

Location

Shizuoka Prefecture is located close to the center of Japan, with easy access to metropolitan areas such as Tokyo and Osaka. Shizuoka is blessed with a temperate climate and rich natural surroundings. It flourished during the Edo Period (17th to 19th centuries) as a location along the Tōkaidō road, the main route between Tokyo and Kyoto. Shizuoka still has many historic sites, traditional festivals, and breathtaking scenic views.



The campus is surrounded by lush green natural surroundings. With museums, libraries, and theatres nearby, the environment offers excellent opportunities for learning and communicating about culture, the arts, and education.

Access

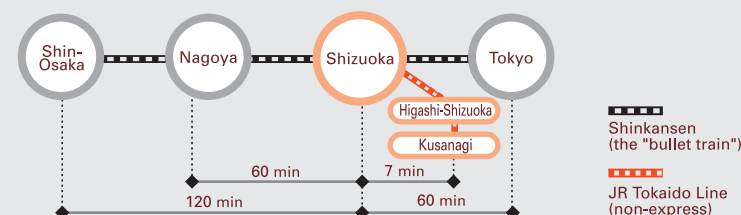
Traveling by air



About Mt. Fuji Shizuoka Airport

Mt. Fuji Shizuoka Airport opened in 2009. It is Shizuoka's international gateway, providing domestic and international air connections linking to major cities across Japan and throughout Asia.

Access to Shizuoka Station from major cities



Train times based on JR Central Railway timetable.
Times given for the Shinkansen are for Hikari express trains. Transfer time not included.

From Kusanagi Station
15 minutes on foot from Kusanagi Station on the JR Line, or from Kenritsu Bijutsukan Mae (Prefectural Museum) Station or Kusanagi Station on the Shizutetsu Railway.
10 minutes by bus from Kusanagi Station. Take a bus bound for Kusanagi Danchi on the Miho-Kusanagi Route to Kenritsu Daigaku Mae (on weekday mornings) or to Kenritsu Daigaku Iriguchi (on weekday afternoons and weekends).

From Higashi-Shizuoka Station
20 minutes on foot from Higashi-Shizuoka Station on the JR Line.
From Shizuoka Station
15 minutes by bus from Shizuoka Station on the JR Line. Take a bus on the Miwa Ohya Route (No. 8) at the station's north entrance or the Minami Route (No.21) at the south entrance to Oshika-Kyoku Mae Stop. The campus is a 3-minute walk from the bus stop.

静岡県立大学

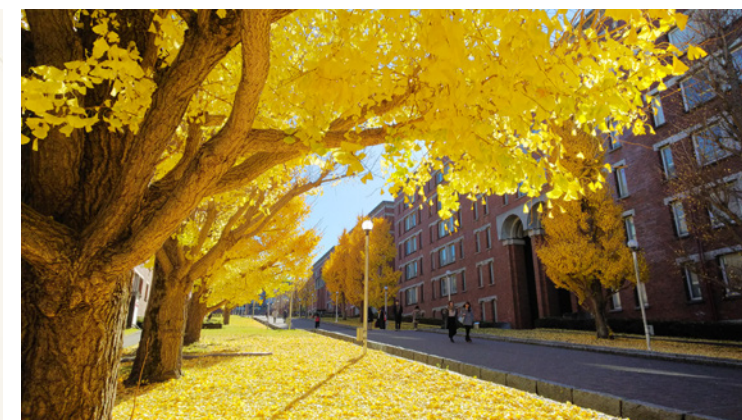
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The Fifty-three Stations "The Pine Tree of the Feather Robe at Miho no Matsu"

Artist: Utagawa Hiroshige (Japanese, Tokyo (Edo)) 1797-1858

静岡市東海道広重美術館 蔵



Message



The University of Shizuoka provides an educational environment that develops individuals who possess the academic ability and intellectual capacity to contribute to both the local and global community. As a “university of value and a source of pride for the citizens of the prefecture,” it fosters students capable of applying foundational and practical skills in an active and engaged manner. With a strong sense of responsibility as the premier institution of higher learning in Shizuoka Prefecture, the university promotes original, high-level academic research that is recognized internationally.

The university’s Kusanagi Campus is located at the foot of Nihondaira, a verdant hilly area rich in natural beauty. From the beautiful red-brick buildings harmonized with rows of ginkgo trees that change color with the seasons, one can enjoy a view of majestic Mount Fuji, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site. The surrounding area, which includes the Shizuoka Prefectural Museum of Art and the Prefectural Central Library, forms a vibrant academic and cultural zone. In this ideal environment, students can enjoy an enriching and fulfilling campus life.

