

Global Exchange Program

2026-27 Academic Year
Application Call

International Exchange & Partnership Programs Office



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What is the Global Exchange Program?

➤ **Global Exchange** is a program that allows students to study a semester of their degree at a partner institution of Özyeğin without paying any tuition fees to the host institution. The program mainly consists of study mobility in non-European countries.

➤ **You will continue to pay your regular OzU tuition fee and pay no tuition fee at the host institution.**

➤ **International Mobility Scholarship Program (IMSP)** is also available for students for this 2026-27 application call.

Why Exchange?



- **Improve language skills**
- **Gain an international network of friends**
- **Discover different cultures, engage with the local community**
- **Stand out in the job market**
- **Access a wider range of subject areas**
- **Acquire an international perspective and experience a different academic system**
- **Build up motivation, independence, problem solving skills, and confidence**

Application Period

- Online application: **12 – 26 November 2025, 13:00**.
- You need to log into the [KION application system](#) with your OZU username and password to apply. First-time users must click the **“Register & Apply”** button first and create an account.
- Students who fulfill the eligibility criteria and log into the KION application system must **upload a Statement of Purpose document**, where the motivation for applying to the Global Exchange program is explained, **select up to three (3) institutions** from the partners list, and complete the online application on KION in order to be evaluated.
- Students can apply for 2026/27 **Fall or Spring** semester.

Eligibility Criteria

- **CGPA \geq 2.80/4.00** for undergraduate students,
CGPA \geq 3.00/4.00 for the graduate students.
- Having completed minimum 24 ECTS credits at OzU.
- To have a minimum of 24 ECTS credits remaining for graduation from their primary majors in case of undergraduate students.
- For graduate students, to have submitted the letter of approval obtained from the academic/thesis advisor which confirms the participation in Global Exchange,
- To satisfy other application requirements, if any, for the respective program for which the student applies
- Submitting a language proficiency document is optional. It is not mandatory to submit a language proficiency document at the time of application but eligible students will be given a deadline to submit the required language proficiency document for the institution they are placed to.
- **Double major students** should select one of their programs when applying.
- English Preparatory Program students, Scientific Preparation Program students, special students, students on leave of absence, and unregistered students are not eligible to apply. **Minor programs** are also **not** applicable for application.

What to Consider When Choosing Institutions

- **Important** - Check out the info sheets included in the partner institutions presentation to see information relevant to exchange students, such as the language requirement, course catalogue, academic calendar, cost of living etc.
- **Check the availability of courses in English** that can be transferred to OzU. Some partners may offer interdisciplinary programs and a limited number of English courses for exchange students.
 - Completing a number of core courses in your major to have a broader understanding before exchange semester is highly recommended.
- **Make sure there is no overlap** in the academic semester dates. Choose the suitable semester in order to graduate on time and not to affect the flow of your studies at OzU adversely.
- Consider the **required language proficiency** of the university you would like to choose.
- Consider the **services offered** by the partner: **housing**, orientation, support services, **estimated cost of living**, housing, residence permit/visa, food, health insurance, travel, etc. and research cultural, social, travelling opportunities.
- Talk to former exchange students and/or your OzU exchange program coordinator and contact us for further information on a specific institution.

Evaluation and Placement – I

- After the application deadline, eligible students will be invited for interviews with the Jury.
- The jury consists of the Program Coordinator of the student's department and International Exchange & Partnership Programs Office (IEPP) members for undergraduate students; and the thesis advisor, or -if not assigned yet-, the academic advisor and IEP members for graduate students, respectively.
- **The interviews are planned to be organized between 8 – 12 December, 2025.** Each student will receive an invitation by email to attend the interview in person or online.
- The interview score of a student who previously participated in Global Exchange is deducted by 5 points in the subsequent application evaluation.
- Students whose total score after evaluation is **60/100 points or above are placed** to partner institutions.
- Students will be ranked based on their interview scores and placed to the partner institutions of their choice depending on the availability of quotas.

