Kyoto University states its mission to sustain and develop its historical commitment to academic freedom and to pursue harmonious coexistence within the human and ecological community on this planet.

**Research**

Kyoto University will generate world-class knowledge through freedom and autonomy in research that conforms with high ethical standards.

As a university that comprehends many graduate schools, faculties, research institutes and centers, Kyoto University will strive for diverse development in pure and applied research in the humanities, sciences and technology, while seeking to integrate these various perspectives.

**Education**

Within its broad and varied educational structure, Kyoto University will transmit high-quality knowledge and promote independent and interactive learning.

Kyoto University will educate outstanding and humane researchers and specialists, who will contribute responsibly to the world’s human and ecological community.

**Relationship with Society**

As a university committed to a broad social engagement, Kyoto University will encourage cooperation with local and national society, and will disseminate knowledge informed by the ideals of freedom and peaceful coexistence.

As an international institution, Kyoto University will promote foreign academic exchange and thereby strive to contribute to the well-being of the world.

**Administration**

In order to enhance the free development of learning, Kyoto University will pay due respect to the administrative independence of each of its component institutions, while promoting cooperation among them.

Kyoto University will conduct its administration with regard for the environment and respect for human rights and will be accountable to society at large.
Since its foundation in 1897, Kyoto University has cultivated a spirit of creativity and originality in its students and researchers through an institutional philosophy of academic freedom founded on frank and open dialogue. From its earliest days, the university has placed great importance on steadily increasing its international presence—expanding its partnerships and making a meaningful contribution to the international community.

Kyoto University’s international exchange and collaboration is pursued through close partnerships with institutions overseas, student and researcher exchange programs, interdisciplinary research collaboration, and a multitude of other activities. The creative and groundbreaking accomplishments of the university’s researchers continue to garner international recognition in the form of prestigious accolades, such as the Nobel Prize, Fields Medal, and other prestigious awards.

One unique feature of Kyoto University’s syllabus is that it provides our undergraduate students with opportunities to experience innovative and advanced research right from their first-year of study—an approach rooted in the university’s long-standing tradition of fostering a spirit of adventurous self-reliance and independence in its students, as well as stressing the importance of hands-on interaction and dialogue.

In 2017, Kyoto University was assigned by the Japanese government as one of the first Designated National Universities (DNU). DNU status has enabled the university to implement even more ambitious initiatives in the areas of university management, education, and research, and it positions Kyoto University at the forefront of a new era of international academic exchange and collaboration. In the field of industry-government-academia collaboration, the university has established a new “KyotoU Model,” which includes four university subsidiary companies that make use of the university’s advanced knowledge “seeds” to further engage with and contribute to society.

Currently, multiple complex issues threaten the health and lives of all people on Earth. Such issues include the unexpectedly rapid worsening of climate change, large-scale natural disasters, and environmental degradation, as well as the escalation of international conflicts, widening economic disparity, and the international spread of infectious diseases, such as the novel coronavirus. We must now reaffirm our commitment to Kyoto University’s mission—we must earnestly and determinedly seek solutions to the multifaceted and complex issues being faced around the world, and consistently share our progress with society.

2022 will mark the 125th anniversary of Kyoto University’s founding. Throughout its history the university’s pioneering spirit of creativity and diversity has borne much fruit, but to maintain the production of such nourishing fruit in the future, we must plant seedlings and cultivate them properly. By firmly linking the university’s chain of achievements throughout the past 125 years to its future, we will continue to make the utmost efforts to contribute to society through the creation of new intellectual value and the cultivation of outstanding human resources.

Nagahiro Minato
October 2021

Kyoto University
Basic Concept for Internationalization

Bridging the World through Excellence

Kyoto University engages with the international community through diverse and vibrant networks founded on multicultural understanding. The university’s internationalization efforts are a vital component of its endeavors to cultivate future leaders, to pioneer knowledge-creation and academic advancement through outstanding research and education, and thereby contribute to the global community.

The dynamic advancement of the university’s international education and research initiatives is bolstered by a robust and evolving administrative support system performing to high standards of expertise and professionalism.

