

Global Engagement

Strategic Partnerships (SPs)

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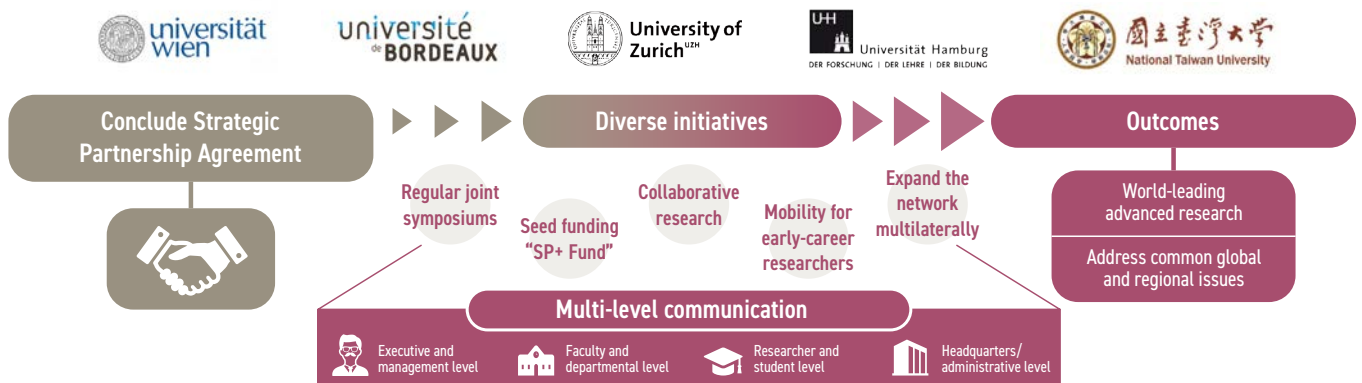
Kyoto University has established strategic partnerships with world-leading academic institutions in order to pursue cooperation and exchange to advance collaborative research and promote the development of new interdisciplinary fields.



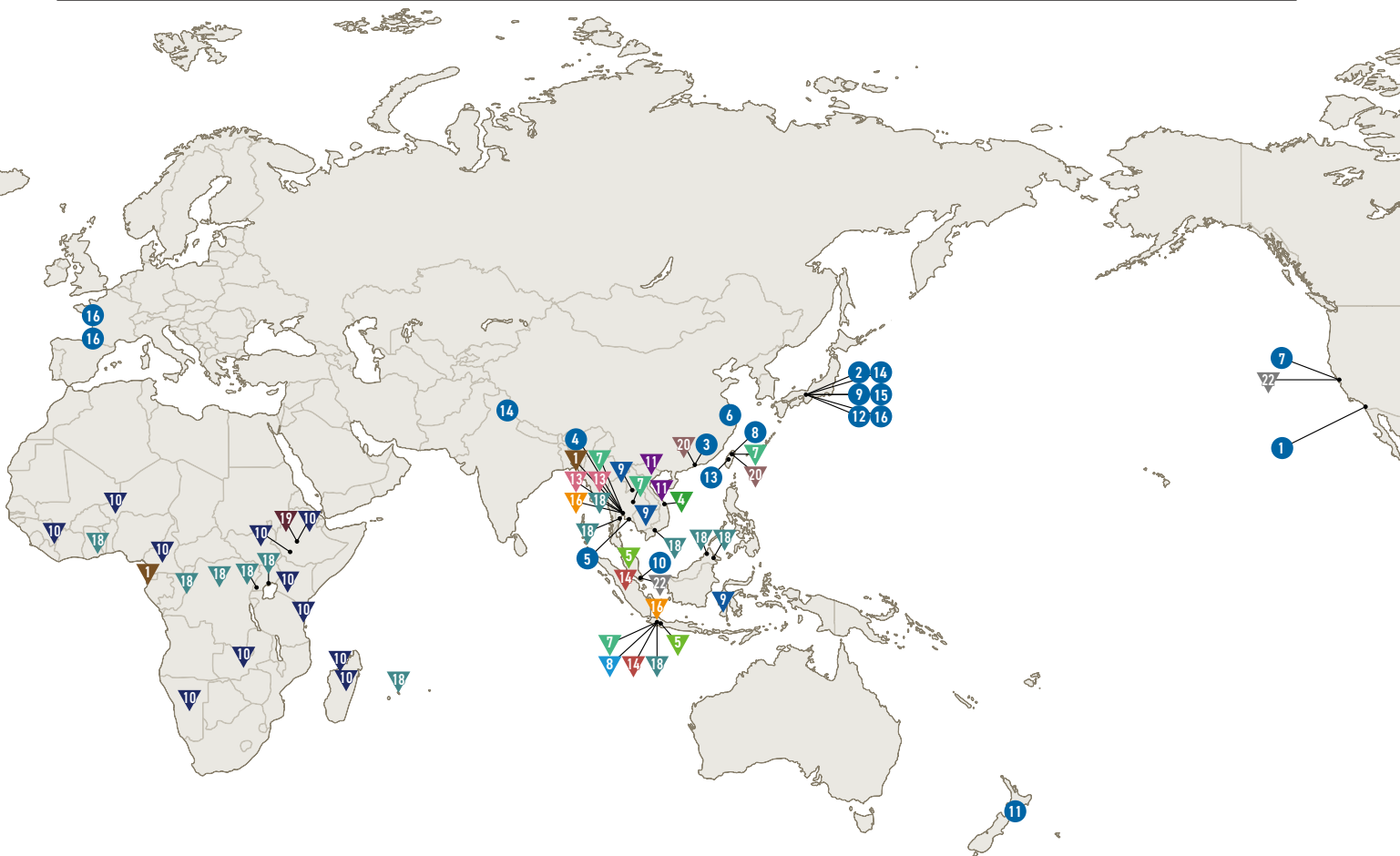
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On-site Laboratories / Overseas Facilities



