Centers
教育研究施設等

Kyoto University has a number of centers along with graduate schools, faculties, and research institutes. They are researching on many fields from humanities to natural science. Some centers, such as Academic Center for Computing and Media Studies and Counseling Center are focusing on supporting students’ research activities.

学術情報メディアセンター
ACADEMIC CENTER FOR COMPUTING AND MEDIA STUDIES (ACCMS)
The Academic Center for Computing and Media Studies conducts research and development on advanced applications of IT infrastructures and information media. The research findings are used to improve the education and research environment at Kyoto University and academic institutions nation-wide.

We also cooperate with the Institute for Information Management and Communication to improve university services, and research faculty work with graduate schools to apply their knowledge and findings to the university’s curricula.

www.media.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/

放射線生物研究センター
RADIATION BIOLOGY CENTER
Living organisms have developed several mechanisms to repair radiation damaged DNA. Over the course of evolution, some of those mechanisms were adapted and modified, and now play important roles in a wide range of biological events such as oxidative stress response, brain development, cell cycle regulation, chromosome dynamics and tumor suppression. The Radiation Biology Center studies the way in which DNA repair mechanisms maintain life by combating various external and internal threats.

http://house.rbc.kyoto-u.ac.jp/english.html

生態学研究センター
CENTER FOR ECOLOGICAL RESEARCH (CER)
The approach taken by the Center for Ecological Research combines field studies, theory and experimentation, using methodologies such as the detection of ecological patterns, theoretical model analysis, and experimental theory testing. Research topics include spatial and temporal dynamics, biological interactions in terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems, and the ecological functions of biodiversity. The center also studies human impact, and aims to develop a general theory for the conservation of biodiversity and ecosystems.

Hirano 2-509-3, Otsu, 520-2113
www.ecology.kyoto-u.ac.jp/ecology/english

地域研究統合情報センター
CENTER FOR INTEGRATED AREA STUDIES (CIAS)
Through innovative area studies approaches focusing on the analysis of inter-area relationships and inter-area comparisons, the Center for Integrated Area Studies seeks to deepen understanding of modern global regions. The center has also established the new field of area informatics, which merges area studies with informatics. CIAS was reestablished as a Joint Usage/Research Center in 2009.

www.cias.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/

野生動物研究センター
WILDLIFE RESEARCH CENTER (WRC)
Through education and research relating to wild animals, the Wildlife Research Center is dedicated to contributing to a balanced coexistence among the living organisms of our planet. Research is focused on exploring the psychology, physiology, behavior, genomic makeup, health and longevity of endangered species. The center seeks to provide future generations with a deep understanding of nature and humanity’s place within it.

www.wrc.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en

高等教育開発推進センター
CENTER FOR THE PROMOTION OF EXCELLENCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION
The Center for the Promotion of Excellence in Higher Education conducts studies of teaching and learning systems in higher education. The results of the studies are used to plan and develop Kyoto University’s liberal arts and general education programs, and support the faculty in their professional development and teaching initiatives. The center comprises the following three divisions: Studies in Higher Education, Liberal Arts Curriculum Development and Information and Media Study Design.

The center is scheduled to be reorganized in 2014.

www.highedu.kyoto-u.ac.jp/index_e.html
THE KYOTO UNIVERSITY MUSEUM

The Kyoto University Museum manages and develops the university’s valuable museum collection and research resource archives. The museum collection currently consists of 2.6 million specimens, which are relevant to a wide spectrum of fields from the humanities, to the natural sciences, to engineering. As a valuable research and educational resource, the collection is frequently used by researchers both at the museum and also from around the world.

The museum’s permanent and temporary exhibitions, and frequently held lectures and events are enjoyed by visitors of all ages, and the museum has come to be regarded as a gateway between the university and the community. Many researchers and students enthusiastically participate in our research, education and outreach activities. This network of individuals within the university allows the museum to function as a unique center for the exchange of academic ideas.

www.museum.kyoto-u.ac.jp/index_e.htm

RESEARCH CENTER FOR LOW TEMPERATURE AND MATERIALS SCIENCES (LTM Center)

We support research activities in low temperature and materials sciences by providing cryogens and informative courses for more than 3,500 researchers as well as offer access to advanced scientific research facilities such as SQUID magnetometers and nanofabrication facilities.

