

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

2026 Application Guidelines

The Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies (GSICS) and the Graduate School of Intercultural Studies (GICLS) at Kobe University will collaborate with overseas universities, international organizations, and government organizations in developing countries (Table 1). Together, they will foster a collaborative learning environment and provide research guidance for doctoral students. The program provides participating students the opportunity to develop one of three specialist career paths: 1) Researchers with world-leading research capabilities. 2) International civil servants with advanced practical skills and experiences. 3) Senior government officials in developing countries with expertise in policy-making.

Table 1. Overseas partner universities, international organizations, and government organizations in developing countries

Partner Universities	Columbia University	International Organizations	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		UNESCAP	
	University of Hawaii		IOM	
	University of Leuven		UNDP	
	Korea University		UNHCR	
	Fudan University		JICA	
	National University of Laos		ILO	
	University of Airlangga		Government Organizations	Ministry of Education Youth and Sport Cambodia
	Chiang Mai University			Prime Minister of the Republic of Uganda
	Makerere University	Prime Minister of the Mongolian People's Republic		
	Kenyatta University	Prime Minister of Lao PDR		
	University of Malawi	Ministry of Education and Sports of Lao PDR		
	University of Cape Town	Ministry of Education of Republic Yemen		
	Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study	Ministry of Education of Kenya		
	Vietnam National University, Hanoi	Ministry of Social Development and Fight Against Hunger, Brazil		
	Royal University of Phnom Penh	Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Ghana		
	National University of Management	Bangladesh Bank		
	University of the Philippines	Ministry of Finance, Bangladesh		
	University of Ghana			
	University of Salamanca			
	National University of Mongolia			

This program consists of the following six components, which participants are expected to complete sequentially, allowing them to systematically deepen their learning and research through a structured and progressive framework.

Step 1: Interdisciplinary Curriculum

1-1. Core Course: Value Co-creation for Sustainable Development

1-2. Elective Courses related to Sustainable Development and New Value Co-creation

Step 2: Intensive Lectures by Partner Faculty Members and Experts

Step 3: Overseas Internships / Research

Step 4: Joint Education and Research Guidance

4-1. Colloquium I

4-2. Colloquium II

4-3. Colloquium III

* Joint Education and Research Guidance refer to the implementation of Colloquium I–III with the participation of mentors from partner institutions listed in Table 1.

Step 5: Presentation at International Academic Conferences

Step 6: Submission to International Academic Journals

Participation in Steps 3 through 6 is conditional upon the successful completion of Steps 1 and 2. Participants who successfully complete all six steps will be awarded a certificate of completion. Details of the support provided under this program are outlined below.

This program provides financial support for steps 3, 5, and 6.

Step 3 Overseas internships/ research

Details of support

- Round-trip airfare
*Allowance will be provided as a JASSO scholarship (only for Japanese nationality or permanent residency holder)

Step 5 Presentation at international conferences

Details of support

- Round-trip airfare
*Please make sure to consult with us before deciding on the conference at which you will present.

Step 6 Submission to international journals

Details of support

- Publication fee, peer review fee, and open access fees, etc.
*Please make sure to consult with us before deciding on the journal to which you will submit.

Eligibility

Doctoral students currently enrolled in the Graduate School of Intercultural Studies, Kobe University

Number of Participants

A few students for each type of support

Application Procedure

The call for applications is scheduled to be held four times a year (April, July, October, and January). However, the April and October calls are confirmed, while the July and January calls will be decided depending on the budget situation. Details regarding the application procedure and required documents will be announced by email each time. Please follow the instructions provided and submit the required documents by the specified deadline. GNP information sessions are held irregularly, and details such as the date and time will be announced by email.

Notification of Results

Applicants will be notified of the results by email after the internal selection process.

As the number of recipients 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.

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