The Kyoto University Basic Concept for Internationalization presents a vision for the university’s contribution to a sustainable future for global society.

Education

Education that Cultivates International Outlooks and Competencies
- Provide attractive academic programs and curricula
- Promote international student mobility by developing partnerships with outstanding institutions overseas
- Further develop an inclusive environment with comprehensive student support

Research

Global Development of Innovative Research
- Promote international mobility of researchers underpinned by partnerships developed strategically
- Make efficient use of research resources and outcomes by building international networks among industry, government, and academia
- Develop strategic communications to best present the university’s research activities and outcomes to international stakeholders
- Enhance internationally open and friendly research environments

Harmonious Coexistence

Contribution to Harmonious Coexistence on the Planet
- Nurture competent and responsible global citizens
- Foster education and research with international scope that contribute to global and local sustainable development and produce meaningful societal impact
- Provide a campus that is inclusive and respectful of social and cultural diversity

Complete text of the Basic Concept for Internationalization
u.kyoto-u.jp/mhuqk
Kyoto University was established in 1897 as Japan’s second imperial university. It is located in the historic city of Kyoto, which flourished as the nation’s capital for over a thousand years until that status was transferred to Tokyo in the wake of the Meiji Restoration. Even after the relocation of the capital, Kyoto continued to be a hub of culture and technology. Japan’s first elementary school and girls’ school were opened there, and it was within that milieu of cultural, technological, and industrial advancement that Kyoto University was established.

During its early period, Kyoto University developed various new approaches to education and research, including small-group seminars that emphasize interaction between students and instructors, incorporating thesis submission as a graduation requirement, and providing students with increased freedom in selecting their study subjects as a way to enhance motivation and encourage creativity. These innovative approaches pioneered by the university were eventually adopted as standard practices in Japanese higher education.

It was also in the early phase of its development that Kyoto University firmly grasped the importance of university autonomy. Academic freedom is essential to the scholarly quest for the truth—a goal common to all universities—and university autonomy is essential in ensuring academic freedom. Kyoto University was the first university in Japan to implement a structure whereby its faculty were free from external interference.

Through its pioneering approach to education and research, Kyoto University has cultivated some of Japan’s finest minds and made significant contributions to the advancement of scholarship and science. Numerous winners of major international awards are affiliated with the university, such as renowned physicist Hideki Yukawa, Japan’s first Nobel laureate. To this day, the university is known throughout Japan and around the world for its unique culture of academic freedom, and for being at the vanguard of cutting-edge research.

Kyoto University is one of the most respected research universities in Asia. This is testified by the accolades conferred upon its researchers past and present.

### Nobel Prize
- 1949 Physics: Hideki Yukawa
- 1965 Physics: Sin-Itiro Tomonaga
- 1967 Physics: Susumu Tonegawa
- 1982 Chemistry: Kenichi Fukui
- 1987 Physics: Toshihide Maskawa
- 2000 Physics: Makoto Kobayashi
- 2005 Chemistry: Susumu Tonegawa
- 2012 Physiology or Medicine: Shinya Yamanaka
- 2014 Chemistry: Isamu Akasaki

### Fields Medal
- 1970 Mathematics: Heisuke Hironaka
- 1990 Mathematics: Shigefumi Mori

### Gauss Prize
- 2006 Mathematics: Kiyoshi Ito

### Lasker Award
- 1987 Basic Medical Research: Susumu Tonegawa
- 1989 Basic Medical Research: Yasutomi Nishizuka
- 1988 Basic Medical Research: Yoshio Masui
- 2009 Basic Medical Research: Shinya Yamanaka
- 2014 Basic Medical Research: Kazutoshi Mori

### Japan Prize
- 2004 Chemical Technology for the Environment: Kanichi Honda
- 2005 Information and Media Technology: Makoto Nagao
- 2005 Cell Biology: Masatoshi Takeichi