On-site Laboratory Initiative

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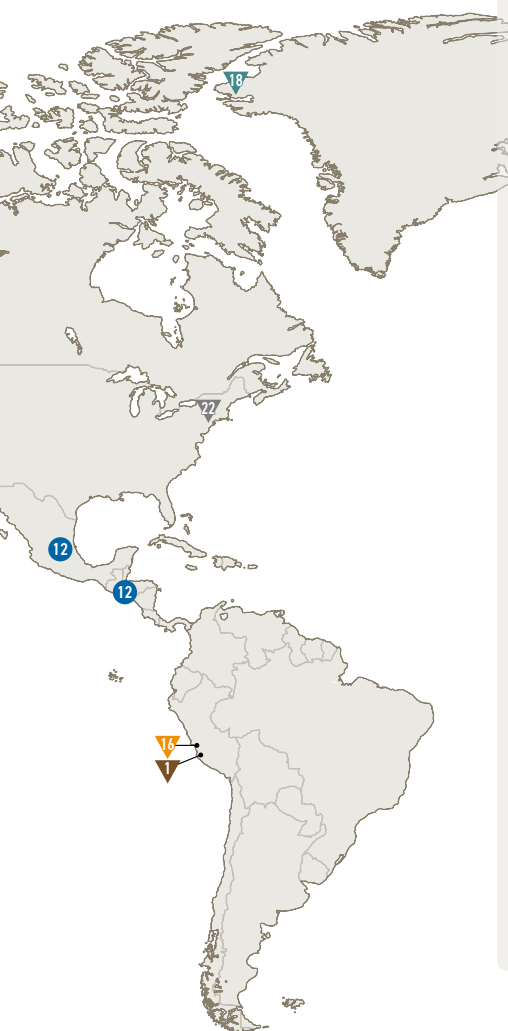
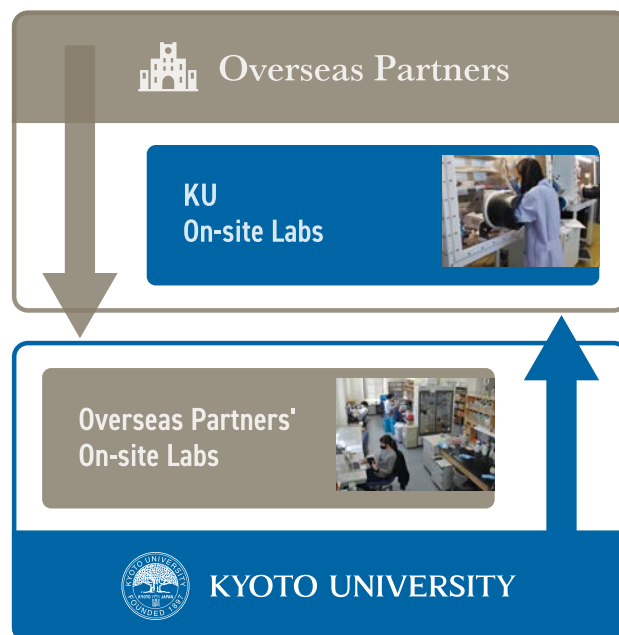
“On-site laboratories” are locally managed laboratories established collaboratively by Kyoto University faculties/departments and overseas partners.

