

Global Engagement



As a world-leading higher education institution, Kyoto University actively pursues collaboration with diverse international partners. The university continues to expand its global community through various networks, including those with university consortia and international alumni. Kyoto University's offices and other facilities overseas serve as hubs to bridge local resources and activities with the international community.



Promoting International Collaboration

Kyoto University seeks to actively participate and enrich the international academic community, promote innovative advancements in research, and cultivate talented researchers and students.

International Symposia

Kyoto University hosts and participates in a wide range of international symposia and academic meetings. By bringing together accomplished international scholars and eager up-and-coming young researchers, these events aim to strengthen research and education collaboration and promote the sharing of knowledge, skills, and ideas.

In 2017, Kyoto University held symposia in collaboration with the University of Hamburg in Germany (focusing on six different natural sciences/humanities and social sciences fields) and the University of Bordeaux in France (focusing on cutting-edge medical engineering).



▲ Bordeaux-Kyoto Symposium 2017



◀ Kyoto-Swiss Symposium 2016

Recent joint international symposia

- 2015 Kyoto-Bordeaux Symposium
Bristol-Heidelberg-Kyoto Symposium
Grand Challenges Symposium
- 2016 UC San Diego-Kyoto Symposium
Kyoto-Swiss Symposium
- 2017 Hamburg-Kyoto Symposium
Bordeaux-Kyoto Symposium

www.oc.kyoto-u.ac.jp/symposium/en

International Engagement through University Consortia and Networks

Membership in university consortia and networks enables Kyoto University to organize and participate in diverse international exchange programs and events for students, faculty, and staff. Activities include university presidents' conferences, international symposia, research workshops, and seasonal school programs.

- HeKKSaGOn (German-Japanese University Network)
- RENKEI (Japan-UK Research and Education Network for Knowledge Economy Initiatives)
- USJI (US-Japan Research Institute)
- AEARU (The Association of East Asian Research Universities)
- ASEAN+3 UNet
- USR Network (University Social Responsibility Network)

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▲ HeKKSaGOn Winter School 2016 at Kyoto

HeKKSaGOn (German-Japanese University Network)

HeKKSaGOn is a German-Japanese university network that was established in 2010 as a platform to promote cooperation and exchange in education and research among its six member institutions, and contribute to the development of science, technology, and culture. A presidents' conference is held every 18 months in tandem with workshops for the network's nine areas of research focus. Several seasonal schools have also been organized within the network.



International Alumni Associations

Kyoto University has 28 international alumni associations organized by graduates around the world, including the African Alumni Association, which was established in 2016 (pictured on the right). The university maintains strong links with its international alumni associations through various collaborative activities, such as academic forums tailored to the needs of local communities.

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