



## Announcing the Kansai University IIGE J-MCP SDGs & Business (Ai x Aging Society)

Join your peers at Kansai University in Japan for a short-term intensive online program based on content from world-renowned startup accelerators. Learn how to validate business models and frame solutions to some of the most pressing challenges of our time under the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

You will build your own impact startup team, gain a better understanding of decentralized tech, foster valuable intercultural communication skills, and start building a professional network with corporate sponsors for future job opportunities!

To learn more about the program content, visit <https://luduslabs.co/index.php/faq/>

### 1. Program Outline

#### Dates

**Main Program (3 weeks) February 26 - March 23, 2024 (JST)**

LIVE program hours will be between 8:30 am and 11:45 am Japan Standard Time (JST) on the following dates:

2/26 3/1 3/6 3/8 3/13 3/15 3/16 3/20 3/22 3/23 (Total 10 sessions)

*\*Daily wrap times may change depending upon the scheduled activities each day*

*\* Dates might be subject to change*

#### Program Hours (60 total)

Lectures: 45hrs (lectures of 90min each)

Independent & Group Work: 10hrs

Virtual Congress: 5hrs

### Program Facilitators / Speakers

Samuel Goodman, Founder & Director, Ludus Group

\*Special guest speakers will also be invited to give lectures and workshops throughout the program.

### Number of Participants

Minimum: 10

Maximum: 50

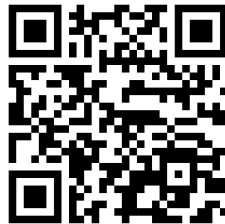
## 2. Application

### Who Can Apply

Undergraduate or graduate students currently enrolled in the IIGE Global Network Universities and Ludus Labs-affiliated institutions who are in good academic standing (recommended minimum overall GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale) are eligible to apply.

### How to Apply

Please apply through the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/LUxdRZF9pX>



**APPLICATION DEADLINE: 12:00 PM Jan. 26, 2024 (JST)**

**Please carefully read all the instructions below before completing the application form.** Kansai University is not responsible for incomplete applications.

- ① Your name should be entered into this application form **exactly as you wish for it to appear on your program certificate**. Changes cannot be made to certificates after they are issued.
- ② Submit a brief statement (150-300 words in English), explaining what you hope to gain by participating in this program.  
*\*We recommend that you type your statement in a separate document and copy and paste it into the application form.*
- ③ English language proficiency certification is NOT required.

## 3. Program Fees

JPY20,000 **Free of charge for eligible students**

※This year, we are offering scholarships in the form of full tuition fee waivers to all accepted participants, so there will be no actual cost for participating in this program. However, if you cancel in the middle of the program, you will be required to pay the program fee of 20.000 yen as a cancellation fee.

## 4. Requirements

### Language Proficiency Requirements

The program will be conducted entirely in English. CEFR B2 Level (TOEFL iBT 72+, IELTS 5.5+, Cambridge Examination 160+) English proficiency is recommended for non-native speakers.

*\*Proof of language certification is NOT required.*

### Technical Requirements

This program will be conducted online, and requires students to have:

- a stable internet connection able to handle video calls without interruption
- a quality microphone/headset
- a functioning camera-equipped PC

### Online Platforms

[Virbela](#) , \*Zoom, Discord, Miro (tentative)

Lectures and program activities will be conducted LIVE in English via [Virbela](#). \*The first meeting, however, will take place LIVE via Zoom.

Students will be required to register an account with [Virbela](#). Further information will be provided to students upon enrollment.

## 5. Course Credits

Digital Certificates will be issued to students who complete the Program. Students' host institutions may interpret the certificate to be creditable.

*\*Please refer to the terms and conditions outlined in the **Commitment Statement** below for further details.*

## 6. Digital Badges

Students who successfully complete the program will be eligible for a digital badge to be issued by IIGE (Kansai University) within 3 months of program completion.

Digital badges issued by IIGE are verifiable and meet the qualifications for IMS Global Open Badges 2.0.

Please note that IIGE/Kansai University **does NOT** issue credits, transcripts (official or unofficial), letters of credit approval, nor any similar documentation for this program.

## 7. Commitment [IMPORTANT]

Students **must be available** during the three weeks of the program to join all 10 lectures and participate in group work.

Please note that **group work is an obligatory part** of this program. Students who are unable to commit to the development of the group project are not eligible for this program.

IIGE will notify students' home institutions of the students' performance in this program. Non-committal participation or dropping out partway through the program **without an appropriate reason** will result in students' disqualification from participation in future programs.

## 8. Announcement of Program Selection Results

Program selection results will be sent directly to the applicants via email from [kujmcp-1@ml.kandai.jp](mailto:kujmcp-1@ml.kandai.jp) by **February 13, 2024**.

Please note that students are not guaranteed a spot in this program, and selection criteria are at the discretion of Kansai University. All selections are final.

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### Inquiries

For any further inquiries please email IIGE Secretariat at [kujmcp-1@ml.kandai.jp](mailto:kujmcp-1@ml.kandai.jp) clearly indicating in the subject line that your inquiry relates to "SDGs & Business Mar. 2024"