As president, when I consider the mission of our university, I begin with the question “What is the proper role of a university?” In secondary education like high school, the objective is for students to develop the ability to do what they've been taught. University education in Japan has become increasingly "universalized," with 58% of high school students now going on to university. Under such conditions, I believe that the objective of the university is to help students develop the ability to identify problems, develop methods for addressing them, conduct research using those methods, and then express their own opinions about how such problems can be solved or answered. They can also make an important contribution to society by sharing the creation of this knowledge with people of diverse backgrounds through dialog.

Recently, there have been major improvements in the performance of artificial intelligence (AI), and we are encouraged by experts to focus on how AI can be used to contribute to society. However, the way AI works has not yet been communicated in a way that is clearly understandable to non-specialists. It is symbolic that Professor Geoffrey Hinton of the University of Toronto in Canada, one of the inventors of ChatGPT, has mentioned scientist and novelist as occupations that will not be superseded by AI. Even in Silicon Valley, the part of California that has led the world in developing computer technology, it is well recognized that key roles in AI development have been played by people with an extremely diverse range of abilities.

I want the University of Shizuoka both to fulfill its planned goals and to go beyond them, to foster graduates who are capable of truly flexible thinking—and who also feel truly happy to have attended our university. I want them to experience an education that is as inspiring as the beautiful scenery surrounding our campus.

Introduction

The University of Shizuoka is located in Shizuoka Prefecture, which lies in the center of Japan and is home to Mt. Fuji, Japan's tallest mountain. The mountain has long been considered a symbol of Japan and has been revered as a sacred site since ancient times. Mt. Fuji is also one of the most popular motifs in Japanese poetry, painting, and other art forms, attesting to the prominent place it occupies in the hearts and minds of the Japanese people. It was registered as a World Cultural Heritage site in 2013, a significant source of pride for the people of Shizuoka. As the prefecture’s own university, the goal of the University of Shizuoka is to be valued by the citizens of the prefecture and to be a source of pride for them.



The University offers a wide range of courses in fields that respond to the various needs of modern society, including those related to health, medicine, nursing, globalization, and the information society. These five fields of research and education are taught according to stringent academic standards, and students are offered practical, specialized course curricula. Drawing upon its diverse strengths, the University ensures that students studying in different departments have ample opportunities to interact with each other, promoting cooperation across educational and research areas.

The monument at the center of the Kusanagi Campus symbolizes the openness of the University. This openness is one of the University’s core principles. It is open to the local community, including to administrative and local industry groups, to collaborative research projects, to community revitalization projects driven by students and community residents, and to continuing education for citizens. The University also conducts research and education in accordance with international standards, thus contributing to the global community.



Undergraduate & graduate schools

School of Pharmaceutical Sciences

Pharmaceutical science is the only academic field that systematically covers a comprehensive range of studies related to human life and health, including organic chemistry, physical chemistry, biochemistry, pharmacology, pharmacognosy, molecular toxicology and public health, pharmaceuticals, and clinical pharmacy. The School of Pharmaceutical Sciences is composed of two divisions. The Division of Pharmaceutical Sciences is a 4-year program that fosters researchers and technical experts. Most graduates of the Division proceed to the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, where they acquire a research-oriented perspective. The Division of Pharmacy is a 6-year program that fosters pharmacists with advanced technical expertise and a strong ethical outlook. Fifth-year students receive practical training at hospitals and pharmacies, and graduates are qualified to take the National Pharmacist Examination. The School's highly qualified faculty members provide students with a comprehensive education based on a rich curriculum.



School of Food and Nutritional Sciences

In recent years, there is increasing interest in issues related to diet and health, such as food safety, the spread of lifestyle-related diseases, and complex environmental problems. The School of Food and Nutritional Sciences is founded on principles of systematic education in the life sciences, and it also offers comprehensive courses in scientific English and information education. This educational program fosters scientists, highly skilled technicians, and registered dietitians who have the communication skills required to work in an international workforce and address food, environmental, and health issues on a global scale. The School offers students the opportunity to engage in comprehensive study and research in the field. Topics covered in the Department of Food Science and Biotechnology include the development and analysis of foodstuffs, and in the Department of Nutrition and Life Sciences include the improvement of health and medical treatment through nutrition. In addition, the Department of Environmental and Life Sciences fosters technical experts who address food-related environmental issues.