Interview Tips



- During the interview, you will be asked some questions by the Jury to evaluate your readiness to embark on study abroad academically, socially, culturally and linguistically.
- The student's academic standing, language proficiency, motivation to participate in the program, academic preparedness to study in a foreign destination etc. will be considered.
- In this regard, **you are strongly encouraged to do research about finances and living conditions of the host country as well as the partner institutions' academic calendars, offered courses, accommodation options, language requirements, etc.**

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Nomination Criteria

- Attending the Jury interview and having a minimum interview score to be placed.
- Confirming the placement to partner institutions after the results are announced by submitting a **Commitment Form via the KION system by December 23rd, 2025;**
- Fulfilling the language requirement provided in the List of partner institutions (i.e. TOEFL with the required score) **until February 20th, 2025.** Students who do not meet the minimum language requirement of the respective partner institution **will not be nominated.**
- Students who do not submit the commitment form will not be nominated to the partner institutions and their applications will be cancelled automatically.
- Please note that our office will make eligibility checks for all applicants. If subject to disciplinary action of suspension in the semester the student is expected to go on Exchange, participation in the Global Exchange program **will automatically be cancelled.**
- Partner institutions require good academic standing for student evaluation. Therefore, it is highly recommended to maintain a CGPA above the criteria mentioned in the "Eligibility Criteria To Apply" section and the list of partner institutions.

Nomination and Application to Host Institution



- OzU IEPP Office nominates placed students who submit the Commitment Form and language proficiency before the deadline.
- Only after official nomination, placed students may follow the instructions the partner institution will provide and complete the required procedures. It is important to follow the documentation/correspondence from partners since partner institutions may prefer to communicate directly with the nominated students.
- It is advised to respect the evaluation period of the host institution & wait for the decision patiently.
- **Acceptance is never guaranteed!**

Partner institution application package will most likely include:

- Application Form
- Statement of Purpose
- Language Proficiency Document
- OzU Transcript
- Provisional course selection
- Health Reports/Insurance Policy
- Financial Documentation
- Passport copy
- Photo
- CV
- Portfolio
- Recommendation Letter

Basic Information About the Exchange Period



- You will be an **exchange student** at the partner institution.
- Your **enrollment at OzU** must be **renewed** for the 2026-2027 academic year.
- **You will continue to pay your regular OzU tuition fee and pay no tuition fee at the host institution.**
 - However, some institutions may require small amounts of fee to provide services such as visa, insurance, libraries, public transport etc.
- Courses taken abroad **will be transferred** and counted towards OzU graduation requirements.
- Please note that there are always risks associated with graduation delays due to the fact that priority courses may not be taken at the host institutions or course lists may change at the very last minute.