### Kyoto Prize
- 1995 Basic Sciences: Chushiro Hayashi
- 1998 Basic Sciences: Kiyoshi Ito
- 2004 Advanced Technology: Alan Curtis Kay
- 2009 Advanced Technology: Isamu Akasaki
- 2010 Advanced Technology: Shinya Yamanaka
- 2013 Basic Sciences: Masatoshi Nei
- 2016 Advanced Technology: Takeo Kanade
- 2016 Basic Sciences: Tasuku Honjo
- 2018 Mathematical Sciences: Masaki Kashiwara

### Chern Medal
- 2018 Mathematics: Masaki Kashiwara
Kyoto University at a Glance

Established in 1897
The second oldest national university in Japan
Research oriented
Tradition of pioneering fieldwork
Incorporating the philosophic traditions of Kyoto

11 Nobel laureates
See p. 6

2 Fields Medalists
1 Gauss Prize winner
5 Lasker Award winners
1 Chern Medalist

22,600 Students
9,600 Graduate
13,000 Undergraduate

2 Semesters

26 Centers & other organizations

18 Graduate schools

13 Research institutes

10 Faculties

3 Campuses in Kyoto, the cultural heart of Japan

7,450 Faculty
3,500 Non-teaching researchers
3,500 Non-teaching staff

44 Off-campus research and education facilities in Japan

177 Billion JPY (USD 1,600 million)
Expenditure in academic year 2020

400 International faculty and staff

959 MOUs

345 Student exchange agreements

67 Overseas offices and facilities

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3,500 Faculty
450 Non-teaching researchers
3,500 Non-teaching staff

Faculty and staff members

International students

Nobel laureates

Award winning research

See p. 6
In 2017, Kyoto University was selected by Japan’s Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) as a Designated National University (DNU). DNUs are expected to implement effective strategic initiatives to create a “virtuous cycle” that brings in talented human resources, strengthens research capabilities, and garners the acknowledgement and support of society. Each DNU sets its own timeline for the achievement of its initiatives. Kyoto University’s DNU initiatives are detailed below.

1. A flexible and dynamic approach to knowledge creation
   - Advancing the frontiers of interdisciplinary research and enhancing international collaboration
     - Leveraging the university’s unique strengths, the Kyoto University Institute for Advanced Study (KUILAS) promotes cutting-edge research led by internationally renowned researchers, including Prof. Mitiiori Saitou, director of the Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Biology (ASHBI), who was awarded the Imperial Prize and the Japan Academy Prize in 2020, and Prof. Emeritus Masaki Kashiwara, who was awarded the Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Star in 2020.
     - The Kyoto Innovation Center for Next Generation Clinical Trials and iPS Cell Therapy (Ki-CONNECT) was established within the Kyoto University Hospital to quickly and effectively connect cutting-edge research in Japan and abroad with clinical development, invigorate healthcare development, and promote medical innovation.
     - As of the end of FY 2020, Kyoto University has established a total of 11 on-site laboratories through its On-site Laboratory Initiative. (See P. 13 for details.)

2. Generating a high-level and diverse flow of talent
   - Promoting international mobility by students, researchers, and staff
     - The Hakubi Project is an initiative to foster early-career researchers by providing them with an ideal environment to fully devote themselves to their research for five years. As of FY 2020, the university has employed 181 researchers through the project. Approximately 71% of researchers who have completed the program have gone on to attain tenure or tenure-track positions at a university or research institution in Japan or overseas.
     - The Kyoto University International Undergraduate Program (Kyoto iUP) was launched to facilitate the enrollment of talented and motivated international undergraduate students. (See P. 14 for details.)

3. Exploring new forms of social engagement
   - Developing new strategies to maximize the social impact of research and education through industry-government-academia collaboration
     - The Open Innovation Institute was established in July 2019 as a center for the planning and implementation of large-scale research collaboration on an organization-to-organization basis. The institute serves as a mediator between companies and faculty members, which reduces the project management burden on faculty. By developing an incentive system for faculty members making efforts to promote large-scale research collaboration, the institute also aims to attract collaborative research projects, and increase their scale. (See P. 10 for details.)
     - The Unit of Kyoto Initiatives for the Humanities and Social Sciences was established to conduct world-leading interdisciplinary research in humanities and social sciences fields. Research outcomes are disseminated through the unit’s symposiums and publications.

