

SACI :

Office of Society-Academia Collaboration for Innovation

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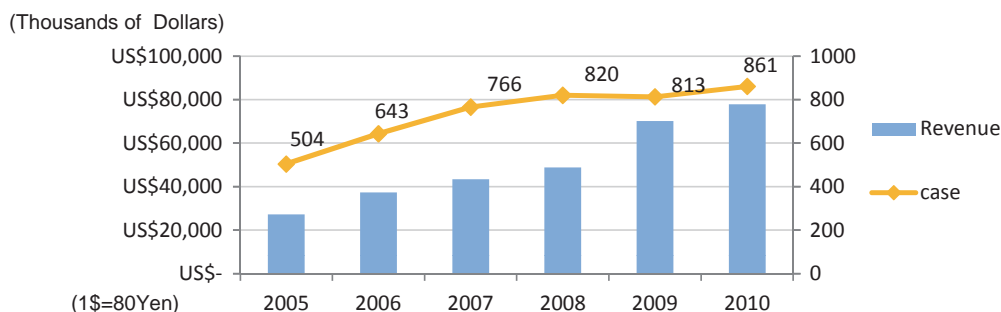
- 1) to promote collaborative research between academia, industries and the government
- 2) to support business startups by researchers and students
- 3) to manage and utilize the university's intellectual properties.



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Collaborative Research Courses and Laboratories

Specializes in researches based on collaborative research contracts and are established to improve the efficiency of such research with private companies and a variety of other organizations. These courses are supervised by the deans and directors of the university and are supported by the faculty to help ensure successful progress.



SACI is instrumental in supporting research by developing many different forms of collaborative networks.

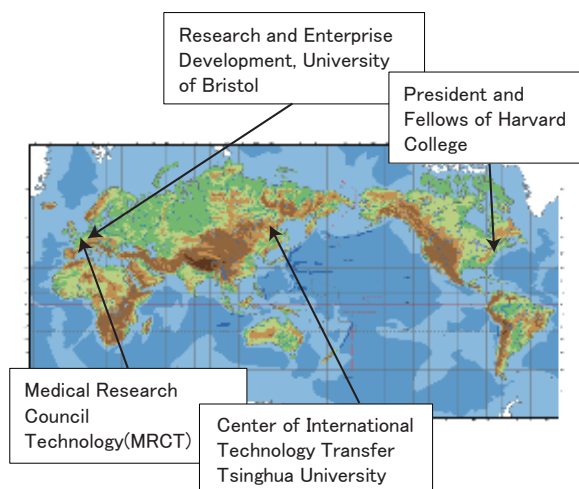
General Memoranda for Cooperation and Exchange

One example of a large multilateral agreement is with four similar organizations in various areas of the world (see map) – with missions of their own to develop industry-government-academia connections. We exchange information and build links to expand access to Kyoto University's research results for the benefit of society.

Comprehensive Collaboration Agreements

Another equally important type of partnership we have is with global corporations. We tie general agreements with these multi-national entities to work together in identifying academic research seeds* at KU, so that they may be developed further for practical utilization.

*Research seeds are budding technologies with great future potential



University-Launched Ventures

The SACI offers an educational platform to encourage entrepreneurship and future business leaders to explore the integration of academic research and its business applications. It also maintains close relations with the Kyoto University Venture Fund (NVCC), allowing for the promotion of spin-out venture companies that are based on the university's research.

Business Planning Seminar:

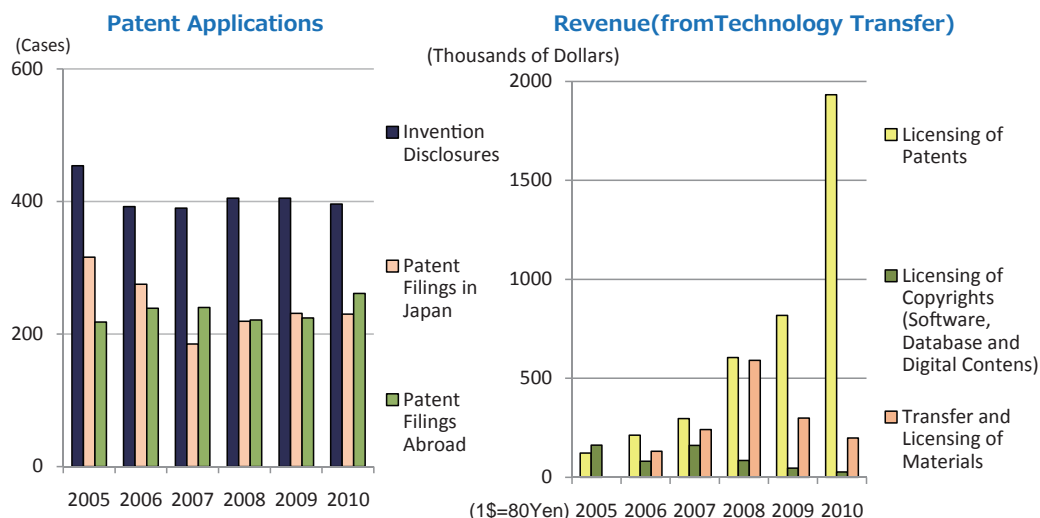
This is an intensive program designed to encourage undergraduate and graduate students to build their own businesses by learning the skills necessary to succeed. A select number of students participate in the annual program over the course of several months.

Under the guidance of professors, venture capitalists and consultants, students act as the CEO, technical specialist and sales manager of their own company and are required to build a solid business model/framework incorporating their ideas to market the technologies of Murata Manufacturing Co.

The final objectives of the program are for participants to present their ideas at a number of global business planning competitions in order to attain experience and the necessary recognition to attract serious investment by venture capitalists.

A recent student achievement was made at the World Business Planning competition that took place at UC Berkeley- a team of 6 Kyoto University students and 2 Doshisha University students and their virtual high-tech venture company ROCAK.K. have become the first Japanese university group to move to the finals at the competition.

Results of Utilizing University's Intellectual Properties



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We provide access to up-to-date technologies developed by Kyoto University in their various stages: not only completed intellectual properties such as patents, but also technologies which are still undergoing research.

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