

Overview of KU's Proposal for Designated National University Corporation Status



KU's Mission Statement

Tackling multifaceted issues, maintaining and developing academic freedom, and **contributing to harmonious coexistence within the human and ecological community on this planet.**

Generate new knowledge, foster innovation, and guide the development of future society.

A flexible and dynamic approach to knowledge creation

- Global leader of advanced research in diverse fields
- Explore new interdisciplinary research fields and develop international collaboration in fields of strength

1. Promote world-leading cutting-edge research

1) Regenerative medicine and advanced medical research

- Contribute to human health and wellbeing, and to the future of medicine and health care in the context of a rapidly aging society

2) Fusing sciences: chemistry and biology

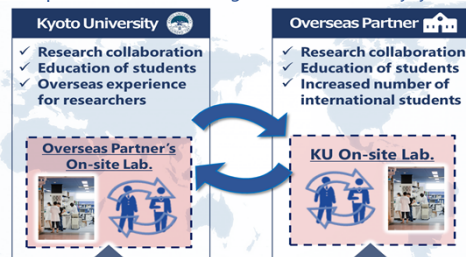
- Pioneer new academic areas encompassing a wide variety of fields

3) Kyoto University Institute for Advanced Study (KUIAS)

- An international hub distilling the knowledge and skills of leading researchers

2. On-site Laboratories

- Establish locally-managed laboratories in cooperation with overseas partner institutions (Figure: On-site laboratory system)



On-site collaboration with local industries

Generating a high-level and diverse flow of talent

- Enhance the internationalization of education
- Develop diverse human resources/acquire talented human resources

Initiatives focusing on students

1. Kyoto University International Undergraduate Program (KYOTO iUP)

- An international undergraduate program for domestic and international students

2. Fostering doctoral-level human resources (knowledge professionals) through MEXT's Superior Graduate Programs

3. Graduate Student Training (GST) Center

- Provides training programs to cultivate graduate students with superior teaching and research capabilities

4. International Student Recruitment Office

- Strategic recruitment of talented international students

5. Extensive support for graduate and international students

Initiatives focusing on young researchers

1. The Hakubi Project

- Employ outstanding young researchers regardless of field of study

2. Increase the number of young faculty members

- Increase the percentage of regularly-employed young faculty members to 30% within the fourth round of medium-term goals

KU's world-class management style

- Formulate strategic plans through practical coordination between top-down policy and bottom-up ideas
- Secure stable financial resources that the university can strategically use for its own initiatives

Strengthen governance

1. Kyoto University's Provost and the Planning and Coordination Council
2. Evidence-based management of the university from an international perspective (International Strategy Office, Institutional Research Office, University Research Administrators)

- Formulate strategic plans in coordination with the university's departments and faculty consorts

Strengthen the university's financial base

1. Increase self-generated income: 1) Donations, 2) Learning programs for adults, 3) Effective use of assets
2. Establish profit-making enterprises