4. KyotoU’s world-class management style
   - The university has established a provost system to enhance its governance. The Strategic Council, headed by the provost, facilitates the swift and effective implementation of DNUn initiatives.
   - The university is enhancing the functions of its Institutional Research Office and the Kyoto University Research Administration Office (KURA) to promote evidence-based management with an international outlook.

In accordance with its institutional mission and management policies, Kyoto University has been accelerating the development of the “KyotoU Model” for industry-government-academia collaboration. The model seeks to create new and large-scale businesses through practical cooperation between the Office of Society-Academia Collaboration for Innovation (SACI) and four university subsidiary companies: Kyoto Original Co., Ltd. (Consulting/Training and Education), TLO-KYOTO Co., Ltd. (Technology Transfer), IPS-AJ Japan, Inc. (Technology Transfer), and Kyoto University Innovation Capital Co., Ltd. (Incubation/Start-Up Support).

Additionally, the Kyoto University Open Innovation Institute was established in July 2019, as part of the university’s efforts to promote industry-academia collaboration as a DNU. The new institute seeks to promote the use of research outcomes for the benefit of society and advance innovation through the enhancement and acceleration of organization-to-organization research collaboration with industries. The institute is developing an integrated management system for industry-academia collaboration, including large-scale research collaboration. It also provides support for the practical application and commercialization of the knowledge “seeds” generated by the university’s researchers, while maintaining an awareness of pressing societal issues and exploring the true “needs” of industries. Through these efforts, the university advances creative research and education, and promotes innovation in cooperation with industry. The university will continue to promote industry-government-academia collaboration on an organization-to-organization basis, both in Japan and overseas.

Kyoto University Open Innovation Institute
www.oii.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/

Office of Society-Academia Collaboration for Innovation
www.saci.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en
Global Engagement

International Partners/Overseas Offices and Facilities

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 serve as its bridges to key regions around the world, implementing international outreach initiatives that capitalize on the unique qualities of those regions and providing support for researchers stationed overseas. Currently, the university has overseas centers in Heidelberg (Germany), Bangkok (Thailand), and Washington, DC (USA).

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.

www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/global/global_partners

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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 120 alumni associations in Japan and overseas.

The university promotes networking opportunities among its alumni around the world, and each regional association also plays a key role—bringing together people with shared personal experiences and a shared affection for their alma mater.

www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/alumni

(As of May 1, 2021)
Global Engagement

On-site Laboratory Initiative

"On-site laboratories" are locally managed laboratories established collaboratively by Kyoto University faculties/departments and overseas partners. The initiative aims to promote world-leading advanced research, increase its recruitment of talented international students, and expand its collaboration with industrial partners. Through these efforts Kyoto University seeks to strengthen the institutional infrastructure that enables it to be a key player in international academia and ranked among the world’s leading universities. Eleven on-site laboratories have been established to date. The laboratories’ promotion of new international research collaboration and collaboration with industry has a positive ripple effect on the university’s education efforts, including the launch of new double degree programs with partner universities.

www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/about/operation/designated/on-site-laboratories

Kyoto University International Undergraduate Program (Kyoto iUP)

The Kyoto University International Undergraduate Program (Kyoto iUP) has been designed to minimize the language and financial hurdles that often prevent talented international students from pursuing study, and ultimately careers, in Japan. It is a 4.5-year international scholarship program comprising a six-month preparatory course followed by four years of undergraduate study. A key feature of the program is that no Japanese language proficiency is required at the outset, as the program provides an intensive Japanese language component. Admission and tuition fees are exempted, and students receive a monthly scholarship of up to JPY 120,000 for the 4.5 years of the program.

In the first two years of the main program (following the six-month preparatory course), students take liberal arts courses and fundamental courses in their respective majors, which are taught in English and/or Japanese. The final two years of the program focus on specific subjects in the students’ majors, which are taught mainly, or exclusively, in Japanese. The international iUP students attend the same classes as regular Japanese undergraduate students, which imbues the classes with a rich multicultural component. Upon graduation, students are awarded a bachelor’s degree in their chosen major. Companies and organizations in the private sector provide various forms of support for the program, including support for student scholarships.

