

Visiting Professor Program

Kansai Gaidai University

Osaka, Japan

Kansai Gaidai University's main focus has been on international programs since its inception in 1945. We are affiliated with 405 universities and colleges in 55 countries and regions. We annually send over 1,200 Japanese students abroad while welcoming 900 international students. To further enhance our global perspective, we have launched the Visiting Professor Program, inviting scholars to conduct research and teach in Japan. Participants gain valuable insights into Japan, which they bring back to their home institutions, often leading to the creation of Japanese or Asian Studies courses. We invite faculty members on sabbatical to join us for a unique research and teaching opportunity in Japan.



Kansai Gaidai University

Enrollment: 12,000 students
Located in Hirakata City,
midway between Kyoto and
Osaka, KGU provides an
excellent starting point to
conduct research on Japanese
traditions, history, social
sciences, business, and more.



Asian Studies Program

Founded in 1972, the ASP has
been accommodating
international students from all
over the world. Courses are
offered at 3rd- or 4th-year
levels to ensure transfer of
credits to students' home
institutions.

Application Information

ELIGIBILITY

Faculty members currently employed at Kansai Gaidai's affiliated institutions are eligible for the program. The faculty members' expertise should be in the Social Sciences, Humanities, Business/Economics, or Digital Studies. Courses are to be conducted in English. Thus, it is not necessary for visiting professors to possess a command of the Japanese language.

SUBJECT AREAS

A prospective visiting professor may propose a course(s) in the fields mentioned above upon applying for the program. Given the framework of our curriculum, we are not able to accommodate any courses in hard science, physical education, or computer science. The course to be taught in the Asian Studies Program should deal with Japan and/or Asia in some fashion.

RESPONSIBILITY

A visiting professor is requested to teach two courses per semester of residence. A course consists of two 90-minute meetings per week for a period of approximately 15 weeks.

STUDENTS

The student body in the ASP is 80% international and 20% Japanese, all proficient in English. Classes focus on Social Sciences, Humanities, and Business/Economics related to Japan/Asia, with 10 to 40 students per class. In some cases, visiting professors may be asked to teach courses offered for domestic students only.

REMUNERATION & BENEFIT

Teaching Load	Monthly Remuneration	Benefit
Two courses (Each course has two 90-minute sessions weekly for 15 weeks.)	150,000 yen per month (600,000 yen per semester)	Free housing (Utility expenses are to be covered by the individual.)

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Asian Studies Program: The fall semester runs from late August through December, while the spring semester starts in late January and finishes in late May.

Japanese Academic Calendar: The spring semester runs from early April through early August and the fall semester runs from early September through late January.

Visiting faculty are able to choose one semester or one year.



ACCOMMODATIONS

The size of the available accommodations should be sufficient for a couple, or a couple with one or two small children. All necessary furnishings will be provided, including bedding, dishes, electric appliances, etc. Accommodations will be available from two weeks before the semester begins through three weeks after the semester ends, as well as between semesters.

IMMIGRATION

Kansai Gaidai will supply all the necessary documents for a participant and their accompanying family members to secure proper visas for their stay in Japan. However, all fees and other expenses for visas, passports, etc., will be the responsibility of the participant.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Applications must be received by the following dates:

Semester	Deadline
Fall Semester	February 28
Spring Semester	July 31



APPLICATION INQUIRY: search@kansaigaidai.ac.jp



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