Aims

- Promote world-leading cutting-edge research collaboration
- Explore new research areas and promote interdisciplinary research
- Promote international research and educational exchange

Outcomes and ripple effects

- International joint research projects and co-authored publications
- Double degree programs with partner universities
- Increased recruitment of talented international students
- Promotion of academia-industry collaboration



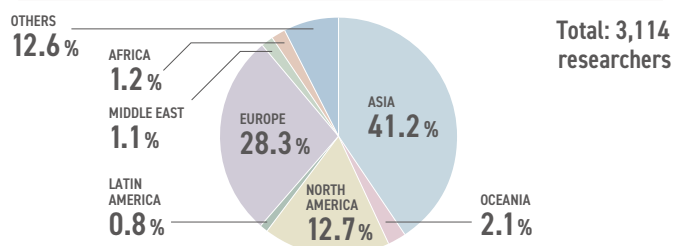
On-site Laboratories

- 1 2 Kyoto University Research Center San Diego, San Diego, USA
- 2 IFOM-KU Joint Research Laboratory, Kyoto, Japan
- 3 4 Kyoto University-Tsinghua University Cooperative Research and Education Center for Environmental Technology, Shenzhen, China
- 4 1 Kyoto University On-site Laboratory at Mahidol University for Educational and Research Collaboration in Environmental Studies, Salaya, Thailand
- 5 20 Smart Materials Research Center, Rayong, Thailand
- 6 1 Kyoto University Shanghai Lab, Shanghai, China
- 7 17 iPS Cell Research Center at Gladstone Institutes, San Francisco, USA
- 8 20 Center for Integrated Biosystems, Taipei, Taiwan
- 9 Quantum Nano Medicine Research Center, Kyoto, Japan
- 10 20 Laboratory for Green Porous Materials, Singapore
- 11 20 Center for Integrated Data-Material Sciences (iDM), Wellington, New Zealand
- 12 15 International Research Laboratory for Earthquake and Tsunami Risk Cognition and Reduction (iLETs), Mexico City, Mexico, and Kyoto, Japan
- 15 iLETs Satellite, San Salvador, El Salvador
- 13 3 Kyoto University-China Medical University Lab, Taiwan, Taichung, Taiwan
- 14 21 Initiative for INtelligent ChemBioinformatics (IN-CBI), Roorkee, India, and Kyoto, Japan
- 15 Kyoto CSH Laboratory, Kyoto, Japan
- 16 6 Inorganic Energy Materials, Bordeaux and Nantes, France, and Kyoto, Japan

