

Campus Asia Plus Program

Fall 2026 Application Guidelines

The Campus Asia Plus Program is a partnership among Kobe University; the School of International Relations and Public Affairs at Fudan University in Shanghai, China (SIRPA); the Graduate School of International Studies at Korea University in Seoul, South Korea (GSIS); the Graduate School of Nursing at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand, and the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration at the National University of Laos in Vientiane. From the 2021 to 2025 academic years, the program received funding from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology's "Inter-University Exchange Project" and has been operated at Kobe University as the "Multidisciplinary Education Program for Careers on Risk-Management Experts."

For the spring semester, we are accepting applications for students interested in the Double Degree program or exchange program with the Graduate School of International Studies at Korea University and the exchange program with the School of International Relations and Public Affairs at Fudan University.

1. Objective

To foster highly specialized risk management professionals and leaders capable of playing an active role on the global stage by providing joint education that enables participants to acquire a high level of expertise, practical skills, and applied knowledge in the fields of politics, economics, business administration, international relations and security, public policy, human resources, disaster prevention, and global health (including infectious diseases).

Program participants are encouraged to take or audit risk management-related courses, including the online joint education course "Risk Management I" (offered in the second semester by the Graduate School of International Cooperation) conducted in collaboration with the five partner universities.

2. Eligibility and Number of Openings

Eligibility: Graduate students enrolled in master's or doctoral programs at Kobe University Graduate School

Number of Openings: Approximately 5 in total for the SIRPA and GSIS

3. Program Format and Duration

- (1) Double Degree (GSIS only): Approximately one year (limited to GSIS students)
- (2) Exchange Program (Korea University and Fudan University): one or two semesters (for students enrolled in the graduate schools of Kobe University)

4. Application Documents

Please prepare the following documents and email the PDF files to the Campus Asia Office.

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| (1) Application Form | See Section 5: Application Form |
| (2) Statement of Purpose | Please write in English, as this will also be required when applying to the host university. |
| (3) Research Plan | It may be submitted in either Japanese or English |
| (4) Pledge to Study Abroad | Handwritten signature required |
| (5) Documents certifying language proficiency | English (TOEFL or IELTS), and, if available, a Chinese or Korean language proficiency certificate. |
| (6) Academic Transcript from the Previous Academic Year | For new students: Transcript from the university of graduation; one that shows the GPA is preferred |
| (7) Letter of recommendation from your academic advisor | Please have your academic advisor email the Campus Asia Office directly. |

Submission Period: October 1 (Thu) – 12 (Mon), 2026, until 5:00 p.m.

Submission Email: Kobe University Campus Asia Office gsics-caoffice@edu.kobe-u.ac.jp

5. About the Application

Application forms and recommendation letter forms can be downloaded from the Campus Asia Office website or via GEMs.



CA Office website



or GEMs

Campus Asia Office Website

<https://www.edu.kobe-u.ac.jp/gsics-campusasia/>

GEMs

<https://gems.ofc.kobe-u.ac.jp/>

6. Selection Process and Schedule

The selection committee for this program will conduct a document review and interviews of the above application materials based on the prescribed selection criteria.

Document Review: Mid-October 2026

Interview: October 15, 2026 (Selected candidates will be notified by email. The interview will be conducted in Japanese and English.)

Announcement of Results: October 16, 2026 (Candidates will be notified by email following a decision made at an internal university meeting)

Start of Dispatch: Late February 2027

The Campus Asia Office will notify the host universities of the successful candidates as nominees; however, the candidates themselves must submit their official applications by the

deadline. Typically, registration and submission of required documents must be completed by late October for Korea University and by late May for Fudan University. You will need a passport, an official transcript in English, a graduation certificate in English, and a family register, so please prepare these in advance. We recommend that those considering applying visit the Campus Asia Office or contact us during the application period.

7. Other Information

[Tuition] Under the agreement, no tuition fees are charged by the host university; however, you must pay tuition.

[Living Expenses] You may apply for the JASSO Overseas Study Scholarship (subject to conditions such as nationality and academic performance). You may also apply to the Kobe University Fund.

[Insurance] Enrollment in the “Crisis Management System,” which the university has introduced as a crisis management measure during travel, is mandatory. Students dispatched through a university program are required to enroll in the crisis management service “OSSMA Plus Member-Exclusive Supplementary Overseas Travel Insurance.” After your dispatch is confirmed, follow the instructions from the Academic Affairs Office of your graduate school to complete the necessary procedures.

[Credits] After returning to Japan, you can have your credits recognized by submitting the syllabus and a credit recognition application form to the Academic Affairs Office of your graduate school.

8. Contact Information

Kobe University Campus Asia Office (Office Hours: 8:30–17:15)

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