Graduate School of Integrated Pharmaceutical and Nutritional Sciences

The people of Shizuoka Prefecture have one of the longest healthy life expectancies in the world. To understand and enhance the health and lifestyle factors underlying this remarkable life expectancy, the University of Shizuoka combined its research programs in pharmaceutical sciences and food and nutritional sciences in 2012, creating the Graduate School of Integrated Pharmaceutical and Nutritional Sciences — the first graduate school of its kind in Japan. To advance this research agenda in Shizuoka and worldwide, the School has also established three associated research centers: the Center for Pharma-Food Research, the Tea Science Center, and the Food and Environment Research Center. The School has an excellent research record, and has ranked in first place for three funding categories in Japan's national Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research program: "Eating habits (Dietary sciences)," "Environmental and hygienic pharmacy," and "Integrated nutrition science." It also collaborates with a large number of universities worldwide. The mission of the School is to contribute to society by extending healthy life expectancy through research and education in the pharmaceutical, food, nutritional, and environmental sciences.

School of International Relations

The rapidly increasing complexity of modern-day societies makes the challenges to smooth international relations now greater than ever. As such, in today's world, successful promotion of peaceful co-existence and maximal human flourishing requires both a comprehensive view of global issues and intimate knowledge of diverse languages and cultures. To this end, the School of International Relations connects students to experts and peers of various national and cultural backgrounds and positions them to view problems from multiple disciplinary perspectives and to think critically regarding possible solutions. In this way, students are encouraged to broaden their understandings and deepen their insights into the complex dynamics of global networks and ultimately develop as individuals who can confidently cooperate to make the world a better place.



Graduate School of International Relations

In the present age, when connections among the world's peoples only continue to grow stronger and stronger, it is more important than ever to foster the development of international perspectives and professional know-how. To this end, the Graduate School of International Relations, with its carefully designed interdisciplinary curriculum and diverse 60-member collaborating faculty, distributed across its Divisions of International Relations and Comparative Culture and dedicated to fostering individualized learning, challenges students to explore a wide range of essential issues affecting our global and local communities and, thus, prepares them to play an active role in their chosen fields.



School of Management and Informatics

Japan is currently facing numerous challenges stemming from domestic and international pressures, including economic and social globalization, a low birth rate, and an aging population, among other issues. The School of Management and Information fosters individuals who can innovate and solve problems by integrating the specialized knowledge of four fields: Business Administration, Policy Studies, Data Science, and Tourism Management. Students acquire basic knowledge in their first year and then hone their expertise in one or more of these areas, thus becoming experts in a particular field who are at the same time familiar with related fields. Graduates of the School are highly regarded by employers, as reflected in their high employment rate, and future graduates are expected to go on to even greater accomplishments.



Graduate School of Management, Informatics and Innovation

To respond to newly emerging needs for social innovation, it is necessary both to develop comprehensive strategies that incorporate extensive knowledge of the local circumstances of Shizuoka Prefecture and to provide a center for training individuals capable of making innovation a reality. As such a center, the Graduate School of Management and Information of Innovation aims to maximize the advantages of Shizuoka Prefecture's local characteristics and location, and to foster graduates who can contribute to the local community by generating and utilizing knowledge shoulder to shoulder with the people of the community.



School of Nursing

Nursing is a profession dedicated to caring for individuals and upholding the dignity of human life. As Japan faces the challenges of an aging population and declining birthrate, there is a growing need for nursing professionals who can address a wide range of complex health issues. The School of Nursing trains both registered nurses and public health nurses, nurturing individuals with a strong educational foundation, ethical awareness, and genuine compassion. We foster professionals who can work collaboratively in healthcare teams, respond effectively to health challenges, stay informed about societal changes, and contribute to the advancement of nursing science through ongoing intellectual curiosity.



Graduate School of Nursing

Today's society increasingly demands highly skilled nursing professionals who can respond to complex and diverse health challenges. To meet these needs, our graduate school is committed to fostering individuals with advanced expertise and broad insight, grounded in the life sciences. These professionals not only promote public health and well-being but also contribute to building a more inclusive and globally connected society. We nurture leaders who will advance nursing science through education, research, and practical engagement.



Junior College

The University of Shizuoka Junior College is located at the University's Oshika Campus in Shizuoka City's Suruga Ward. The College trains students to be healthcare and welfare professionals in the three-year Dental Hygiene Program, the two-year Child Care and Education Program, and the two-year Social Welfare Program, which offers specializations in Social Work and Care Work. The College follows four main educational principles: training students in practical skills needed for professional competence, supporting all students until graduation, emphasizing professional qualifications, and balancing that emphasis with humanistic general education. Through these principles, the College fosters professionals who strive to serve the communities in which they work.



