

Kansai Gaidai University Asian Studies Program

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Kansai Gaidai Internship Program Launched in 2015

The Kansai Gaidai Asian Studies Program has launched the Kansai Gaidai Internship Program (KGIP) for its international students. This is in most cases a one-month internship at Japanese companies and local schools. The list of sites includes major manufacturing companies, banks and security firms, IT companies, hotels and local schools.

In Japan, internships are rarely offered due to the elaborate hiring process used by most Japanese firms. However Kansai Gaidai has been able to create an innovative internship program for its international students. This hands-on educational experience is one of the main themes the university intends to aggressively pursue in the coming years.

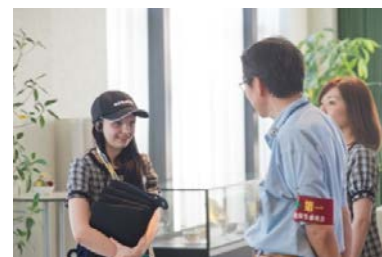
Kansai Gaidai hosts nearly 700 students from all over the world every year. We offer our exchange students a variety of experiences beyond the classroom such as cultural activities and educational field trips. The KGIP has added a unique opportunity to experience and learn firsthand about the Japanese work environment as well as educational organizations.

- The KGIP is a summer program that starts immediately after the spring semester ends in late May. Students can apply for credit to their home universities.
- The internships are unpaid.
- Kansai Gaidai University offers very reasonably priced housing for its interns in the school dorms for the duration of the internship in most cases.
- Special preparatory seminars are created to help students develop their understanding on what to expect during the internship and on Japanese business etiquette so that the internship experience is a positive one for all of our participants.
- Students are required to keep a log of their experiences while an intern.

We have placed for the summer of 2015 twenty eight foreign students in our internship program. Thirteen students were placed with businesses and fifteen in the school internship program.

Companies who accepted interns in 2015*

Daikin Industries, Ltd.
Fusion Systems Japan Co., Ltd.
Hanshin Electric Railway Co.,Ltd
HealthyIM K.K.
Komatsu Ltd.
Kubota Corporation
Rhiga Royal Hotels (Osaka)
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation
SMBC Nikko Securities Inc



**Host companies may change without prior notice each year.*

With the initial success of the 2015 program we will offer the KGIP again for the summer of 2016. We intend to add more Japanese companies to our list of partners and offer the internship program for the local schools again as well. Students who are enrolled at Kansai Gaidai for the spring 2016 semester will be eligible to apply for the KGIP for that following summer. We expect that the internship assignments will be competitive. Please note that for most of the business internships the host companies expect a strong level of Japanese.

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