Overseas Facilities

- 1 Graduate School of Science 3 Facilities
- 2 Graduate School of Medicine 1 Facility
- 3 Graduate School of Medicine/ Institute for Life and Medical Sciences/ Kyoto University Institute for Advanced Study 1 Facility
- 4 Graduate School of Engineering/ Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies 2 Facilities
- 5 Graduate School of Engineering 2 Facilities
- 6 Graduate School of Engineering/ Graduate School of Energy Science 1 Facility
- 7 Graduate School of Agriculture 4 Facilities
- 8 Graduate School of Agriculture/ Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies 1 Facility
- 9 Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies/ Center for Southeast Asian Studies 3 Facilities
- 10 Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies/ Center for African Area Studies 10 Facilities
- 11 Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies 3 Facilities
- 12 Institute for Chemical Research 1 Facility
- 13 Institute of Advanced Energy 2 Facilities
- 14 Research Institute for Sustainable Humanosphere 2 Facilities
- 15 Disaster Prevention Research Institute 2 Facilities
- 16 Center for Southeast Asian Studies 3 Facilities
- 17 Center for iPS Cell Research and Application 1 Facility
- 18 Wildlife Research Center 13 Facilities
- 19 Center for African Area Studies 1 Facility
- 20 Kyoto University Institute for Advanced Study 6 Facilities
- 21 Kyoto University Institute for Advanced Study/ Institute for Chemical Research 1 Facility
- 22 Office of Institutional Advancement and Communications 3 Facilities

Researchers from Abroad

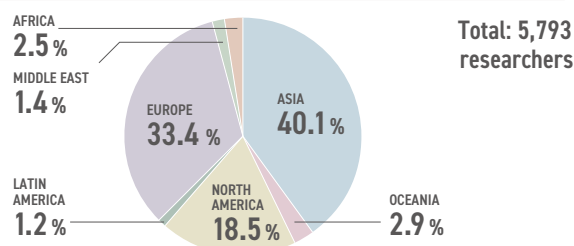


Academic year 2024 (Apr. 1–Mar. 31)

Country/Region	Number of researchers
ASIA [1,282]	
Bangladesh	5
Bhutan	1
Cambodia	13
China	495
India	103
Indonesia	100
Laos	3
Malaysia	20
Maldives	1
Nepal	2
Pakistan	4
Philippines	35
Republic of Korea	231
Singapore	18
Sri Lanka	4
Taiwan	181
Thailand	54
Viet Nam	12
OCEANIA [67]	
Australia	44
New Zealand	23
NORTH AMERICA [397]	
Canada	55
United States of America	342
LATIN AMERICA [25]	
Argentina	1
Brazil	8
Chile	4
Colombia	3
Ecuador	1
Mexico	5
Peru	1
Uruguay	1
Venezuela	1

Country/Region	Number of researchers
EUROPE (Including newly independent states) [882]	
Austria	30
Belgium	24
Bulgaria	1
Croatia	7
Czech Republic	18
Denmark	7
Estonia	2
Finland	13
France	128
Germany	161
Greece	9
Hungary	8
Iceland	1
Ireland	3
Italy	81
Kazakhstan	2
Lithuania	4
Luxembourg	1
Malta	1
Netherlands	35
Norway	20
Poland	23
Portugal	17
Romania	2
Russia	10
Slovakia	3
Slovenia	1
Spain	49
Sweden	22
Switzerland	37
Ukraine	1
United Kingdom	157
Uzbekistan	4
MIDDLE EAST [33]	
Iran	3
Israel	12
Saudi Arabia	7
Turkey	7
United Arab Emirates	3
Yemen	1
AFRICA [36]	
Algeria	2
Cabo Verde	2
Egypt	13
Ethiopia	9
Ghana	1
Namibia	1
Nigeria	2
Republic of South Africa	6
OTHERS [392]	
Others	392
Total	3,114

Researchers going Abroad



Academic year 2024 (Apr. 1–Mar. 31)

Country/Region	Number of researchers
ASIA [2,321]	
Bangladesh	7
Bhutan	4
Brunei Darussalam	1
Cambodia	25
China	547
India	136
Indonesia	161
Laos	17
Malaysia	99
Maldives	13
Mongolia	13
Myanmar	10
Nepal	12
Pakistan	3
Philippines	56
Republic of Korea	461
Singapore	121
Sri Lanka	10
Taiwan	359
Thailand	161
Viet Nam	105
OCEANIA [167]	
Australia	116
Fiji	4
Marshall Islands	1
New Zealand	38
Others(Oceania)	1
Palau	1
Papua New Guinea	1
Samoa	1
Solomon Islands	4
NORTH AMERICA [1,070]	
Canada	134
United States of America	936
LATIN AMERICA [70]	
Argentina	3
Barbados	1
Bolivia	4
Brazil	18
Chile	4
Colombia	11
Costa Rica	2
Dominican Republic	1
El Salvador	2
Mexico	18
Peru	6
EUROPE (Including newly independent states) [1,938]	
Austria	110
Azerbaijan	1
Belgium	25
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1
Bulgaria	2
Croatia	9
Cyprus	3
Czech Republic	31
Denmark	30
Estonia	11
Finland	29
France	272

