

名古屋大学留学生会
Nagoya University International Student Association (NUFSA)
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1. About NUFSA 名古屋大学留学生会について



Nagoya University International Student Association (NUFSA) is a diverse and cultural student-led organization founded by Nagoya University in 1985. Primary objective is to bring together all international students enrolled in Nagoya University and visiting scholars. Our mission is to create a sense of community by facilitating intellectual, cultural, and social exchanges among international students, faculty and staff. We also foster understanding of diverse cultures and help to develop a cosmopolitan outlook among foreign students, and between foreign students and Japanese students. Finally, we serve as support to incoming international students in adjusting to their new cultural setting in Nagoya and creating opportunities for networking.

2. Name 名前

NUFSA is short for Nagoya University International Student Association (名古屋大学留学生会). It originally stood for Nagoya University *Foreign* Student Association. However, in 2015, it was decided that the association would be renamed to Nagoya University *International* Student Association (while keeping its initial abbreviation – NUFSA) to embrace the global and international student base of Nagoya University.

3. Executive Board

- **President: Putri Gifita Desyanmi Santosa (Indonesia)**
- **Vice President: Raissa Medea Alunjani (Indonesia)**
- Secretary: Anny Lai (Wan-Ching Lai) (Taiwan ROC)
- Treasurer: Karl Raymond dela Cruz Roque (Philippines)
- PR Head: Narazaya Batdulam (Mongolia)
- HR Head: Joaquin Gabriel Franco (Philippines)

4. Membership

NUFSA membership is free of charge and can be granted to any international students (foreign and Japanese) enrolled in Nagoya University, regardless of their nationality, major, schools, degrees, etc. To be able to join the group and participate

discussion for existing events or to bring new ideas all is necessary to do is register at nufsa.nagoya@gmail.com

5. Networking

Please find us @:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/nufsajp/>

Instagram: https://instagram.com/nufsa.nagoya_university/

Email: nufsa.nagoya@gmail.com

6. Support

NUFSA is receiving support from various organizations. We are financially supported by Nagoya University Foreign Student Support Association and we regularly receive technical or organizational support from Nagoya University International Student Advisor Office. We also collaborate with volunteer groups (ACE, YWCA, Tomodachi-kai) for organizing activities such as bazaars, welcome parties, etc.

7. Weekly Meeting

NUFSA members have meetings every week. This year, the weekly meeting is held every Tuesday from 12:00 to 12:45. During meetings, members discuss potential activities and plan them out together. The minutes of meetings are written down and uploaded by the president and secretary every week.

8. Activities

❖ Tandem (Online due to COVID-19)

Since 2016 we have launched a new project called Tandem, which is an opportunity for those who are willing to master a language (or two) and even get accustomed with cultural nuances by communicating with native speakers. Tandem, basically, means having two or more individuals with skills they can share with one another. Just fill out the questionnaire form providing information about the languages they know and the languages they are wishing to excel at. NUFSA will connect you with the partners they best match with.

❖ Academic Activities (Online due to COVID-19)

Japanese Language & Culture course for foreign students' family members, sponsored by Nagoya SAKAE Lions Club.





❖ 名 I ASK

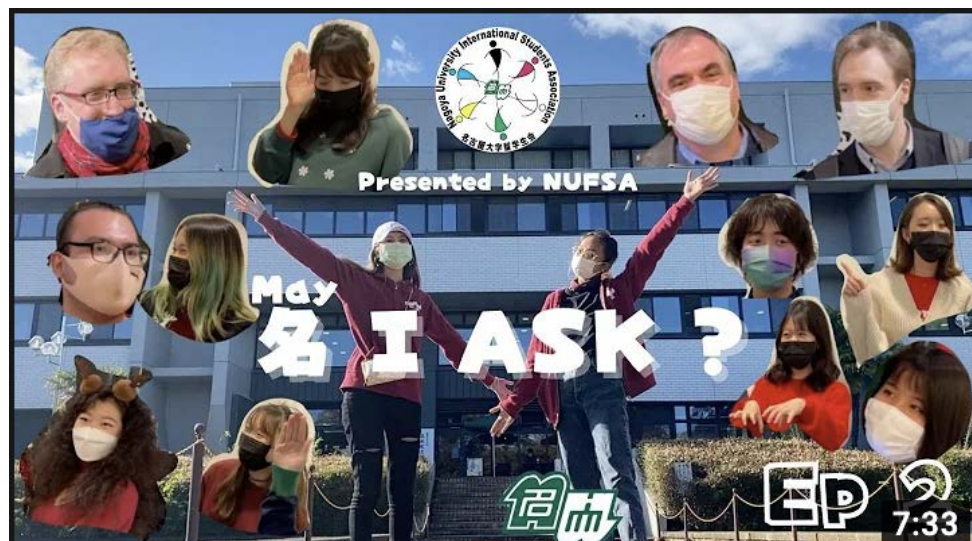
名 I ASK? is a series of interviews we have with Nagoya University students. We hope to help people who want to join Nagoya University to know about life and people in Nagoya University.