Number of Kyoto iUP Applicants

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The program currently enrolls approximately 25 students per year.

Kyoto iUP students attend the same major curriculum classes as Japanese undergraduate students.

Student Voices

Montanes Marjana Yasella Oabel

Affiliation: 1st year of bachelor course, Undergraduate School of Industrial Chemistry, Faculty of Engineering
Country of Origin: Philippines

When I told my friends I would be studying in Japan, many of them were shocked. They knew I didn’t know any Japanese, and were worried about me living alone in a foreign country. But to me, those were the precise reasons why I chose Kyoto University. Of course, it was also obvious to choose one of the best chemical research institutions on the planet to achieve my goal of becoming a researcher. However, I think the true value of the iUP program is in what it helped me discover about myself. True to iUP’s slogan of “UPgrade yourself,” I thought that plunging headfirst into a completely new environment—language, culture, way of living—would be an exciting way to improve myself. Just six months as an iUP student has taught me so much—not only about Japanese and academic subjects, but about living life in general.

Fauzan Abdul Hamid

Affiliation: 1st year of bachelor course, Faculty of Economics
Country of Origin: Indonesia

For me, choosing a university means not only choosing what kind of classrooms I will be studying in, but also what kind of city I will be living in. In that regard, I can hardly think of any place easier to live in than Kyoto. The pace of life here is relaxed, and people do smile and make small talk (unlike the stereotypical image of Japan). And whenever you miss the city buzz, you can always hop on the bus downtown. What I really like about my iUP friends is the diversity of experiences and knowledge that they have. An international environment, naturally, exposes us to different perspectives, but it doesn’t stop there.
Global Engagement

Double and Joint Degree Programs

Kyoto University offers double and joint degree programs in diverse fields that provide students with advanced value-added study opportunities that cannot be provided by a single university.

Graduate School of Letters
- Transcending national and cultural borders to open the door to a transcultural research journey.
  - Joint master’s degree: Heidelberg University
  - Double doctoral degree: École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS)

Graduate School of Economics
- Global markets, local creativity—cultivating world-class researchers in the field of economics and business.
  - Double doctoral degree: University of Glasgow
  - Joint master’s degree: University of Glasgow, University of Barcelona

Graduate School of Medicine
- Training data scientists who will lead the future healthcare, disease prevention, and therapy development through multi-dimensional analysis of the big data related to human life.
  - Joint doctoral degree: McGill University

Graduate School of Science
- Pursuing a new mathematical science field related to quantum information theory (QIT).
  - Double doctoral degree: École Normale Supérieure de Lyon

Graduate School of Agriculture
- Agricultural sciences for the global future of life, food, and the environment.
  - Double master’s degrees: IPB University (Bogor Agricultural University), Gadjah Mada University, Institut Teknologi Bandung, National Taiwan University, Kasetsart University

Graduate School of Energy Science
- Global challenges for secured energy, carbon neutrality, sustainability, and affordability.
  - Double master’s degree: University of Malaya, Chulalongkorn University
  - Double doctoral degree: Zhongshan University, Université de Bordeaux

Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies
- Establishing a new field of global environmental sustainability studies that combines the natural sciences, social sciences, and the humanities.
  - Double master’s degrees: Mahidol University, IPB University (Bogor Agricultural University), Taishhua University

Graduate School of Management
- Adding a new dimension to business management studies to cultivate global business leaders.
  - Double professional degrees: National Taiwan University, Cornell University
  - Double master’s degree: Universität Hamburg

Student Mobility

Kyoto University provides a number of short-term student mobility programs (both incoming and outgoing). The following are some selected examples.