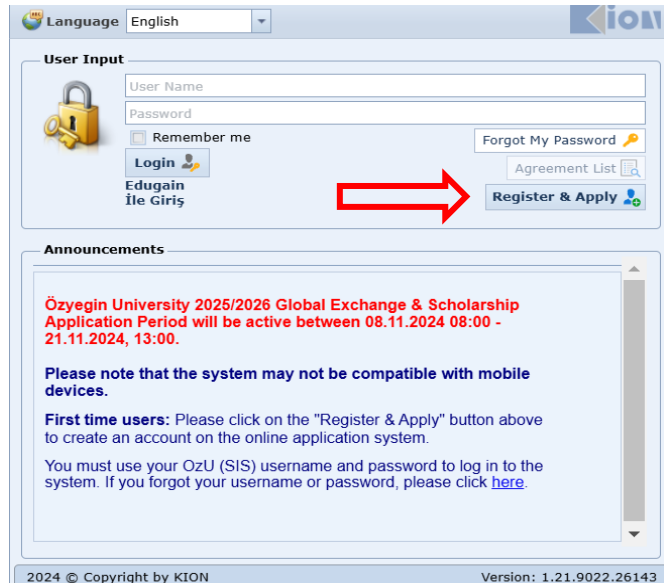
Important Notes - I

- Home and host institutions may ask additional documentation before and during the evaluation phase.
- Students may apply for Erasmus+ and Global Exchange Program but the semester in which the student is placed for an exchange program can not be identical. In such a case, students must withdraw from one within the deadline presented by our office.
- All expenses regarding the exchange semester are **your responsibility**. These include but are not limited to accommodation, travel, insurance, food, visa /residence permit etc.
- Alongside the academic aspects, it is strongly advised and important to do research about the host countries in terms of financial and visa procedures.
 - Some countries (i.e. USA, Canada) have strict deadlines/rules on visas and immigration.
- All arrangements such as course selections, visa, health insurance, travel, accommodation etc. arrangements must be completed by the student before the exchange period starts.
- **Detailed information will be provided to placed students around March 2026.**

Important Notes - II

- Placed students will determine which courses they will take at the partner institution and how they will get recognized at OzU, before their exchange semester starts by getting approval from their program coordinator on the related documents.
- After the exchange, Faculty/School/Institute Executive Board transfers the credits/grades earned based on the Transcript of Records from the host institution.
- Credits successfully obtained abroad, are counted towards OzU graduation requirements.
- **Special requests to exclude courses, credits or grades from being transferred will not be considered.**
- Semesters spent as an exchange students abroad are counted towards the period of study.
- Students cannot repeat the courses that are successfully passed at the partner institution.
- Failed courses will not be transferred.

How to Apply on KION Application System

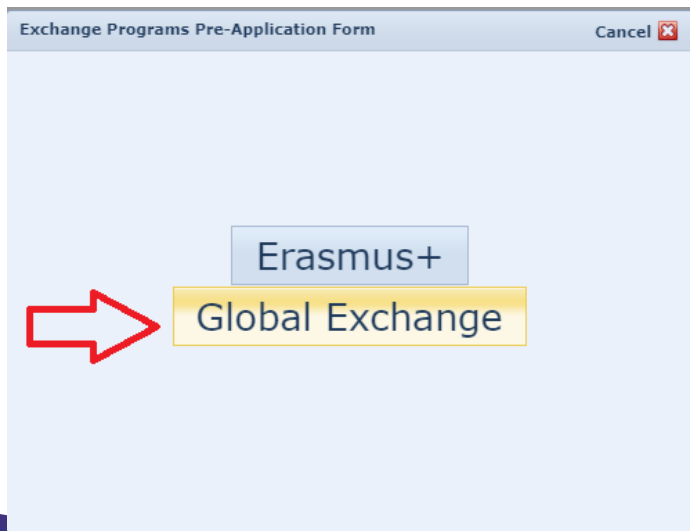


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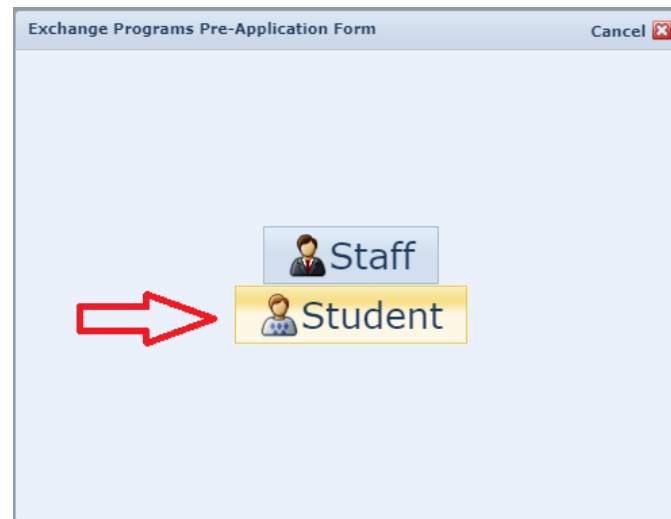
First time KION users:

Please click the “**Register & Apply**” and complete your registration in the KION system.

