



North American Center (KUNAC)

Washington, DC / San Diego, CA



The Kyoto University North American Center (KUNAC) in Washington, DC, and San Diego Liaison Office in California enable Kyoto University to deepen its relationships with partners in North America and provide a framework for both sides to benefit from each other's internationalization efforts.



North American Center Goals



Support student mobility



Raise the international profile of Kyoto University through networking



Support collaborative research



Promote the internationalization of faculty, students, and staff

About Kyoto University

Founded in 1897, Kyoto University is the second oldest national university in Japan. Since its establishment, it has been dedicated to furthering higher education and research in an environment that encourages academic dialogue and interaction, and has earned a reputation as a leading research-oriented institution with an enduring tradition of pioneering fieldwork. Kyoto University offers 16 English-taught undergraduate and graduate degree programs in diverse fields. Approximately 3,000 of its 22,600 students hail from overseas. With students from approximately 110 different countries and regions, its campuses benefit from rich cultural diversity.



Award-Winning Research

11

Nobel Laureates

2

Fields Medalists

1

Gauss Prize Winner



5

Lasker Award Winners

1

Chern Medalist



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Kyoto University's Activities in North America



Global Education & Mobility

Kyoto Summer Program

A short-term co-educational program for students from partner universities and KyotoU students provided by KyotoU's Institute for Liberal Arts and Sciences (ILAS) and Asian Studies Unit (KUASU). The program aims to cultivate an understanding of Japanese issues relating to politics, culture, history, society, and ecology.



Kyoto Summer Program

UF at KyotoU: Cross-Cultural Engineering

KyotoU's Graduate School of Engineering hosts students from the University of Florida, offering insights into Japanese engineering practices from a cross-cultural perspective.



Networking & Engagement

The Kingfisher Global Leadership Program with Kyoto University

This highly-selective, short-term program was established through the initiative of KyotoU alumni in the DC area to provide KyotoU students with the skills and networks needed to thrive in an increasingly globalized society.



Kingfisher Global Leadership Program

Connecting with North American-based Alumni

To maintain strong ties, KUNAC regularly corresponds with the university's three official alumni organizations in North America and the Kyodai Collaborative, a non-profit organization established by KyotoU alumni.



International & Joint Research

On-site Laboratories

Of KyotoU's 11 locally managed On-site Laboratories worldwide, three were established in collaboration with North American partners:

- Kyoto University Research Center San Diego (in partnership with UCSD)
- iPS Cell Research Center at Gladstone Institutes
- Quantum Nano Medicine Research Center (in partnership with UCLA)



The first joint symposium co-hosted by the three North American On-site Laboratories (February 2023)



Internationalization & Multicultural Understanding

MOUs/SEAs with institutions in North America

Worldwide, KyotoU has concluded approximately 200 university-level memoranda of understanding (MOUs) for academic cooperation and exchange and 153 university-level student exchange agreements (SEAs). Of those, 26 MOUs and 20 SEAs are concluded with institutions in North America (as of April 1, 2023).

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20 SEAs



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