

North American Center

Washington, DC / San Diego, CA



Establishing the Kyoto University North American Center (KUNAC) in Washington, DC and the San Diego Liaison Office in California allows KyotoU to deepen relationships with North American partners and provides a better framework for both sides to learn from each other's experiences in internationalization.

North American Center Goals





Supporting student mobility



Raising the profile of Kyoto University through networking



Supporting collaborative research



Promoting internationalization of faculty, students and staff

About Kyoto University

Founded in 1897 as the second oldest national university in Japan, Kyoto University (KyotoU) has established itself as a research-oriented institution with an enduring tradition of pioneering fieldwork. Since its founding, KyotoU has been dedicated to furthering higher education and fostering an atmosphere of free academic exchange. KyotoU offers 16 English language taught degree programs at the undergraduate and graduate level in various fields. Approximately 2,700 of the university's 23,000 students hail from overseas. With students from about 110 different countries and regions, the university's campuses boast rich cultural diversity.



Gauss Medalists Prize Winner Chern Medalist Award



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KyotoU Link



Kyoto University's Activities in North America



Global education & mobility

Kyoto Summer Program

A short-term co-educational program provided by KyotoU's ILAS*1 & KUASU*2 to students from partner universities and KyotoU students with the aim of developing an understanding of issues Japan faces related to politics, culture, history, society and ecology.

UF-KU Cross-cultural Engineering Seminar

KyotoU jointly organizes an online seminar series with the University of Florida with the aim of discussing and finding solutions to societal challenges.

UTA Women & Youth Entrepreneurship

KyotoU assists with the program implemented by the University of Texas at Austin.



Kvoto Summer Program

- *1 ILAS: Institute for Liberal Arts and Sciences
- *2 KUASU: Kyoto University Asian Studies Unit



Networking & engagement

The Kingfisher Global Leadership Program with Kyoto University

This highly selective short-term program was created under the initiative of the DC area KyotoU alumni to provide KyotoU students with the skills and networks they need to thrive in an increasingly globalized society.

Connecting with North American based Alumni

KUNAC regularly corresponds with the three official alumni organizations in the North American Region to maintain strong ties.



At the World Bank, 2019



International & joint research

On-site Laboratories

Of our 11 locally managed on-site laboratories worldwide, the following 3 were established by KyotoU faculties/departments in collaboration with our North American partners:

- Kyoto University Research Center San Diego
- · iPS Cell Research Center at Gladstone Institutes
- Quantum Nano Medicine Research Center (Partnership with UCLA)



Kyoto University Research Center San Diego



Internationalization & Multicultural Understanding

MOUs/SEAs with institutions in North America

KyotoU has concluded 201 university-level memoranda of understanding (MOU) for academic cooperation and exchange and 150 university-level student exchange agreements (SEA) worldwide. Of those, 27 MOUs and 19 SEAs are concluded with institutions in North America. (MOU/SEA locations as of May 1, 2021)

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