Malaysia	1
Mongolia	6
Pakistan	2
Serbia	3
Taiwan	8
USA	1
VietNam	37
Total	223



Signing Ceremony with The University of Nairobi and Kenya Medical Research Institute



Foreign Students Excursion



Social Event with International Students