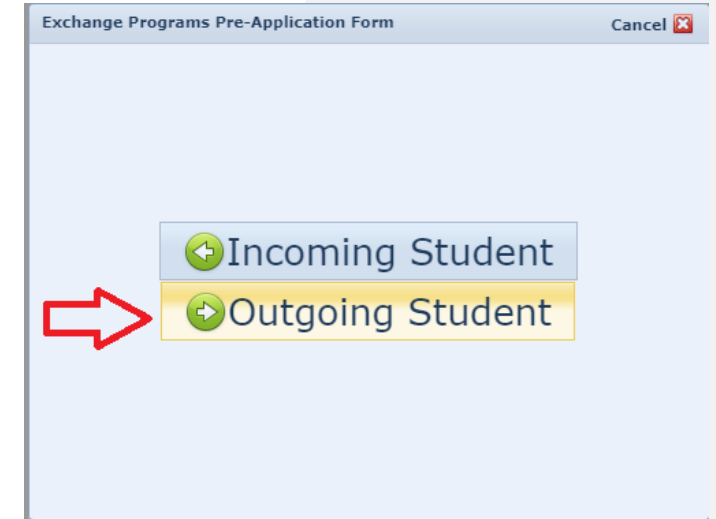
If you already logged in to KION before, you don't have register again. You may simply use your username and password.



The screenshot shows the 'Exchange Programs Pre-Application Form' window. It has a title bar with 'Cancel' and a close button. The main area contains two buttons: 'Erasmus+' and 'Global Exchange'. A red arrow points to the 'Global Exchange' button.



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Exchange Programs Pre-Application Form > Outgoing Student

User Name:

Enter Your University Account User Name

Password: *

Validate

Exchange Programs Pre-Application Form > Outgoing Student

E-mail: *

User Name:

