

# Bringing your family to NAIST

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At NAIST we understand that many international students who are looking to pursue graduate degrees in specialized fields are often non-traditional students with families who will take time off from their career to further cultivate their knowledge and skills. While looking to study at an institution abroad, you may also be concerned about your family and how managing your studies and family life can affect your goals.

NAIST feels that offering support for students with families gives them opportunities to achieve the most out of their studies and also contributes greatly to the academic community on our campus. There are many students with families at NAIST and in the evenings and on weekends you can find them enjoying their home away from home at NAIST. Some students leave their spouses in their home country and bring their children here knowing there is much support and understanding for students with families, and there are others that choose to marry and start their family while at NAIST.

NAIST is located in the Kansai Area so there is much to do and see, and, being in Japan, students find life here very safe and accommodating. The campus itself is compact and the relationships with the students, faculty and staff are quite close. Most of the students live on campus and spend their time focused on their studies, and the many of the faculty and staff reside on campus as well.

Some of the advantages and benefits of studying at NAIST and in Japan include:

- On-campus housing to spend the most time with your family while pursuing your studies
- Inexpensive health care with plentiful medical facilities (Much of children's health care expenses are free or reimbursed)
- Government supported compulsory education system (Tuition not required.)
- Possible additional financial support for compulsory education
- Child support stipend system until the age of 15
- Convenient preschool programs with busing
- Financial support of childbirth costs