

Beyond Borders: A Research-Driven Mobility Journey

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In today's global academic landscape, an international exposure is no longer a luxury, but it is a necessity. At the Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology (FCSIT), Universiti Malaya, this vision is realized through a **long-standing and impactful collaboration with Ehime University, Japan**, a valuable partnership that has been nurtured even before the COVID-19 pandemic

Formalizing the relationship through a written Memorandum of Agreement (MoA), this collaboration has grown into a unique mobility programme that goes beyond conventional student exchanges. Over the past three years, FSKTM has consistently sent selected students to Ehime University, while also welcoming inbound participation, reflecting a strong and sustained academic relationship between both institutions

More Than Just Mobility: A Research Immersion Experience

Unlike typical mobility programmes that focus primarily on lectures and cultural visits, the FSKTM-Ehime initiative stands out for its **research-centred approach**. Students are not merely participants, they become **active contributors within research** at Ehime University, students are given the opportunity to work in specialised labs aligned with their academic interests, including areas such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, computer vision and cognitive science. This immersive experience allows them to explore real-world applications of their studies in a supportive and conducive academic environment. The welcomed inbound participation, reflects a strong and sustained academic relationship between both institutions.



A shared moment with peers and academics at Ehime University, reflecting collaborative learning in an international research environment

Highly Selective, Highly Rewarding

With its growing reputation, the programme attracts a high number of applicants each year. To ensure quality and readiness, students undergo a rigorous selection process, at the faculty-level interviews. Only a small group of selected students, typically around four per year, are chosen to represent the faculty. Once selected, they are matched with research laboratories based on their interests, ensuring a meaningful and personalized academic journey.

To further support their experience, students are awarded the rewarding **JASSO Scholarship**, by receiving approximately **JPY 80,000**, which helps ease their financial commitments while abroad.



Looking Ahead: Continuing the Strong Legacy

The collaboration continues to gain momentum. Following the successful completion of the selection process on 15 April 2026, a new group of students is set to embark on their journey to Ehime University from 4 August to 3 September 2026.

As FSKTM moves forward, this enduring partnership with Ehime University stands as a testament to the faculty's commitment to producing globally competent, research-ready graduates. More than just a mobility programme, it is a platform that empowers students to step beyond borders, embrace new challenges and thrive in an increasingly interconnected world.



Cross-cultural connections formed through mobility, bringing together students from diverse backgrounds in a shared learning journey.