The research divisions carry out original investigations on low temperature physics, functional organic conductive materials, biological materials science, and low temperature functional materials and provide outstanding scientific research opportunities to graduate students.

www.ltm.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en

FIELD SCIENCE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH CENTER (FSERC)

The rapid expansion of human activity threatens forest and coastal biospheres, causing severe environmental problems. The goal of the Field Science Education and Research Center is to understand the relationship between those biospheres and to rehabilitate their ecosystems to a sustainable state. Current projects include field research on the banks of the Yura River (Kyoto), Koza River (Wakayama) and Niyodo River (Kochi). Each project involves collaboration with the local government and citizens to maximize the value of its findings.

fserc.kyoto-u.ac.jp

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KOKORO RESEARCH CENTER

The Kokoro Research Center promotes scientific research on the mind and consciousness, which spans the disciplines of psychology, neurophysiology, cognitive sciences, cultural studies and the humanities. The center aims to develop community outreach solutions through wide-ranging interdisciplinary research involving interdepartmental and international collaboration. Through its research, the center aspires to contribute to a humanity and mentality suited to life in the coming global era.

kokoro.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/index.html

CENTER FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE STUDIES

The Center for Cultural Heritage Studies carries out excavations, field surveys and other projects on the many sites of archaeological value in and around the Kyoto University campuses. The center works in cooperation with teams from the departments of archaeology, architecture, geography, geology, and anthropology. Project sites range from prehistoric cemeteries to Edo period clay mines.

www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/maibun/index-e.html
GENERAL STUDENT SUPPORT CENTER
The General Student Support Center Counseling Office provides confidential counseling services for students on a wide range of matters relating to study, or personal problems. The center is staffed by trained specialists in fields such as clinical and adolescent psychology. In addition to private counseling, the center provides other services, such as conducting awareness and publicity campaigns, classroom lectures and independent research.

www.gssc.kyoto-u.ac.jp/counseling/pg28.html

CENTER FOR WOMEN RESEARCHERS
The Center for Women Researchers is dedicated to improving the equal opportunity working and learning environment at Kyoto University, and provides services to support female researchers and students as they establish themselves in the competitive academic world. Services include professional temporary nursery care for infants on preschool waiting lists and for sick children, financial support for the hiring of research assistants, and advisement services. The center also organizes workshops and symposia, and publishes regular newsletters.

www.cwr.kyoto-u.ac.jp/english

CENTER FOR AFRICAN AREA STUDIES (CAAS)
The Center for African Area Studies promotes multidisciplinary research on Africa. The center’s primary foci are the sustainable use of the environment, agriculture and other economic activities, multi-ethnic coexistence, and socio-cultural change. Research is also undertaken into the potential of using indigenous practices as catalysts for Africa’s development. The center has concluded cooperative research agreements with the world’s academic institutions and publishes a quarterly interdisciplinary journal.

www.africa.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/enindex.html

THE HAKUBI CENTER FOR ADVANCED RESEARCH
The Hakubi Center for Advanced Research was founded in 2009 to implement and manage the Hakubi Project, an initiative to support promising young researchers from around the world through the provision of faculty positions at Kyoto University. Researchers recruited through the program are given the opportunity and facilities to pursue their own academic interests. The center’s main role is the coordination of recruitment procedures in collaboration with the university’s faculties, graduate schools and research institutes.

www.hakubi.kyoto-u.ac.jp/eng/

CENTER FOR THE PROMOTION OF INTERDISCIPLINARY EDUCATION AND RESEARCH (C-PiER)
The main function of this center is to promote interdisciplinary education and research at Kyoto University. In addition to providing direct support to KU education and research units that merge multiple fields of study, the center also carries out its own projects on interdisciplinary education methodologies, and provides information to those on and off campus seeking to embark on interdisciplinary initiatives. Interdisciplinary research units consistently produce impressive results with potential for future development. The center has 26 education and research units.

www.cpier.kyoto-u.ac.jp (Japanese)
KYOTO UNIVERSITY RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Kyoto University Research Administration Office (KURA) was officially launched in April 2012 as an organization to provide consistent research support for project planning, obtaining research funds, project execution and public relations. KURA is intended to ease the non-research burden (such as administrative work) imposed on researchers by providing a well-organized research support network. To achieve that aim, KURA networks and collaborates with existing research support offices at Kyoto University.

www.kura.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/

INSTITUTE FOR INTEGRATED CELL-MATERIAL SCIENCES (WPI-iCeMS)

As one of nine international science hubs selected for the World Premier International Research Center (WPI) Initiative of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT), iCeMS seeks to investigate the chemical basis of cells, create compounds to control processes in cells such as stem cells, and utilize cellular processes to fabricate chemical materials. Focusing on the mesoscale, the institute’s work will potentially benefit medicine, pharmaceutical studies, the environment, and industry.

www.icems.kyoto-u.ac.jp/e/