

**BWS plus project "VIRTUAL GALLERY"**  
**HFT Stuttgart/Chiba University/Nagoya Zokei University**

***“Architecture must have something that appeals to the human heart. Creative work is expressed in our time as a union of technology and humanity” – Kenzo Tange***

**"VIRTUAL GALLERY" is a joint project with partner universities in Japan to develop and implement new forms of mobility and cooperation, especially with distant countries. Step by step, a virtual gallery will be created through the contributions of scholarship holders, students and lecturers from all participating universities. It will provide an immersive experience of innovative community housing projects in Japan and Stuttgart, taking into account social, ecological and economic aspects and can be expanded to include other topics.**

**The virtual component will be developed through site visits and a series of (hybrid) international workshops and events in Japan and Stuttgart**

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The Baden-Württemberg Foundation has approved project funding for our "VIRTUAL GALLERY" project for a three-year cooperation (2023-2026) with Japanese universities in Chiba and Nagoya. This is intended to promote the exchange of students and teachers from the participating universities.

What is special about the project is the accompanying development and maintenance of the "VIRTUAL GALLERY" In this digital platform, students are supposed to post analysis and documentation of innovative communal housing projects from Germany and Japan.

This means that the collected information is made permanently accessible to many people via the internet. The mostly positive experiences with digitalization during the pandemic are intended to support personal exchange between students and teachers, especially in countries that are far apart from one another.

The BWS plus project "VIRTUAL GALLERY" is carried out by the Baden-Württemberg Stiftung as part of the Baden Württemberg STIPENDIUM programme for university students.

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**Baden-Württemberg STIPENDIUM/BWS plus project:**

**Baden-Württemberg STIPENDIUM:**

900 Euro/month for 5 months

Free of tuition

English Course for free

**Buddies:**

English speaking students who care for incomers from Japan  
Help with arriving, integrating into life and studying  
(Affiliated with the International Office Miss Gutekunst, IO)

**Tandem:**

German English-speaking students in tandem with incomers from Japan  
Teamwork, for example at the Virtual Gallery seminar

**After arrival:**

How to survive Germany - Crash course/survival course to prepare Japanese students  
for culture shock and to make arrival easier

**English class:**

Approximately 4-week intensive course before starting the studies  
(e.g. in September or March) English coaching intensive  
Weekly English course on Wednesdays at the International Office during the semester  
(Affiliated with IO/Languages Department Miss Brückner, IO)

**Speaking bar:**

Coffee break/speaking bar as an opportunity to use English in everyday life

**Monthly meetings:**

Monthly meetings with lecturers, buddies, tandem studies and incomer studies

**Student dormitory:**

Reservation of rooms in the student dormitory  
keeping quota free for Japanese students (Affiliated to IO, Miss Widmann-Klein)

**COURSE OFFERINGS (CURRICULUM)****Design and building construction (IP1)**

8 ECTS (supervision by Kazu Ito)

**Master design studio**

8 ECTS (Prof. Roser)

**Seminar "VIRTUAL GALLERY" (Interactive Gallery)**

4 ECTS (Prof. Sondermann, Miss Glöckler)

**Workshop "VIRTUAL GALLERY"**

4 ECTS (2-week block)

**Internship**

(external study project) 4 ECTS (September or March) supervised by Kazu Ito/me

**English course**

(block in September) 4 ECTS (Academic International Office)

**Intercultural seminar** 2 ECTS (Miss Gutekunst, IO)

New concepts (possibly also focusing on European cultures, not just Germany) or participation in German Culture & Society /International Project Management courses (in English)

Several other subjects from the regular offering (lectures in German, supervision in English)

**Dual system (optional):**

Internship in large, internationally oriented offices (Wulf, HaasCookZemrich, Behnisch...) or in Studio Ito (Kazu Ito)  
approx. 2 days per week parallel to the studies  
Earnings around 200 Euros/month

**Internship (optional):**

Internship in large, internationally oriented offices in Stuttgart (Wulf, HaasCookZemrich, Behnisch...) or in Studio Ito (Kazu Ito)  
Arrival in Germany 6 weeks before the start of the semester  
1-2 week intensive language course, 4-week internship + intensive language course  
1-day English course, 4 days in the architecture office  
Earnings around 500 Euros/month

**ACCOMPANYING PROGRAMME:****Architecture excursion "Stuttgart":**

Accompanied architecture excursion Stuttgart and surroundings: Mercedes Benz Museum, Porsche Museum, Stuttgart 21 construction site, Staatsgalerie, Stirling (State Gallery), Neues Schloß (New Palace),...

**Architecture excursion "Residential Buildings":**

Accompanied architecture excursion residential buildings for the Virtual Gallery: Weissenhofsiedlung, Esslingen, Rot,...

**Architecture excursion "Three countries border":**

Accompanied architecture excursion to the three countries (Germany, France, Switzerland) border triangle: VITRA, Weil; Freiburg, Basel CH, Mulhouse F

**Organised tourist tours:**

Neuschwanstein, Heidelberg, Rothenburg, Lake Constance,...

*text: Prof. Harald Roser, March 4, 2024*