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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

\*Please note that maximum of 10 students are allowed to apply per institution

**STEP 2:** Upload the completed application form to the folder below 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 via email to

[ku-coil@ml.kandai.jp](mailto:ku-coil@ml.kandai.jp)

Folder link:

[https://kutc-my.sharepoint.com/:f/g/personal/x208005\\_kansai-u\\_ac\\_jp/Eq9Bm-BLNxZHm3bOIR\\_zp6MBXhdKE\\_alkNbVX6il-jsJ2Q?e=7Qi0wg](https://kutc-my.sharepoint.com/:f/g/personal/x208005_kansai-u_ac_jp/Eq9Bm-BLNxZHm3bOIR_zp6MBXhdKE_alkNbVX6il-jsJ2Q?e=7Qi0wg)

\*Password to access the below folder is indicated in the email in which this CFP is attached

**Application deadline: 12:00 PM January 14, 2022 (JST)**

### ◆Announcement of Program Selection Results

Program selection results will be sent directly to students' home institutions via email from [ku-coil@ml.kandai.jp](mailto:ku-coil@ml.kandai.jp) by **January 24, 2022 (JST)**.

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

### 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.

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For more detailed information...

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

Inquiries

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