Password: *

Validate

TC/Foreign no: *

First Name: * Last Name: *

Nationality: *

Department: *

Registration Type: *

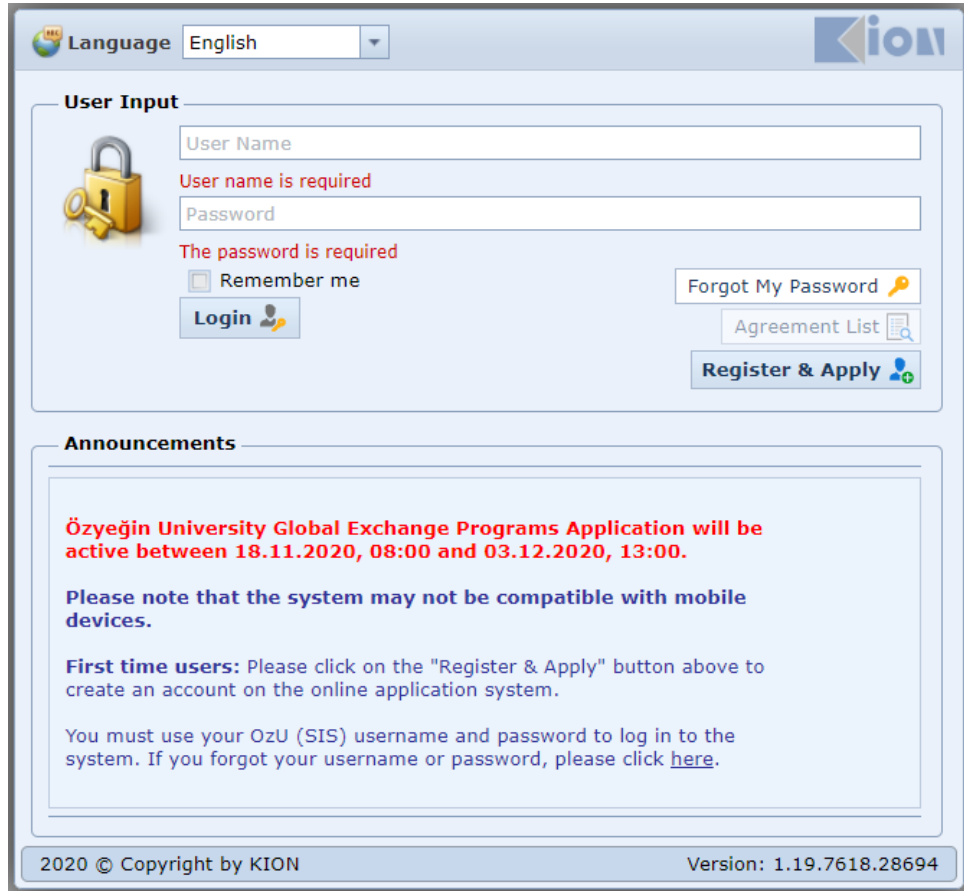
The Application Period: *

Specify the period you want to participate in mobility

Cancel Save

- Select the program:
- Global Exchange > Student > Outgoing Student
- Insert your OzU username/password.
- After your validation, you will review the following screen with your personal information and will need to complete it by making the necessary selections.
- After you save, you will receive an email.

How to Apply on KION Application System



The screenshot shows the KION Application System interface. At the top, there is a language dropdown set to 'English' and the KION logo. The main section is titled 'User Input' and contains a login form. The form has two input fields: 'User Name' and 'Password'. Below the 'User Name' field, a red error message states 'User name is required'. Below the 'Password' field, a red error message states 'The password is required'. There is a 'Remember me' checkbox and a 'Login' button. To the right of the login form, there are links for 'Forgot My Password', 'Agreement List', and a 'Register & Apply' button. Below the login form, there is an 'Announcements' section. The announcements include a notice about the 'Özyeğin University Global Exchange Programs Application' being active between 18.11.2020, 08:00 and 03.12.2020, 13:00. It also states that the system may not be compatible with mobile devices and provides instructions for first-time users to create an account. At the bottom, there is a footer with the copyright notice '2020 © Copyright by KION' and the version number 'Version: 1.19.7618.28694'.

Language English

User Input

User Name

User name is required

Password

The password is required

☐ Remember me

Login

Forgot My Password

Agreement List

Register & Apply

Announcements

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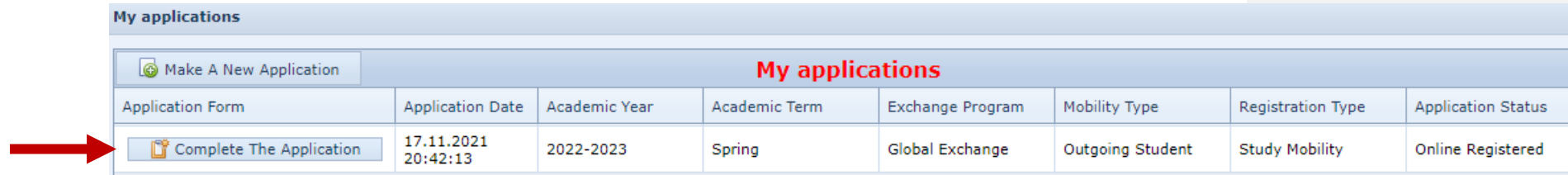
First time users: Please click on the "Register & Apply" button above to create an account on the online application system.


You must use your OzU (SIS) username and password to log in to the system. If you forgot your username or password, please click [here](#).

