

**Call for Application for Applicants ( Individual Application track )**  
**“Kyoto Summer Program” at Kyoto University, July 23- August 8, 2026**

Dear Students at Partner Universities,

We are pleased to announce that we are now accepting individual applications for the **2026 Kyoto Summer Program (KSP)** at Kyoto University, Japan. This program will take place from **July 23 to August 8, 2026**.

Participants will have an opportunity to experience Kyoto University's academic excellence while engaging with students from diverse countries in a vibrant and collaborative environment. Applicants can choose between two sub-programs:

1. **ILAS Program: Instruction is primarily in English.**
2. **KUASU Program: Instruction is primarily in Japanese.**

Both sub-programs share a core curriculum focused on understanding Japan's political, cultural, historical, social, and ecological issues. They also provide opportunities to learn the Japanese language and study alongside local students.

Please refer to the program's timetable (tentative) below for details on the classes offered in each sub-program. Note that the eligibility requirements and application documents vary between the two sub-programs.

**【Program schedule】** (Japan Standard Time, JST)

**Important Deadlines in 2026**

| Prior Confirmation | Online Application | Selection Result | Fee Payment   | Hotel Check - in | Hotel Check - out |
|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------|
| April 21 (Tue.)    | May 5 (Tue.)       | May 11 (Mon.)    | May 25 (Mon.) | July 23 (Thu.)   | August 8 (Sat.)   |

- Hotel Check - in: After JST 15:00, July 23 (Thu.)
- Lectures and Activities: July 24 (Fri.) – August 7 (Fri.)
- Hotel Check - out: Before JST 10:00, August 8 (Sat.)

[Timetable](#) (tentative)

[Program Website](#)

Before arriving in Japan, participants are required to complete an online placement test for Japanese language classes. Detailed instructions will be provided to all participants at a later date.

The program will **officially begin with a Kick-off Rally on July 23, from 18:00 to 19:00 (JST)**. Participants must arrange their travel to ensure they arrive on time for this event.

The program will be conducted in person at Kyoto University. This year's schedule includes:

- Kick-off Rally, Opening Ceremony & Orientation
- Campus Tour and Introduction to Kyoto University
- 10 Academic Lectures
- 6 Japanese Language Classes (offered at 5 levels)
- Field Trip and Japanese Cultural Experiences
- Discussion Sessions in English
- Conversation Sessions with Kyoto University Students (in Japanese)
- Graduate School/Laboratory Visits
- Final Presentation, Completion Ceremony, and Farewell Party
- Student-Planned Activities

The timetable will be updated as the date gets closer. For the most up-to-date version, please visit our website.

### **【Certificates】**

Upon completing the program, participants will receive a Certificate of Participation and Academic Transcripts from Kyoto University. Please note that Academic Transcripts will **ONLY** be issued to participants who successfully attend all mandatory sessions.

### **【Number of Participants】**

The program will accept **up to 10 students in total from our partner universities worldwide**. We encourage applications from students of all majors, as we value diversity in academic backgrounds. If a significant number of highly qualified students apply, we may increase the number of participants beyond the initial limit of 10 students.

### **【Eligibility requirements】**

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. University Affiliation
  - Applicants must be officially enrolled at a university that has an Academic Cooperation Partnership (MOU) or a Student Exchange Agreement (SEA) with Kyoto University. Applicants must be enrolled for at least one semester and remain enrolled at the partner

university for the duration of the program.

- List of MOU universities: here
- List of SEA universities: here
- Applicants should NOT be from a university that has been allocated a special quota for this year's program.
  - Students from such universities cannot apply individually and must apply through their university's designated department. More details: here

## 2. Academic and Language Requirements

We encourage applications from students who can understand lectures taught in English and demonstrate excellent academic performance. Preference is given to undergraduate students who are permanent residents or citizens of the country where their partner university is located. However, international students officially enrolled at partner universities are also eligible to apply. For the two sub-programs, preference will be given to applicants who meet the following criteria:

### **For the ILAS program:**

- Have never been to Japan
- Have never studied the Japanese language. No Japanese language proficiency is required
- Are not majoring in Japanese or Japanese studies

### **For the KUASU Program:**

Students with experience in Japan-related courses, including but not limited to:

- Japanese Studies
- Japanese Literature
- Japanese History
- Japanese language-N3 or higher on the Japanese language Proficiency Test (JLPT)

### **【Application Procedures】**

There are two steps in the application process:

#### **1. Prior Confirmation : due JST 12:00 PM (noon), April 21 (Tue.), 2026**

Interested students must complete the prior confirmation form using the following link:

<https://forms.gle/AQgUY8u8keLXHK4o8>

- Interested students must answer all the questions on the prior confirmation form to verify their eligibility. If they meet the requirements, the URL for the online application system will be displayed on the final page of the form.

