

Global engagement

International partners / Offices and facilities overseas

Kyoto University connects with the global community in diverse ways: through academic cooperation and partnerships, its overseas facilities, multilateral networks, and its alumni associations in various countries. International partners are an essential asset to the university, contributing to the development of its research and education endeavors and enriching its activities with multicultural diversity.

Research fieldwork sites at locations around the world are also a part of the university's international network, providing a foundation for local engagement and cooperation.

The university's overseas offices in Heidelberg, Germany and Bangkok, Thailand serve as its bridges to Europe and the ASEAN region, implementing initiatives that capitalize on the unique qualities of those regions. The offices provide support for researchers stationed overseas, and for other international outreach activities.

Kyoto University is itself an international hub where researchers from around the world gather to share and disseminate knowledge, promote research and technology transfer, and above all, connect with people who share their passions.

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University-level memoranda worldwide

179

Overseas facilities

59

(As of May 1, 2018)

- ◆ Partner institutions
- ▼ Kyoto University overseas facilities

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International consortia and networks

International university consortia and networks facilitate the development of academic cooperation among their member institutions, and also link universities with other stakeholders in society. The regional and thematic scopes of such networks facilitate a diverse range of international engagement by the university.

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Alumni associations

Kyoto University maintains an expanding network of former students, researchers, and academic staff through its alumni associations. Currently, there are approximately 100 alumni associations in Japan and overseas.

The university promotes networking opportunities among all of its alumni, regardless of their location, and each regional association also plays a key role locally—bringing together those with shared personal experiences, and a shared affection for their alma mater.

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Collaborative research symposia with international partners



The 3rd Bordeaux-Kyoto International Symposium (2017)

Research generates knowledge, and making that knowledge available for the benefit of society is one of the university's key missions. In order to promote synergistic relationships with partner institutions and interdisciplinary approaches to research, Kyoto University regularly holds international symposia in collaboration with partners around the world. The symposia are hosted either in Kyoto or on the campuses of the co-hosting partner institutions. They bring leading researchers from around the world together to share the latest developments in their work, share their passion and enthusiasm, and promote research collaboration.

Notable recent symposia include:

The 3rd Bordeaux-Kyoto International Symposium 2017

Held on the campus of the University of Bordeaux in France, this symposium focused on cutting-edge research in the fields of medicine and engineering, with an emphasis on promoting industry-academia collaboration.

The Universität Hamburg-Kyoto University Symposium 2017

Held on the campus of the Universität Hamburg in Germany, this symposium aimed to boost research exchange and collaboration between the two universities in six selected fields: manuscript culture, physics, law and economics, polymer chemistry, Japanese studies, and infection research.

The 2nd Kyoto-Swiss Symposium 2016

Following up on the first symposium, which was held in Zurich in 2013, the 2nd Kyoto-Swiss Symposium was held on Kyoto University's Yoshida Campus in 2016. Researchers from the University of Zurich and Kyoto University shared their knowledge and explored possibilities for collaboration in the fields of healthy aging, primatology, botanical science, digital science, art history, and regenerative medicine.



The 2nd Kyoto-Swiss Symposium (2016)

Bridging with society



The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was adopted at the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit in September 2015, and 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were set within it. Many of those goals relate to issues that Kyoto University's researchers have been striving to address for a long time. The university's social outreach comprises both academic and non-academic projects, frequently undertaken in cooperation with partners in the industrial, government, and academic sectors. Partners also include a wide range of grassroots organizations, as well as global agencies and institutions.

The university's researchers and students participate in the quest for solutions to contemporary issues by working together with organizations such as the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST), the Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development (AMED), the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

Promoting harmonious coexistence among the world's human and ecological communities is a key component of Kyoto University's mission. To pursue that goal, the university maintains a close engagement with society—cultivating responsible global citizens who will become valuable human resources with advanced skills, knowledge, and social empathy, and creating a virtuous circle that continuously returns the fruits of its research endeavors to society.