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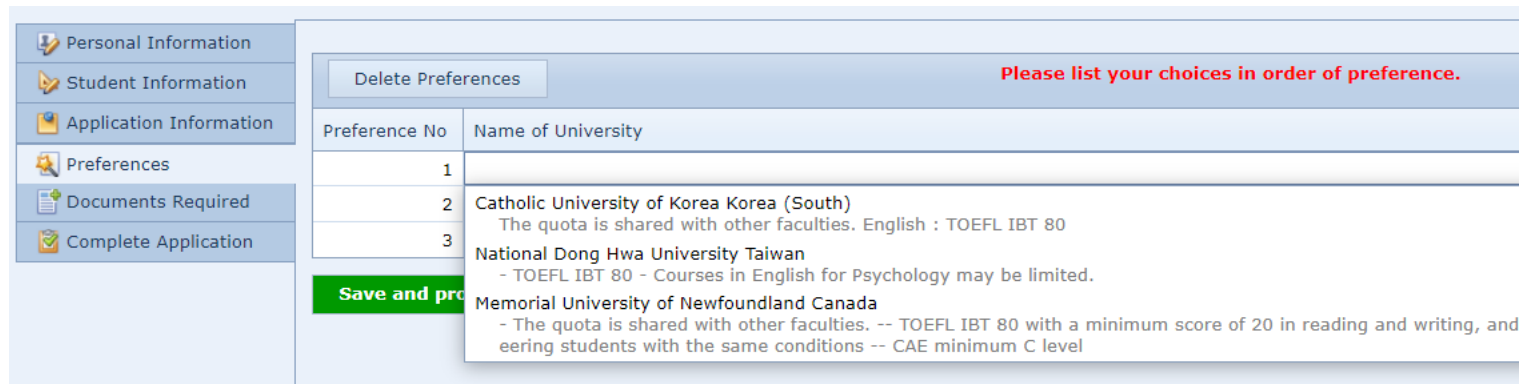
➤ You may now access the “**Application Form**” by inserting your username and password.

How to Apply on KION Application System



My applications							
Make A New Application		My applications					
Application Form	Application Date	Academic Year	Academic Term	Exchange Program	Mobility Type	Registration Type	Application Status
	17.11.2021 20:42:13	2022-2023	Spring	Global Exchange	Outgoing Student	Study Mobility	Online Registered

- You must now click on the “Complete the Application” button to continue
- The first 3 sections are automatically filled in based on your information in the SIS system. (only required to enter the Emergency Contact details.)



Delete Preferences		Please list your choices in order of preference.	
Preference No	Name of University		
1			
2	Catholic University of Korea Korea (South)		
3	National Dong Hwa University Taiwan		

Save and proceed

- On the “Preferences” section, you can select a maximum of 3 institutions from the partner university that have an agreement with your department. You can see all the available institutions and their conditions listed.
- It is recommended to do the selections in order of preference.

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The screenshot displays the KION Application System interface. On the left is a sidebar with navigation options: Personal Information, Student Information, Application Information, Preferences, Documents Required, and Complete Application. The main area shows a table of application steps, all with a 'Pending Approval' status. The 'Statement of Purpose' row is highlighted with a red underline. A green button at the bottom right says 'Save and proceed to next step' with a checkmark icon.

Approval Status	Document Name
Pending Approval	Language Proficiency Please upload your IELTS Academic, PTE or TOEFL
Pending Approval	Passport ID Page Please upload your valid passport's ID page
Pending Approval	Resume Please list your personal profile, education, qualific
Pending Approval	<u>Statement of Purpose</u> Please explain why you are interested in the excha

Save and proceed to next step ✓

- You must complete all parts of your application and fill in all required information correctly.
- When filling out your application, you may save your progress and continue later. In this case, you will see “Online registered” as your application status.
- **Upload your Statement of Purpose document only and proceed.**
- **Once you successfully submit your application you will see “Submitted” as your status.**
- Please make sure you submit the form before the deadline.
(Note that you can only submit the form once.)

How to Apply on KION Application System

Application Form

Personal Information

Student Information

Application Information

Preferences

Documents Required

Complete Application

Please note that you may submit this form only ONCE. If you are not ready to submit it yet, you may save your application and continue to make changes until the deadline (21 November 2024 - 13:00). Make sure you read all information provided under the following links:

Global Exchange application announcement and presentation : <https://my.ozyegin.edu.tr/en/duyurular/30633>


In case there are additional requirements/notes forwarded by the partner institutions, these can be reviewed on the institution selection screen.