## 2. Online Application System: due JST 12:00 PM (noon), May 5 (Tue.), 2026

- All applications must be submitted through the online application system. Please ensure that you prepare the following application requirements in advance and submit them via the online system before the deadline.

### (1) Recommendation Letter

- Applicants must nominate a recommender to submit a letter of recommendation. After submission, an automatic email will be sent to the recommender with instructions for uploading the letter. Applicants must notify and gain consent from the recommender in advance, and allow sufficient time for the recommender to complete and submit the letter by the deadline.
- Eligible recommenders include:
  - Supervising professor, academic advisor, or supervisor at the partner university
  - Head of the selection committee
  - Head of the organization responsible for the program (e.g., Director of International Affairs)
  - Others (please contact the program office for approval)

### (2) Uploading Files

All applicants must upload the following documents:

- Cover-letter video (3 minutes long including self-introduction and reasons for you to apply for this program. MP4 format)
- Recent headshot (taken within 6 months; passport size acceptable)
- Passport copy
- Official academic transcript from their university
- Certificate of student status or student ID (showing expiration date)
- English test score (optional)

Applicants for the KUASU Program must additionally upload:

- Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) score, or
- A letter from a faculty member who can certify your Japanese language proficiency level.

## 3. Announcement of Selection Result: May 11 (Mon.), 2026

The program office will conduct the selection process, and notify applicants of the results by **May 11 (Mon.), 2026**. Final acceptance into the program will be confirmed upon receipt of the participation fee.

### **【Program Tuition Fees】**

JPY 62,000.00

The program tuition fee must be transferred to our bank account through an online platform called Flywire. Detailed instructions will be provided along with the notification of selection results. The payment deadline is **May 25 (Mon.), 2026**. If the payment is not received by the deadline, applicants will not be allowed to participate in the program.

### **【Personal expense】**

Participants are responsible for the following personal expenses:

- Visa application fee
- Travel insurance (MANDATORY)
- Airfare
- Field trip and cultural experience costs (details will be provided in July)
- Accommodation fees
- Other personal expenses, such as meals (meals are not included in the program)

### **【Designated Hotel】**

Participants are required to stay at the designated hotel, **Oyado Ishicho**, located near the Yoshida South Campus, for the entire duration of the program. The KSP Office will make the hotel reservations on behalf of all participants. Rooms will be shared with other participants of the same sex, based on passport information, with 3–5 students per room.

- **Check-in: After JST 15:00, July 23, 2026**
- **Check-out: Before JST 10:00, August 8, 2026 (16 nights)**
- **Fees: Approximately JPY 140,000.00**

Please note that Kyoto University will not arrange accommodation outside of these dates. Participants are required to pay the hotel fee at the time of check-in. The final accommodation fee will be announced once the total number of participants is confirmed. During the program, including weekends, **overnight stays at locations other than the designated hotel are not permitted.**

### **【Other Responsibilities】**

Participants must comply with the laws and regulations of the Government of Japan and Kyoto University. Once accepted, it is the participant's responsibility to arrange:

1. Flight tickets
2. Travel insurance (mandatory)
3. Visa (if needed)

These arrangements must align with the provided program schedule. If a visa is required for the duration of the program, the KSP Office will assist participants in obtaining it by providing the necessary supporting documents. Please note that participants **holding a visa** are required to arrive in Japan **on the hotel check-in date** and to depart **on the hotel check-out date**.

### **【Regarding the Handling of Personal Information and Right of Publicity】**

Please note the following:

1. Personal Information will be handled in accordance with the "Act on the Protection of Personal Information Held by Administrative Organs" and Kyoto University's regulations. You can review these regulations via the following links:
  - Act on the Protection of Personal Information
  - Kyoto University Privacy Policy
2. The personal information submitted in this application will be used for program administration purposes only.

### **【Cancellation Policy】**

Cancellation of participation is allowed with legitimate justification (e.g., attending a lecture/course at your home university) until **JST 23:59, June 18 (Thu.), 2026**. A cancellation notice must be submitted to the program office by the deadline. **Participation fees are non-refundable.**

No cancellations or withdrawals will be permitted **after June 19 (Fri.)** until the end of the program.

### **【Contact】**

For more information, please contact:

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