Short-Term Inbound Program

Kyoto Summer/Spring Program
- The Kyoto Summer/Spring Program is an annual short-term program open to both students from international partner institutions and domestic students enrolled at Kyoto University. The program is held jointly by the Kyoto University Institute for Liberal Arts and Sciences (ILAS) and the Kyoto University Asian Studies Unit (KUASU). Students can choose to attend classes taught mainly in English or mainly in Japanese, and can experience Kyoto University’s cutting-edge research activities, while deepening their understanding of Japanese culture, language, and society.
  - www.z.k.kyoto-u.ac.jp/summer-spring-program/

The Amgen Scholars Program
- The Amgen Scholars Program is a short summer program that provides scholarships for undergraduate students from around the world to engage in diverse cutting-edge science research at leading academic institutions, including Kyoto University. The program aims to foster the next generation of innovators by providing increased opportunities for students pursuing careers in science.

Short-Term Outbound Program

ILAS Seminar (Overseas)
- The ILAS Seminar (Overseas) provides students with the opportunity to engage in hands-on training overseas under the close guidance of faculty members, and to learn about the history, geography, and culture of the destination country or region.

Kingfisher Global Leadership Program
- The Kingfisher Global Leadership Program is a US study abroad program for graduate and undergraduate students pursuing international careers. The program provides students with opportunities to participate in lectures and discussions, and to visit international organizations (such as the World Bank, NASA, and the National Institutes of Health), as well as local companies in Washington, DC.
Departments

Undergraduate Faculties and Graduate Schools

Undergraduate Faculties

- Integrated Human Studies
  - [www.h.kyoto-u.ac.jp/index_e.php](http://www.h.kyoto-u.ac.jp/index_e.php)
- Letters
  - [www.educ.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en](http://www.educ.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en)
- Education
  - [www.educ.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en](http://www.educ.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en)
- Law
  - [www.law.kyoto-u.ac.jp/english](http://www.law.kyoto-u.ac.jp/english)
- Economics
- Science
  - [www.sci.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en](http://www.sci.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en)
- Agriculture
  - [www.kais.kyoto-u.ac.jp/english](http://www.kais.kyoto-u.ac.jp/english)
- Pharmaceutical Sciences
  - [www.pharm.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en](http://www.pharm.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en)
- Informatics
  - [www.i.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en](http://www.i.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en)
- Biostudies
  - [www.cicasp.pri.kyoto-u.ac.jp](http://www.cicasp.pri.kyoto-u.ac.jp)
- Energy Science
  - [www.energy.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/education/course-overview](http://www.energy.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/education/course-overview)
- Informatics
  - [www.i.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/introduction/g30.html](http://www.i.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/introduction/g30.html)
- Government
  - [www.kais.kyoto-u.ac.jp/english](http://www.kais.kyoto-u.ac.jp/english)
- Management
  - [www.gsm.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en](http://www.gsm.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en)
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Graduate Schools

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- [www.iup.kyoto-u.ac.jp](http://www.iup.kyoto-u.ac.jp)

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English-Taught Undergraduate Program

- Engineering
  - [Undergraduate International Course Program of Civil Engineering](http://www-ucp.civil.kyoto-u.ac.jp/inten)

English-Taught Graduate Programs

- Economics
  - [International Graduate Programme for East Asia Sustainable Economic Development Studies](http://www.econ.kyoto-u.ac.jp/kuasac)
- Science
  - [International Course in Primatology and Wildlife Research](http://www.cicasp.pri.kyoto-u.ac.jp)
- Energy Science
  - [International Energy Science Course](http://www.energy.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/education/course-overview)
- Informatics
  - [International Course in Intelligence Science and Technology](http://www.i.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/introduction/g30.html)
- Biostudies
  - [Global Frontier in Life Science](http://www.g203.waseda.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en)
- Government
  - [Integrated Engineering Course, Human Security Engineering Field](http://www.gsoc.kyoto-u.ac.jp/index.html)
- Agriculture
  - [Special Course in Agricultural Sciences](http://www.sg.kyoto-u.ac.jp/sg/?lang=en)

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  - [Special Course in Agricultural Sciences](http://www.sg.kyoto-u.ac.jp/sg/?lang=en)
Social Engagement Activities by Kyoto University Research Institutes