Research activities

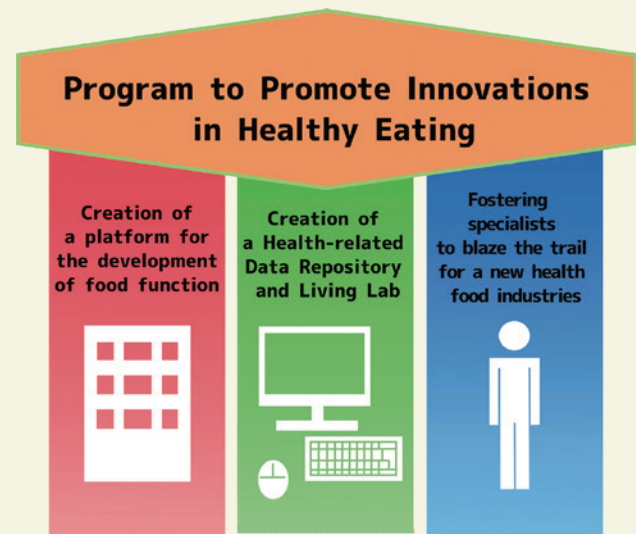
Education and research for longer, healthier lives

While Shizuoka Prefecture is facing local problems such as a rapidly aging population, the departure of younger people, and a decline in local industry, one of its advantages is that its citizens lead the nation in healthy longevity. As the Prefecture’s top educational institution, the University of Shizuoka promotes the systemization of “health and longevity science,” a new discipline combining the pharmaceutical sciences and the food and nutritional sciences through programs sponsored by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT) such as the 21st-Century Center of Excellence (COE) Program and the Global COE Program. The University has also created a center for



research on healthy longevity. In 2014, the MEXT Center of Community (COC) program sponsored the University’s program called “Center of Community for Healthy Longevity – Promoting Physical, Mental and Community Health.” The COC program coordinates with local municipalities and helps universities both to engage in community-oriented education and research and to contribute to the community. The University of Shizuoka is the only university in the prefecture selected to participate in the program.

In 2019, the University implemented the Program to Promote Innovations in Healthy Eating. A key element of this program is the Health-Related Data Repository and Living Lab. The project is funded by a subsidy from Shizuoka Prefecture to promote the health food industry. The University established this project to assist with efforts to re-examine the lifestyles of the Prefecture’s residents in terms of their health, diet, etc., and residents are actively involved in these efforts. The project collects data on the health of residents and has created a framework to advise residents individually on diet and health. It also recruits participants for validation studies conducted by companies and research institutions, helps to create new industries, and helps the public to lead long and healthy lives.



Research on tea

Thanks to its temperate climate and rich natural surroundings, Shizuoka Prefecture has a long history of thriving agriculture and fisheries industries. Tea cultivation in the prefecture accounts for about 40 percent of all tea produced in Japan. The University of Shizuoka conducts research on tea across its departments, covering topics such as the biological functions of tea, its potential to slow aging and prevent illness, and sales strategies and product development.



Contributing to the community, collaborating with industry and government

A key role of the University of Shizuoka is contributing to the community and collaborating with industry and government. In 2019, the University created its “Innovation Promotion System from Fuji-no-kuni” in order to foster promising personnel through education and training in conjunction with the local community and to contribute to community growth by sharing the results of academic research. Planning is carried out by the Committee for Community Contribution and Collaboration with Industry and Government, which is chaired by the President of the University. The “Fuji-no-kuni Center for Future Education” implements projects that contribute to the community. The Headquarters to Promote Collaboration between Industry and Academia implements projects involving collaboration with industry and government. The creation of this new organization has further promoted interdisciplinary research in the humanities and sciences within the university, has fostered personnel who are sharing the results of research and training with the community, and has promoted efforts to contribute to the community and to collaborate with industry and government.

Major achievements



International exchange

The University of Shizuoka has cooperative arrangements with universities throughout the world. It is actively engaged in collaborative research and student academic exchange programs with these overseas institutions.



Number of international students by country [As of May 2025]

	China	Vietnam	Myanmar	Indonesia	Korea	Malaysia	Nepal	India	Brazil	Cambodia	Algeria	Libya	Total
Undergraduate Students	13	4	6	1	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	30
Graduate Students	16	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	23
Research Students	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Total	31	5	7	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	56