

Kyoto International Student House

Call for New Residents Spring 2019

Application Due 7February, 2019

1. What is HdB (Kyoto International Student House)?

Kyoto International Student House (also known as HdB, i.e., *Haus der Begegnung*, meaning *House of Encounter* in German) houses up to 22 international students and up to 12 Japanese students live along with house parents. Since its founding in 1965, more than 1000 people from 81 nations have resided in HdB. The students are encouraged to appreciate diversities of nationalities, ethnicities, philosophies, cultures and customs among them. Kyoto International Student House is operated by a public-interest incorporated foundation independent of universities. Please visit our website for further information.

2. Qualifications

- The prospective residents must be at least 18 years old and officially enrolled in a university or a research institution in the Kyoto Area.
- The applicants must be able to participate in the official HdB events (e.g., “common meal” dinners on Friday evenings, weekend seminars, field trips, and other events)
- Residents must agree with the Principles and Purposes of HdB, and cooperate with rules and policies of HdB.
- Applicants must commit to stay in HdB one year, starting in the spring semester 2019 (April 1 -).(See also **Note**)
- Prospective residents must have financial means to cover the set costs (detailed in a separate document), and have a guarantorⁱ and emergency contact personⁱⁱ who reside in Japan.

3. Application Procedure

All applicants must submit the following documents to the office of Kyoto International Student House in person or by registered mail.

- Application form with a photo, a signed guarantor form, and a signed emergency contact form
- The deadline: **Thursday, 7 February, 2019, 5 pm JST.**

4. Selection Process

The house committee will interview the (pre-screened) applicants on **Sunday, 17 February, 2019.** The applicant must be able to come in person to the interview at a requested time. We may arrange a Skype interview for international applicants who cannot arrive in Japan before the interview date. The house committee holds the right to select candidates prior to the interview.

5. Announcement of the selection

Each applicant must contact the office by e-mail or phone to find out the result after the interview.

6. Admission procedure

Once admitted, applicants must contact the office within three days after the notification and hold their space with a security deposit (¥20,000) and an admission preparation fee (¥10,000). Failure to do so may result in a cancellation of the admission offer.

7. Note

The dormitory will undergo renovation between April and August 2020. Residents who will start living in the dormitory coming spring, we hope to welcome back when the renovation has finished.



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ⁱ A person who guarantees the monthly rent and the cost of damage repairs. It must be someone who resides within Japan with an independent source of income. International students may buy insurance instead. Ask the HdB office more about

ⁱⁱ A person over 20 years of age who resides in Japan, and can respond to emergency calls and takes the resident in case of serious illness or injury.