

# Global Education



## ODAPUS

ODAPUS is an acronym for Okayama University Dental School Study Abroad Program for Undergraduate Students. It is a short-term study abroad system for the third year student to participate as an audit student in a foreign university. It is a system unique to Okayama University in which the course taken at the target university can be credited with the attendance certification from the sponsor professor. Currently, short-term study is possible at several universities in the world such as University of California (USA), University of Saskatchewan (Canada) and so on.

### Cooperating Universities (2015 schedule)

University of California (USA), China Medical University (China), • Dalian Medical University (China), Hasanuddin University (Indonesia), University of Saskatchewan Dental School (Canada), University of British Columbia (Canada), Hai Phong Medical University (Vietnam), Southwestern University (Philippines), University of Sao Paulo (Brazil), Taipei Medical University (Taiwan), San Andreas University (Bolivia), Kaohsiung Medical University (Taiwan), Forsyth Institute (USA), University of Pennsylvania (USA), Nanchang University (China), Mahidol University (Thailand), Charles Sturt University (Australia), National University of Singapore (Singapore), University of Hong Kong (China)



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I studied at Saskatchewan University for two and half months with a classmate through the ODAPUS program. I took the same classes as the students there and I learned a lot about the Canadian dental medicine which is different than that of Japan. It was a lot of work because all the classes were conducted in English, of course, but the students and the professors were kind and supportive, and it was fun to study every day. The host family took us to kayaking, hiking, Thanksgiving & Halloween parties and taught us about Canadian nature and culture.

The days I spent in Canada will be unforgettable and important memories for me. I want my junior students to participate in the ODAPUS program and have a precious experience.



## Research Lab Assignment



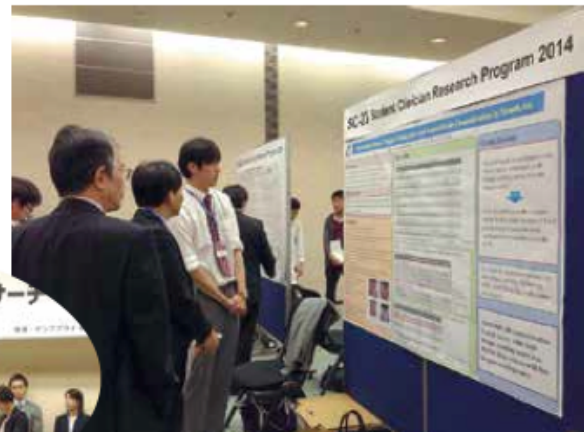
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Graduates

I experienced research in the preventive dentistry on my 3rd year assigned to a research lab for about 2 months. At the beginning, I struggled to understand the research papers on the existing studies, let alone the content of the research I was about to participate in.

However, the professors and faculty members in the lab gave me guidance, and a friend of the same year as I am helped me collect data and discussed interpretation of the analytic results. In doing so, I learned not only the difficulty of research but also the fun in it a little by little. In the research presentation session, it was very interesting to see distinctive and very technical contents being presented. Also, I represented Okayama University in a national meeting called SCRP and presented an English poster of the results of the research assignment. I was able to meet and talk with dental students of other universities and gained a precious experience.

The Student Clinician Research Program (SCRCP) sponsored by Japan Dental Association is a research presentation tournament by dental students held in 39 countries of the world. The winner of the Japan Representative Tournament is invited to the 156th SCRCP Tournament sponsored by American Dental Association (held in Washington D.C.) as representative of Japan and will have the opportunity to make presentation. Also, there are exchanges of ideas between the representatives from all over Japan and the Japan representative will have the opportunity to meet and talk with the world's top class of dentist and dentistry researchers



Awards ceremony at SCRP Japan Representative Tournament