- I hereby certify that all the information I have provided on this application form is accurate, complete and honestly presented
- I agree that my application will not be accepted if I am unable to meet the eligibility criteria specified in the 2025 - 2026 Global Exchange & SEMP Second Application announcement.
- I understand that my application and participation in the program will be cancelled if I fail to fulfill all the requirements (submitting all relevant documents, purchasing the mandatory insurance policies, etc.)
- I have reviewed all the information about Global Exchange Program as well as partner institutions' information and requirements that I must fulfill:

1. Check the official websites of the partners and read practical information regarding the academic calendar, course catalogues, availability of accommodation, visa application process, life expenses, health insurance obligations, language of instruction etc. If you have any questions about courses, please consult your [Program Coordinators](#). For questions regarding non-academic issues, make an appointment with the International Exchange Programs Office. (international.relations@ozu.edu.tr)
2. Programs Students who would like to choose institutions in which the main language of instruction is not English, should check the language requirements of the partner institution and make sure they meet the criteria. In such cases, please inform the International Exchange Programs Office and submit your valid language report. (high school diploma, international language score, etc.)
3. Placed students will be nominated to partner institutions. Final exchange study admissions are subject to partner institutions' discretion and OzU International Exchange Programs Office holds no authority over partners' admission/decision-making process. Therefore, being ranked by OzU does not mean being accepted by partner institutions.
4. Partner institutions may have different implementations, rules and regulations, as well as academic systems. Lack of not following up on necessary documentation and rules of OzU and partner institutions may adversely affect your academic standing, as well as smooth transition at the study abroad destination.
5. Applying for the correct visa in a timely fashion, travel arrangements which may require additional transit visas, dormitory or off-campus housing applications, purchasing mandatory health insurance plans are solely applicant's responsibility.

I hereby declare that I am aware of the privacy notice and read it carefully on [data protection act](#)

On the ground of aforementioned privacy notice I hereby give my clear consent for my personal and academic data to be processed and transferred abroad for Global exchange application purposes.