Country/Region	Number of researchers
Georgia	5
Germany	346
Greece	46
Hungary	15
Iceland	2
Ireland	30
Italy	234
Kazakhstan	6
Kyrgyz Republic	5
Latvia	2
Lithuania	3
Luxembourg	7
Malta	1
Netherlands	79
Norway	13
Poland	37
Portugal	41
Romania	6
Serbia	4
Slovakia	3
Slovenia	1
Spain	85
Sweden	60
Switzerland	101
United Kingdom	269
Uzbekistan	11
Vatican	2
MIDDLE EAST [84]	
Iran	3
Iraq	1
Israel	1
Jordan	3
Qatar	4
Saudi Arabia	7
Turkey	35
United Arab Emirates	30
AFRICA [143]	
Benin	1
Botswana	3
Cameroon	15
Djibouti	1
Egypt	15
Ethiopia	13
Gabon	3
Gambia	1
Ghana	5
Guinea	1
Kenya	6
Madagascar	11
Malawi	3
Mauritius	1
Morocco	5
Mozambique	1
Namibia	2
Republic of South Africa	15
Rwanda	1
Senegal	3
Tanzania	17
Uganda	6
Zambia	14
Total	5,793

Memoranda of Understanding and Student Exchange Agreements

MOU: Memorandum of Understanding/SEA: Student Exchange Agreement

As of April 1, 2026

Country/Region	Institution	MOU concluded	SEA concluded
ASIA			
Bhutan	Royal University of Bhutan	2013	-
Brunei	University of Brunei Darussalam	2014	2015
China	Northwest University	1980	-
	Wuhan University	1980	2007
	Peking University	1983	2008
	Tsinghua University	1998	2007
	Fudan University	2002	2007
	Zhejiang University	2003	2008
	University of Science and Technology of China	2005	-
	Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	2005	2006
	Nanjing University	2006	2007
	Chinese University of Hong Kong	-	2007
	University of Hong Kong	-	2007
	Shanghai Jiao Tong University	2008	2008
	Xi'an Jiaotong University	2008	2010
	Nankai University	-	2014
	Hong Kong Polytechnic University	-	2017
India	Banaras Hindu University	2015	2015
	Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB)	2015	2025
	Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati (IITG)	2016	2016
	Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IITK)	2016	2025
	Indian Institute of Science	2017	2025
	North-Eastern Hill University	2018	-
	Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IIITH)	-	2025
Indonesia	Institut Teknologi Bandung	2006	2016
	University of Indonesia	2008	2015
	Gadjah Mada University	2012	2016
	IPB University (formerly Bogor Agricultural University)	2013	2025
	Hasanuddin University	2014	-
	University of Riau	2020	-
	National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN)	2022	-
Laos	National University of Laos	2002	-
Malaysia	Universiti Malaya	2008	2015
	Universiti Teknologi Malaysia	2016	2017
	National University of Malaysia	2017	-
Myanmar	Mandalay Technological University	2013	-
	Yangon Technological University	2013	-
	University of Yangon	2015	-
	Yezin Agricultural University	2017	-
Nepal	Tribhuvan University	2015	-
Philippines	University of the Philippines	2015	2015
Republic of Korea	Kyungpook National University	1980	1996
	Seoul National University	1991	1997
	Yonsei University	1998	1999
	Korea University	2002	2006
	Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)	2005	2017
	Pohang University of Science and Technology (POSTECH)	2007	2007
	Konkuk University	2012	-
	Ewha Womans University	2020	-
	National University of Singapore	1999	1999
	Nanyang Technological University	-	2014
Singapore	University of Peradeniya	2020	-
Sri Lanka	National Taiwan University ¹	2005	2005
	National Tsing Hua University	2006	2007
	National Cheng Kung University	2019	2025
	Academia Sinica	2019	-
	National Chung Hsing University	2020	-
	China Medical University	2022	-
	Kasetsart University	1984	2001
Thailand	Chulalongkorn University	2005	2006
	Thammasat University	2005	2006
	Mahidol University	2014	-
	Chiang Mai University	2014	2014
	Asian Institute of Technology	2017	-
	National Science and Technology Development Agency	2018	-
	Prince of Songkla University	2025	-
	Vietnam National University, Hanoi	2007	2012
	Hue University	2007	-
	Hanoi University of Science and Technology	2009	-
Viet Nam	University of Da Nang	2014	2016
	Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences	2020	-
	Can Tho University	2023	-
OCEANIA			
Australia	University of Queensland	1981	2012
	University of Melbourne	1997	1997
	University of New South Wales	1998	1998
	University of Sydney	1999	1999
	Australian National University	2008	2008
	Adelaide University	-	2018
	Charles Darwin University	-	2020
New Zealand	University of Auckland	1997	1997
	University of Otago	-	2016
Solomon Islands	Solomon Islands National University	2024	-