Episode 2: Christmas Edition

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OvHqtrcJ9nU&t=124s>

Episode 1: Fun Facts

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dojpk3i1PyU&t=32s>





❖ SnapSA

We ask students to post their picture related to Nagoya University but on different topics on Instagram and choose the winner that fits the topic the most. The purpose is to let more people know what life as a Nagoya University student is like!



❖ Essay Competition (Both English and Japanese) (March - June)

The COVID-19 pandemic has definitely affected how university life has been for the students. While the University may be doing its best, it becomes harder to help students, old and new, to cope with the new environment. It becomes a tougher environment for all of the students, especially international students, considering that they are far from home. Everyone can't wait for the University to be back to normal in the nearest time possible. The topic was "How can we make Nagoya University a better place during these difficult times?"

❖ Spring Treasure Hunt (May)

We held the Spring Treasure Hunt with ACE in May. In the treasure hunt, participants had to play several games and then the winner gets to have the hints first and then solve the hunt. We limited the number of participants to 32 due to the pandemic this year.



❖ 名大's Got Talent (May)

NUFSA and COFSA collaborated and held the MeiDais Got Talent together in May. Students with talents submitted their work and videos to us and we invited professors, students' organizations, and students to vote for the winners for each category.



❖ BUDDY x BUDDY Exchange (June)

NUFSA was invited to join the BUDDY x BUDDY zoom activity held by APU Buddy from Ritsumeikan APU in Beppu. Our members were able to talk to international students like us from Ritsumeikan APU and discuss the difficulties we had during the pandemic and help give suggestions to how we can overcome them!

❖ Zoom Q&A Session on Student Life and Mental Health with Professor Sakai (June)

Under this current pandemic, we understand that a lot of students (both Japanese and International students) suffered a lot because of the social-distancing, online classes, and more. NUFSA held this Q&A session with the support of Professor Sakai to help

answer students' questions and concerns related to student life and mental health anonymously through Google form and also during the zoom call.

❖ Karaoke Night (July)

We held Karaoke Night in July with games related to songs, such as guessing the song, finishing the lyrics, and more.





❖ Meet & Chat for G30 Students (September)

The Meet & Chat for G30 students was to help students overseas make friends through the activities NUFSA prepared for them. This was held on zoom so that most new students got to participate even though they were still outside of Japan. We also invited seniors to answer the questions new students had.

❖ Halloween Competition (October)

Because of COVID-19, we can only hold a halloween event online, through Instagram. Students send us pictures of their Halloween make-up and costumes and are featured in both NUFSA's instagram and facebook account. Through voting between NUFSA members, the winners of this competition were chosen and given prizes, such as Amazon gift cards.



❖ Culture Day Game (November)

We held a culture day game at Kawana Park with 30 participants divided into groups of 5. The games were all from different cultures. The games on that day were from Indonesia, Korea, the United States, Ecuador, Philippines, and India. We hoped to bring international students closer to their home country, commemorate the International Culture Day, and introduce the traditional games from different countries to participants.



❖ Thanksgiving (November)

We collected messages from students to professors around Thanksgiving and printed them out on papers cut into the shape of a turkey. We then delivered the papers to professors' offices and helped show gratitude to them.

❖ Christmas Concert (December)

NUFSA held a Christmas concert with COFSA in MeiDining on December 17th, 2021. We had live performances and games while keeping social distances and the windows open. We had a total of 8 performances and 2 games. We also made sure everyone's temperature was according to regulations and hand sanitizers were provided at MeiDining.



Regular Events but Canceled due to COVID-19

❖ Bazaar (Canceled due to COVID-19)

Every year in April and October, NUFSA, in collaboration with ACE, Tomodachi-kai and YWCA, holds a bazaar at Nagoya University International Residence Higashiyama. The bi-annual NUFSA International Students' Bazaar is an absolute goldmine of quality second hand home necessities (tableware, furniture, electrical appliances) at extremely cheap prices.

❖ Welcome party (Canceled due to COVID-19)

We organize welcome parties, which is a platform for old students to welcome new students and it is also an avenue for interaction, networking and social exchange of ideas, experiences and culture. This is the first foundation towards building strong lasting friendships in most cases. We offer not only delicious food and drinks but also live music with great performances.

❖ Orientations for Incoming International Students (Online due to COVID-19)

NUFSA participates in orientations for incoming international students held in student residences (International Residence Higashiyama, International Ohmeikan House, International Residence Yamate, Ishida Memorial International Residence Myoken). The purpose is to introduce ourselves to newcomers and give them first necessary information and tips for daily living and university activities.

❖ Otsukaresama party バザー・ウェルカムパーティー協力者とお疲れさま会 (Canceled due to COVID-19)

We also organize a thank you party for ACE members for always helping NUFSA and providing support for the members in the organization of bazaar and welcome party. Here, NUFSA and ACE members become closer in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere.

❖ Live Music Session (Canceled due to COVID-19)

NUFSA invites students to perform and chill at Craig's Cafe in the university every 2 months. NUFSA also provides some snacks to the participants and performers. The event is totally free and students can sign up to perform through NUFSA's Facebook and Instagram.

❖ NUFSA's Board Game Nights

NUFSA holds a board game night once a month at Craig's Cafe. We provide snacks and drinks to all participants. NUFSA have a wide variety of board games and continue to buy new board games.