

VISITING PROFESSOR PROGRAM

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Kansai Gaidai University has placed a strong emphasis on the development of international programs since its inception in 1945. We are currently affiliated with 383 universities and colleges in 54 countries and regions. We annually send more than 2,200 Japanese students on various long- and short-study abroad programs, and welcome 750 international students from overseas.

As part of our continuous efforts to add dimension to the university's international perspective, the Visiting Professor Program is launched to provide scholars from our affiliated institutions and others, who have expertise on Japan and Asia as well as in other fields, with an opportunity to further delve into their specialized research topics and to teach in Japan.

On the other hand, the participating scholars return to their home institutions with first-hand practical observations and research results on Japan to share with their students, faculty, and staff members. We are pleased that some scholars have established Japanese or Asian Studies courses at their home institutions. Undoubtedly, the program has become a valuable asset to participating professors' home institutions, at the same time that it enriches Kansai Gaidai.

We would like to extend our invitation to those faculty members who are on sabbatical leave to our university for a research/teaching opportunity in Japan.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

1. ELIGIBILITY:

Faculty members currently employed at Kansai Gaidai's affiliated institutions are eligible for the program. The faculty members' expertise should be in the Social Sciences, Humanities or Business/Economics. Courses are to be conducted in English. Thus, it is not necessary for visiting professors to possess a command of the Japanese language. Applications from non-affiliated institutions may also be considered.

2. SUBJECT AREAS:

A prospective visiting professor may propose a course in the fields mentioned above upon applying for the program. Given the framework of our curriculum, we are not able to accommodate any courses in hard science, physical education, computer science, or studio art courses. The course to be taught in the Asian Studies Program should deal with Japan and/or Asia in some fashion.

[The Asian Studies Program]

Student Body:

80%: International Students in the Asian Studies Program

20%: Local (mostly Japanese) students in the Pre-departure Study Abroad Training or Specialized Study Program

All students are presumed to have an adequate command of English.

Subjects:

Social Sciences, Humanities, Business/Economics courses with focus on Japan and/or Asia

Class Size: 10 to 40 students, including up to 20% Japanese students.

[Programs for Local Students]

Student Body:

100%: local students

Subjects:

Courses do not necessarily have to deal with Japanese/Asian subjects. Visiting faculty members may propose a course in their specialized field.

Class Size: 25 or more students whose level of English proficiency varies.

3. RESPONSIBILITY AND CONDITIONS

Teaching two or three courses per semester of residence. A course consists of two 90-minute meetings per week for a period of approximately 15 weeks. If any class meetings are canceled by the professor or for other reasons, the professor is asked to schedule make up meetings.

An on-campus furnished housing will be provided free of charge. In addition, those faculty members who teach two or three courses will receive compensation in the amount of approximately 150,000yen per month.

4. ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

Asian Studies Program: The fall semester runs from late August through December, while the spring semester starts in mid-January and finishes in late May.

Japanese Academic Calendar: Courses for the local Japanese students follow the traditional Japanese academic calendar. The spring semester runs from early April through early August and the fall semester runs from early September through late-January.

5. IMMIGRATION:

Faculty members who teach two or three courses in a semester will apply for a professor visa. Kansai Gaidai will supply all the necessary documents for a participant and his/her accompanying family members to secure proper visas for their stay in Japan. However, all fees and other expenses for visas, passports, etc., will be the responsibility of the participant.

6. TRANSPORTATION:

Transportation expenses for the participant and family members (to and from Japan, domestic, etc.) are the responsibility of the participant. Pick-up service will be available either at Kansai International Airport or JR Kyoto Station for the participant and the accompanying family members, though the actual transportation expenses are to be paid by the participant.

7. ACCOMMODATIONS:

The size of the available accommodations should be sufficient for a couple, or a couple with one or two children. All necessary furnishings will be provided, including bedding, dishes, electric appliances, etc.

Accommodations will be available from two weeks before the semester begins through three weeks after the semester ends, as well as between semesters.

8. UTILITIES:

Gas, electricity, and water charges will be the responsibility of the participant.

9. SCHOOLING FOR CHILDREN:

Kansai Gaidai is not well located for commuting to either of the two main international schools in the Kansai area. Canadian Academy (grades 1-12) in Kobe is about 2 hours away by bus and train from Hirakata, and Kyoto International School (grades 1-8) is also 2 hours away. These schools follow the American academic calendar and are rather expensive. The instructional language at other local schools is Japanese.

10. APPLICATION DOCUMENTS:

- (1) Kansai Gaidai official CV forms
- (2) Course proposal form

11. INITIAL APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Applications must be received by the following dates:

Semester	Deadlines
Fall Semesters	March 31
Spring Semester	August 31

Please send application documents to:
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