Kyoto University’s research institutes actively engage in a range of diverse social engagement activities. One example is the Uji Open Campus. Uji Campus is home to many of Kyoto University’s research institutes in the natural sciences and energy-related fields, and the open campus is held annually to provide the general public with an opportunity to see the institutes’ activities firsthand. The open campus includes activities that can be enjoyed by people of all ages, including small children. Activities include lectures by faculty members, an exhibition introducing the various research institutes on campus, and several research facilities and laboratories that open their doors to the public. In 2020, due to the novel coronavirus pandemic, the event was held online as “VIRTUAL Uji Campus 2020.” The event’s website attracted over 3,000 visitors from 29 different countries.

www.uji.kyoto-u.ac.jp/english/index.html
www.jimu.uji.kyoto-u.ac.jp/open-campus/2020/ (Japanese only)
Distinctive Education and Research Facilities

Institute for Liberal Arts and Sciences (ILAS)

By integrating the efforts of diverse faculties and departments throughout the university, ILAS plans and implements the courses that are common to all of the university’s undergraduate programs, such as courses in the liberal arts, foreign languages, and introductory courses on basic sciences.

This ensures that the university’s undergraduate programs are well balanced and provide a rich liberal arts and sciences component to complement their major fields of specialization. It also enables the programs to better meet students’ individual interests and career plans.

The institute provides over two hundred courses entirely in English, helping Japanese students to cultivate an international mindset and providing international students with flexible curricula options. ILAS Seminars for first-year students are designed to ensure a smooth transition from high school to university education. The approach taken by ILAS helps students to broaden their horizons, develop new interests, and ultimately become more versatile and adaptable.

Kyoto University Hospital

Established in 1899, Kyoto University Hospital has trained leading experts in diverse medical fields for over a century, and made significant contributions to the advancement of medicine and healthcare in Japan. As a government-certified institution, it provides a wide array of advanced treatments, and currently comprises 34 clinical departments, 15 cross-departmental clinical divisions, 17 central facilities divisions, 13 clinical management support facilities, the 7 divisions of the Institute for Advancement of Clinical and Translational Science (iACT), and 7 clinical research and education divisions.

Functioning as both a cutting-edge medical research facility and a community-oriented healthcare institution, the hospital’s mission focuses on the three areas of medical care, research, and education. In fulfilling its mission, the hospital provides high-quality patient-oriented medical care (including a state-of-the-art Cancer Center), develops innovative new medical treatments in cooperation with other research facilities (such as the university’s Center for iPS Cell Research and Application [CiRA]), and fosters conscientious and compassionate healthcare professionals.

Kyoto University Library Network

Kyoto University Library Network plays a central role in the accumulation and curation of the university’s intellectual assets, and in facilitating their utilization for education, research, and community engagement. Its collection comprises over 7.2 million volumes, including a designated national treasure and other rare materials.

In addition to a wide range of journals, books, and databases, Kyoto University Library Network also provides online access to the university’s research information repository and its digital archive of rare materials. The Main Library building includes versatile facilities to support study and research, such as the Learning Commons (group-work space) and the Media Commons (multimedia facility).

The Kyoto University Museum

The Kyoto University Museum is a center for research based on specimens accumulated by the university’s scholars throughout the course of its long history. To this day, it continues to advance groundbreaking new research utilizing its expanding collection, which currently comprises 2.6 million items that are relevant to a wide spectrum of fields—from cultural sciences, to natural history, to engineering. The museum is open to students and the public, exhibiting highlights from its collection and showcasing the university’s research activities.

The museum also serves as a bridge connecting the university with the community—through exhibitions, lectures, and other events. It is also the coordinating institution of a worldwide network of university museums, and has organized several international symposia focusing on the new research field of museum science.
General Information:
Support Services

Support Services for International Researchers and Students

Information and Advising Services
Information and advising services are available for international researchers and students who have concerns about their studies or about daily life in Japan.

