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Announcing the 21st Century Skills Program (Feb. - March 2022)

Program website: <https://kuiige.wixsite.com/j-mcp>

The J-MCP (Japan-Multilateral COIL/VE Project) is not a conventional COIL (Collaborative Online International Learning) course, but an online program jointly implemented by multiple universities located in Japan and overseas.

This inaugural module, **21st Century Skills**, in addition to developing students' critical language skills, is designed to help them acquire the necessary knowledge and tools to succeed in the international workplace (critical thinking, digital literacy, intercultural collaboration and cross-cultural communication, presentation skill, etc.) through collaborative projects with their overseas peers.

1. Program Overview

In order to accommodate as many participants as possible in this program, students will be divided into two groups. The lecture dates and the eligible participants for each group are outlined below.

◆Eligibility

Undergraduate or graduate students listed below and are in good academic standing (recommended minimum overall GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale) are eligible to apply.

Group 1: Undergraduate or graduate students currently enrolled in Kansai University or [UMAP-affiliated institutions](#).

Group 2: Undergraduate or graduate students currently enrolled in [Kansai University-affiliated institutions](#), J-MCP-affiliated institutions (listed below), IIGE-affiliated institutions (listed below), [AURORA-affiliated institutions](#), and Applied Global Studies (AGS)-affiliated institutions (listed below).

IIGE-affiliated Institutions

Northern Arizona University
University of California, Berkeley
University of Hawai'i at Hilo
University of Hawai'i - Kapi'olani Community College
Northern Illinois University
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Fashion Institute of Technology, New York
The University at Albany, State University of New York
Clemson University

James Madison University
Michigan State University
Cheng Shiu University*
Panyapiwat Institute of Management
DePaul University
Western Washington University
Nanyang Polytechnic

Morgan State University
Zurich University of Applied Sciences
San Pedro College
Portland State University
Eastern Oregon University
Language Institute, Chiang Mai University
North Carolina State University
Mariano Marcos State University
Medicine Hat College
Western Norway University of Applied Sciences
Bridgewater State University
Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo
Algoma University
The University of Missouri-Kansas City
CEU Cardenal Herrera University
Chicago State University
Universidad Tecnológica de Bolívar

J-MCP-affiliated Institutions

Chiba University*
Soka University
Nanzan University
Osaka City University

Applied Global Studies (AGS)-affiliated institutions

Edith Cowan University
Malmo University
M.S. Baroda University
Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso
Universitat Rovira i Virgili
University of Ghana
University of Jordan

*These universities are also UMAP-affiliated institutions, but will be categorized under Group 2 for this program.

◆ Schedule

Main Program Dates

Group 1

Pre-Program Workshop: February 7 – 16, 2022 (JST) *On-demand

Main Program: February 17 – March 21, 2022 (JST)

*Lectures on Mondays and Thursdays 10:00 am - 11:30 am (JST)

Post-Program Workshop: March 22 – 27, 2022 (JST) *On-demand

Group 2

Pre-Program Workshop: February 11 – 17, 2022 (JST) *On-demand

Main Program: February 18 – March 22, 2022 (JST)

*Lectures on Tuesdays and, Fridays 10:00 am - 11:30 am (JST)

Post-Program Workshop: March 23 – 28, 2022 (JST) *On-demand

*Please be sure to check the time difference between JST and your location

Pre and Post-Program Workshops (On-Demand)

Participants are expected to be proactive and diligent in preparing for this program, completing pre- and post-program workshop activities (on-demand) and submitting all assignments on time. If you cannot attend or submit an assignment due to unavoidable circumstances (class schedule conflict, etc.), be sure to inform the instructor in charge in advance. Failure to submit all assignments satisfactorily may result in ineligibility for program completion.

◆Number of Participants: 80 (per group), 160 total

◆Instructors

[Keiko Ikeda, Ph.D.](#), Professor, IIGE, Kansai University

[Don Bysouth, Ph.D.](#), Associate Professor, IIGE, Kansai University

[Sajjad Pouromid, Ph.D.](#), Assistant Professor, IIGE, Kansai University

[Michiko Izumitani, Ph.D.](#), Associate Professor, Faculty of Business, Soka University

[Suzanne Orzech](#), VP of Partner Experience, Class2Class

2. How to Apply

◆Application Procedures

*Students must apply for this program through their home institutions.

Individual applications submitted by students will NOT be processed.

STEP 1: Please download and complete the application form attached to the email in which this CFP is sent

STEP 2: Please send the completed application form to ku-coil@ml.kandai.jp by email with the following title, inserting the date and your institution's information in the appropriate fields (ApplicationJMCP_Institution Name_Country_Date)

*Please lock the application form and notify us the password in a separate email to ku-coil@ml.kandai.jp

Application deadline: 12:00 PM January 21, 2022 (JST)

3. Program Fees

There are NO application fees or participation fees for this program.

4. 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.

5. Digital Certificates

Students who successfully complete the program (over 90% attendance and completion of all assignments) will be eligible for a certificate in digital format (with learning hours described*) to be issued by IIGE (Kansai University) directly to students' home institutions within 3 months of program completion. Participants may still be eligible with one excused absence, provided that they inform the lead instructor(s) accordingly in advance.** Students' host institutions may interpret the certificate to be creditable (65 hours).

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

*Assessment: letter grade with pass/non-pass option

**Please refer to the terms and conditions outlined in the Commitment Statement in item 7 for further details.

6. Program Participation Requirements

◆ Access

This program will be conducted 100% online, which 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

Zoom & ImmerseU

Lectures will be conducted LIVE in English via Zoom.

Students will be required to register an account with the [ImmerseU CMS](#) (Course Management System) through which various course activities etc. will be conducted. Further information will be provided to students upon enrollment.

7. Commitment

◆ Program Hours

- Lectures: 15hrs (90min x 10 days) ※Including Final Presentations
- Individual Assignments: 20hrs (2hrs x 10 lectures)
- Pre and Post-Program Workshop Activities: 10hrs
- Group Work: 20hrs

TOTAL PROGRAM HOURS: 65hrs

◆ Commitment Statement [IMPORTANT]

IIGE *will notify* students' home institutions of the final status of students' participation and performance in this program. This program is offered on a complimentary basis, and as such the selection process is highly competitive. Non-committal participation or dropping out partway through the program without an appropriate reason is unacceptable and may result in students' disqualification from participation in future programs. Additionally, group activities are an integral and obligatory part of this program. Students who do not participate satisfactorily in their group work will not be eligible to continue the program.

For more detailed information...

Refer to the J-MCP website <https://kuiige.wixsite.com/j-mcp>

Inquiries

Please email ku-coil@ml.kandai.jp, attn IIGE Secretariat
clearly indicating in the subject line that your inquiry relates to "KU 21st Century Skills"