

**Global Network Program for Joint Education and Research to Nurture Highly Skilled Professionals**  
**Toward Value Co-Creation in International Cooperation**  
**(Global Network Program: GNP)**  
**2025 Application Guidelines**

The Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies (GSICS) and the Graduate School of Intercultural Studies (GICLS), Kobe University will collaborate with overseas universities, international organizations, and government organizations in developing countries (Table 1). Together, they will conduct team-based education and provide research guidance for doctoral students. The program focuses on developing three specific career paths: 1) Researchers with world-class research skills. 2) International civil servants with advanced practical skills. 3) Senior government officials in developing countries with world-class policy-making skill

**Table 1.** GNP Cooperative overseas universities, international organizations, and government organizations in developing countries

Partner Universities	Columbia University	International Organization	World Bank
	Dhaka University		UNESCO
	Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva		UNICEF
	George Washington University		OECD
	University of East Anglia		ADB
	National Institute for Oriental Languages and Civilizations, France		IDB
	L'Orientale University of Naples		UNSCAP
	University of Hawaii		IOM
	University of Leuven		UNDP
	Korea University		UNHCR
	Fudan University		JICA
	National University of Laos	Government	Ministry of Education Youth and Sport Cambodia
	University of Airlangga		Office of the Prime Minister, Uganda
	Chiang Mai University		Office of the Prime Minister, Mongolian
	Makerere University		Office of the Prime Minister, Lao PDR
	Kenyatta University		Ministry of Education and Sports of Lao PDR
	University of Malawi		Ministry of Education of Republic Yemen
	University of Cape Town		Ministry of Education of Kenya
	Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study		Ministry of Social Development and Fight Against Hunger, Brazil
			Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Ghana
			Bangladesh Bank

This program offers the following 6 items, and a certificate will be issued to those who complete the items.

- ① Interdisciplinary curriculum
- ② Intensive lectures by partner faculty members / experts in their fields
- ③ Overseas Internships / Overseas Research
- ④ Joint Education and Research Guidance (Colloquium I, II, III)
- ⑤ Presentation at International Conferences
- ⑥ Submission to International Journals

This program provides financial support to those who wish to apply for funding for No. ③, ⑤, ⑥.

**③ Overseas Internships/research**

**Details of support**

1. Round-trip airfare.
2. Monthly allowance (available only to Japanese Citizens or foreign students with permanent residence status).
3. ※ Internship or Overseas research activities proposals must be approved by the applicant's academic supervisor.

※For eligible students, the monthly allowance will be provided by JASSO. As additional procedures are required, students wishing to receive support from JASSO are **strongly encouraged** to plan their research activities well in advance. For example, if the application is submitted in April, successful applicants may be able to begin their research activities from October onward.

**Required document**

- If necessary, you might be asked to send your CV as well.

**⑤ Presentation at international conferences**

**Details of support**

4. Round-trip airfare

※Please consult the GNP office before deciding which conference to present at.

**Required document**

- When available, please submit the conference program information in which the applicant's name is listed.

**⑥ Submission to international journals**

**Details of support**

- Peer review fee, publication fee and open access fees, etc. for papers published as a result of participation in the program.

※To receive support, you must have completed either ①Interdisciplinary curriculum or ② Intensive lectures by partner faculty/experts.

※Please consult your academic supervisor before deciding where to submit your paper.

**Required document**

- Receipt (Peer review fee, Publication fee, open access fees).

**Eligibility:** Doctoral students of the Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies, Kobe University

**Number of participants:** A few students per each category

**Application Procedure:** Applications are scheduled to be held maximum four times a year (April, July, October, January). July and January's applications will be held depending on budget's availability. A call for applications will be sent via email by the GNP Office in the respective months. Please refer to the announcement email for details on the application period and procedures.

**About pre-registration:** if you are considering joining this program, you are required to send a pre-registration form to the GNP Office (GICLS). For further information, please contact us using the contact information listed below.

**Notification of Results:** final decisions will be made based on internal screening, which includes document review and an interview by program committee members.

**Other information:** (1) As the number of students we can support is limited, we encourage you to consult with us as early as possible, even if your conference presentation or other plans have not yet been confirmed; (2) an information session will be held with each call for application, students who want to apply **are required** to join them.

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