International Student Advising Room
(For advice on academic studies and life in Japan)
www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/education-campus/facilities/international-student-advising.html

Kyoto University International Service Office
(For information about visas, accommodation, and daily life)
kuiso.oc.kyoto-u.ac.jp/top/en

Cultural Exchange and Language Learning Opportunities
Kyoto University frequently holds events to promote intercultural exchange in which students can participate, and various forms of support are provided for students and researchers seeking to improve their Japanese language skills.

Student Lounge KI-ZU-NA

Education Center for Japanese Language and Culture
www.z.k.kyoto-u.ac.jp/introduction/education-center-for-japanese

Health Services
The Kyoto University Health Service provides medical and mental health services for students, faculty, and staff, including consultation, treatment, and health checkups. In addition to the clinic on Yoshida Campus, there are also branch clinics on the Katsura and Uji Campuses.

www.hoken.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en

Kyoto University’s Response to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
At the time of this booklet’s publication, university activities have been significantly affected by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Please see the following webpage for updated information on the pandemic and Kyoto University’s response measures:
www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/about/safety/coronavirus.html

Accommodation
Kyoto University provides accommodation for international researchers and students at several locations close to its campuses, including two new dormitories near Yoshida Campus that opened in October 2019. The two new dormitories increase the number of rooms provided exclusively for international researchers and students by approximately 130, bringing the total number of rooms to approximately 550.

www.kuiso.oc.kyoto-u.ac.jp/housing/facilities/en

Support in Applying for Research Grants
The Kyoto University Research Administration Office (KURA) provides faculty members with comprehensive support in acquiring grants. Staffed by a team of knowledgeable experts in research development, KURA organizes seminars to provide information about available funding, and assists researchers with drafting proposals.
www.kura.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/

Support for Childcare and Work-Life Balance
The Gender Equality Promotion Center provides various support services, including:
- Childcare support
- Care for sick children
- Support to maintain a healthy work-life balance
(Please contact the center in advance to check eligibility and other requirements)
www.cwr.kyoto-u.ac.jp/eng/
General Information: Campuses and Facilities

Campuses

Yoshida (Main Campus)
Located near the center of Kyoto City, Yoshida Campus is close to many scenic and natural spots, such as the famous Philosopher’s Walk and the Kyoto Imperial Palace. As the university’s main campus, it has long been a familiar landmark for Kyoto citizens, and well-known as a vibrant, bustling hub of student life. Buildings on the campus present a variety of architectural styles—from traditional Japanese wood and brick buildings dating back to the time of the university’s establishment, to modern laboratory buildings that house cutting-edge facilities.

Katsura Campus
Katsura Campus comprises three clusters of buildings overlooking Kyoto from the hills to the west of the city. It was conceived as a “Techno-Science Hill” for graduate studies in engineering, where technology and science come together to provide an innovative new style of education and research environment.

Uji Campus
Located to the south of Kyoto City, Uji Campus is close to two UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Byōdō-in Temple and Ujigami Shrine. It is home to a number of leading research institutes and centers, including several large-scale facilities devoted to laboratory work in the natural sciences and energy-related fields.

Location of the Campuses in Kyoto

Access from Kansai International Airport

Facilities throughout Japan

Since its establishment, Kyoto University has been renowned for its diverse fieldwork achievements. To facilitate those efforts, the university maintains a number of facilities at locations throughout Japan that serve as valuable resources for the activities of researchers.

Disaster Prevention Research Institute

Field Science Education and Research Center

Graduate School of Science

Research Institute for Sustainable Humanosphere

Wildlife Research Center

Graduate School of Agriculture

Graduate School of Engineering

Others
Kyoto flourished as the capital city of Japan from 794 to 1868, and to this day, possesses a rich cultural heritage that draws visitors from around the world. It is home to 17 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, many world-famous temples and shrines, ornate gardens, and traditional festivals.

Founded on a community of skilled artisans and craftspeople versed in aesthetics developed over a millennium, modern-day Kyoto is also the birthplace of frontier technologies and international business successes. It is a city in which one can find the best of both the ancient and modern.

Students and researchers at Kyoto University find that the vibrant backdrop of Kyoto City brings constant inspiration and new discoveries in their daily lives and academic endeavors.