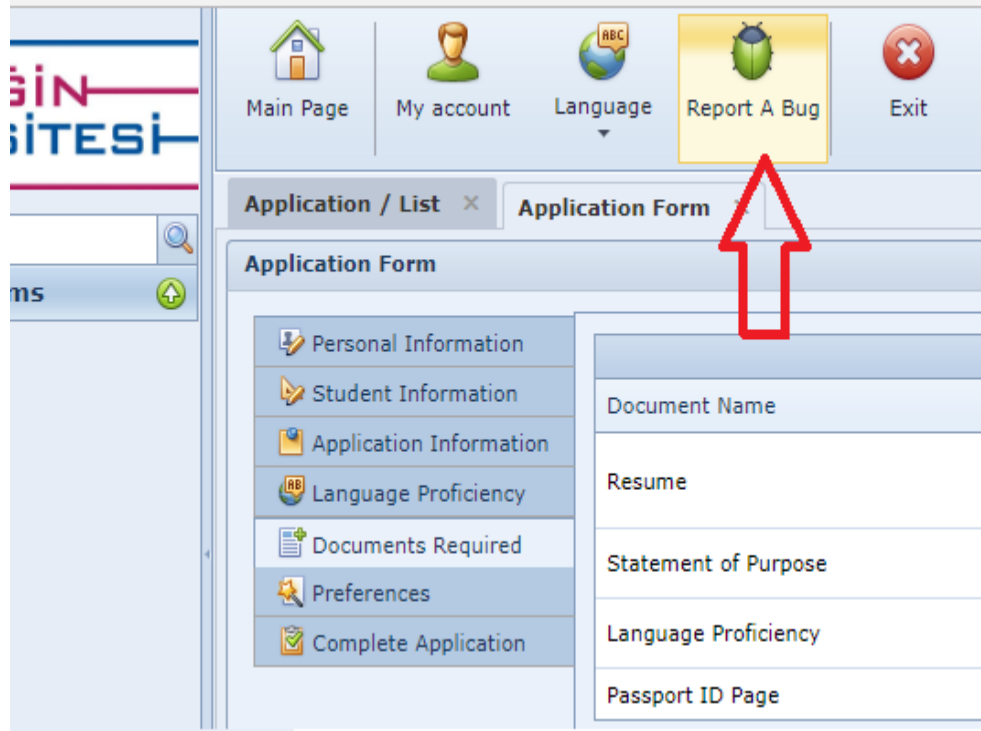
Complete The Application Process 

➤ Make sure to read the <<Complete Application>> section carefully, tick the red square and click “Complete the Application Process” to submit your application.

➤ **Once you successfully submit your application you will see “Submitted” as your status.**

➤ Please make sure you submit the form before the deadline. (Note that you can only submit the form once.)

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➤ If you encounter any technical difficulties, please click on the Report a Bug button. The respective unit will review the problem and contact you as soon as possible.

Global Exchange in a Nutshell

- Attend an Info Session (highly suggested)
- Online Application (KION System)
- Scholarship Application (IMSP Application Form)
- Evaluation Process (Jury Interview)
- Submitting the Commitment Form & a Valid Language Score
- Nomination to Host Institution (by OzU IEP)
- Application to Host Institution (by the student)
- Completing the Required Documents
- Completing the Exchange Semester & Receiving the Transcript of Records
- Transfer of Credits

Testimonial

Click the thumbnails to check out the testimonial videos of former Global Exchange students.



Global Exchange at China - Tongji
University | 2023-2024 Fall Studen...



Global Exchange at Peru -
Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola...



International Mobility Scholarship Program (IMSP)

- The International Mobility Scholarship Program (IMSP) (*formerly known as Global Exchange Program Scholarship - GEPS*) is an OzU scholarship designed for students participating in the international mobility programs. The scholarship will be offered **for one semester**.
- The IMSP supports outstanding undergraduate students seeking to gain intercultural and academic experience through international exchange at one of OzU's global partners.
- This scholarship may cover living expenses and travel costs for the duration of the exchange program **partially** and to be transferred in two instalments.
- Students can benefit from 2 types of scholarships depending on the features their application includes:
 - **Zeynep Alp Köseoğlu Scholarship Program (provides up to 5.000 USD)**
 - **NEXENT Bank Scholarship Program (provides up to 3.500 USD)**
- The availability of this scholarship depends on funding, the number of applicants, and the quality of the submitted applications.
- For detailed information about IMSP and other scholarship alternatives for Global Exchange, please check out the **application announcement**:
 - JASSO scholarship through Japan – Yokohama National University,
 - Scholarship through USA – Oregon State University,
 - Study in Canada through University of Alberta and Memorial University of Newfoundland
 - Swiss-European Mobility Program (SEMP) scholarship through University of Fribourg and FHNW University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland

International Mobility Scholarship Program (IMSP)

- Interested students must submit the [IMSP Application Form](#) until **November 26th, 2025, 13:00** to be evaluated. Late applications **will not** be considered.
- Only submitting the Global Exchange application does not mean application for scholarship.
- Students who do not submit both the Global Exchange application form and the IMSP Application Form before the deadline will be considered ineligible.
- Eligible applications will be evaluated based on their interview score. Additionally, the Selection Commission will review the **IMSP Application Forms** and evaluate the applicants based on their submission and their interview score. Personal statement via the Application Form and other additional documents will be taken into consideration.
- To confirm participation in the Global Exchange program and secure the IMSP application, placed students must submit the required language proficiency document for the placed university **by February 20th, 2026.**
- All applicants will be notified of their IMSP application status via email in early March 2025.

Thank you

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