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Country/Region	Institution	MOU concluded	SEA concluded
NORTH AMERICA			
Canada	University of Toronto	1991	1997
	Bureau de coopération interuniversitaire (BCI)	-	1998
	University of Waterloo	2003	2006
	McGill University	2014	2014
	University of British Columbia	2014	2015
	Concordia University	2014	2014
	Simon Fraser University	-	2020
United States of America	Wayne State University	1985	-
	Stanford University	1989	-
	University of California	1990	-
	Brown University	1992	-
	George Washington University	1998	2020
	Tufts University	1998	-
	University of Pennsylvania	1999	-
	University of Hawai'i	2003	2005
	University of Michigan	2003	-
	University of Washington	2011	2011
	University of Wisconsin-Madison	-	2013
	University of California, San Diego	2014	2020
	Olin College of Engineering	2014	-
	University of Notre Dame (du Lac)	2014	2016
	University of Texas at Austin	-	2015
	Rice University	2017	-
	University of Rochester	-	2018
	Arizona State University	-	2018
	University of California, Santa Cruz	-	2019
	University of Florida	2019	2022
	Northeastern University	-	2020
	University of Maryland, College Park	-	2020
	University of California, Los Angeles	2021	-
	The Jackson Laboratory	2023	-
LATIN AMERICA			
Brazil	University of São Paulo	2014	2014
Mexico	University of Guadalajara	1983	2006
	Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey	-	2018
Chile	University of Chile	-	2019
EUROPE (Including newly independent states)			
Austria	University of Vienna ¹	1993	1997
Belgium	Université catholique de Louvain	1997	-
	KU Leuven	2020	2020
Czech Republic	Charles University	1990	-
	Czech Academy of Sciences	2021	-
Denmark	Copenhagen Business School	-	2021
Finland	University of Helsinki	2011	2011
	Aalto University	-	2020
France	Université Paris Cité	1979	2015
	Université de Strasbourg	1991	2000
	Institut d'études politiques de Paris (Sciences Po)	-	2009
	École normale supérieure - PSL	2009	2009
	French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS)	2013	-
	University of Bordeaux ¹	2014	2015
	Agropolis International	2014	-
	École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS)	2015	-
	Mines Paris - PSL	2016	2016
	National Institute for Oriental Languages and Civilizations (Inalco)	2016	2016
	École normale supérieure Paris-Saclay (formerly ENS Cachan)	2017	-
	Université Paris-Saclay	2018	-
	Université Grenoble Alpes (UGA) ²	2020	2020
	Sciences Po Grenoble (School of Political Studies of UGA)	-	2020
Germany	Grenoble INP (Graduate schools of Engineering and Management of UGA)	-	2021
	Freie Universität Berlin	1984	1997
	University of Munich	1989	1998
	University of Bonn	1990	1998
	Heidelberg University	1990	1997
	Humboldt University of Berlin	1998	1999
	Technical University of Munich	2006	2007
	University of Göttingen	2011	2011
	Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)	2011	2011
	University of Cologne	2013	2017
	RWTH Aachen University	2014	2014
	Technical University of Berlin	2016	2016
	Universität Hamburg ¹	2017	2017
	TU Dresden	2018	2018
	TU Dortmund University	2019	2020
	University of Stuttgart	-	2020
	University of Muenster	-	2020
Hungary	Eötvös Loránd University	-	2018
Iceland	University of Iceland	-	2016
Ireland	University College Dublin, UCD National University of Ireland	2014	2014
	University of Dublin, Trinity College Dublin	2014	2014

Agreements

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Country/Region	Institution	MOU concluded	SEA concluded
Italy	University of Siena	1989	-
	University of Bologna	1995	-
	Politecnico di Milano	2014	2014
	Ca' Foscari University of Venice	2015	2015
	Sapienza University of Rome	-	2020
Luxembourg	University of Luxembourg	2016	2016
Netherlands	Leiden University	1997	1997
	Utrecht University	1997	1997
	University of Groningen	2013	2014
	Wageningen University and Research	2018	2022
	Erasmus University Rotterdam	-	2019
	Maastricht University	-	2020
	Norwegian University of Science and Technology	2014	2014
Norway	Jagiellonian University	2013	2017
Russia	Lomonosov Moscow State University	1987	-
	Saint Petersburg University	2013	2018
Spain	Universitat de Barcelona	-	2014
	Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona	2017	2017
	Universidad Autónoma de Madrid	-	2019
	University of Navarra	-	2020
	Uppsala University	1997	-
Sweden	Stockholm University	1997	1997
	Royal Institute of Technology (KTH)	2005	2005
	Lund University	2014	-
	Chalmers University of Technology	-	2018
	Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH Zurich)	1989	-
	University of Lausanne	1997	1999
	University of Zurich ¹	2013	2014
Switzerland	Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)	2015	2015
	University of Bern	-	2018
	National Technical University of Ukraine "Kyiv Polytechnic Institute"	2013	-
	Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv	2014	-
	University of Sussex	1989	2016
United Kingdom	University of Oxford	1991	-
	University of Cambridge	1997	-
	University of Nottingham	1999	2018
	University of Edinburgh	2005	-
	University of Sheffield	2006	2006
	University of Manchester	2006	2007
	University of Bristol	2011	2012
	Newcastle University	-	2011
	University of Glasgow	2013	2016
	King's College London (KCL)	2014	2014
	University of Birmingham	2015	2011
	University of Leeds	2016	2016
	University of Southampton	2017	2012
	University of Exeter	-	2018
	Durham University	-	2018
	University of Warwick	-	2018
	Queen Mary University of London	2020	2019
	University College London	-	2020
	University of York	-	2020
MIDDLE EAST			
Israel	Tel Aviv University	1999	2006
Turkey	Koç University	2011	2011
AFRICA			
Botswana	University of Botswana	2012	-
Democratic Republic of the Congo	University of Kinshasa	2015	-
Egypt	Egypt-Japan University of Science and Technology (E-JUST)	2012	-
Ethiopia	Addis Ababa University	2017	-
Ghana	University of Ghana	2017	-
Madagascar	University of Antananarivo	2019	-
Morocco	Mohammed V University of Rabat	2016	-
Sudan	University of Khartoum	2001	-
Tanzania	Sokoine University of Agriculture	2019	-
Uganda	Makerere University	2015	-
Zambia	University of Zambia	2019	-
OTHERS			
	United Nations University	2005	-
	ASEAN University Network (AUN)	2009	-
	Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)	2010	-
	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)	2012	-
	ASEAN+3 University Network (ASEAN+3 UNet)	2012	-
	ITER International Fusion Energy Organization	2014	-
	Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)	2016	-
	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	2016	-
	UNESCO Chairs	2018	-
	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)	2019	-
Total		192	155

¹ Strategic partners (details available online at: www.oc.kyoto-u.ac.jp/agreement/en/sp/)

² The SEA does not include Sciences Po Grenoble-UGA, Grenoble INP-UGA, or ENSAG-UGA.

Many of Kyoto University's individual faculties, graduate schools, institutes, and centers also have direct cooperation and exchange agreements with a wide range of institutions abroad. Details are available online at: www.oc.kyoto-u.ac.jp/agreement/en/list