

ISE and JAPAN STUDY PROGRAM SPRING 2018

An Invitation for s Short-term Study Abroad in the “Ise and Japan” Program

Call for Participation

Duration : February 19,2018 (Monday) to March 9, 2018(Friday)

Application Period: October 2, 2017(Monday) to November 30, 2017(Thursday)

Office hours: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

[Excluding Saturdays,Sundays and public holidays]

- The program is run in collaboration with Ise city.

See the Kogakkan University website (<http://ise-japan.kogakkan-u.ac.jp/>) for more information.

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1. Aims

By learning through this program, the participants will deepen their understanding not only about Japan in general but specifically about Ise. Also, through the real-time internet communication published by the participants, the profile of Ise in the world will be raised.

2. Eligibility of applicant

Foreign nationals from the western cultural sphere who satisfy one of the following conditions and agree with the aims of the program:

- A student in a graduate school (either master or doctoral course) in the western cultural sphere;
- A person who has either master or doctor degree; or
- A foreign national from the western cultural sphere who is currently enrolled in graduate school (either master or doctoral course) in Japan.

3. Requirements

An applicant must satisfy all the following requirements:

(1) To be able to submit a letter of recommendation from the graduate school where the applicant is studying at/graduated from or the applicant's academic supervisor of the graduate school where the applicant is studying at/graduated from or a person equivalent of that standing.

(2) To be able to understand classes in Japanese language.

(3) To be able to write and post messages about Ise in his/her own blog/SNSs, etc. in English or his/her native language at least once a day and be able to explain the contents in Japanese.

- To be able to bring his/her own communication device (laptop, smart phone etc.) to post messages regarding Ise.

- To be able to create a report in English or his/her native language with Japanese translation of the gist of the contents. It is desirable that the applicant can put out the content of the report once he/she returned to his/her country and university etc. after completing the program.

(4) A participant participating from abroad must be covered by travel insurance. Those already living in Japan must be covered by Japanese Kenko Hoken medical insurance.

4. Number of participants (preliminary)

- 10 participants from the western cultural sphere
- 4 participants already living and studying in Japan

5. Program period and date of arrival

The program runs 19 days from 19 February 2018 (Mon) to 9 March 2018 (Fri).

- Selected participants to arrive at the designated accommodation in Ise city, Mie prefecture on either 17 (Sat) or 18 (Sun) February 2018.

6. Expenses paid

(1) Travel

A. Participants living in a country of the western cultural sphere

Return air ticket (economy class) and return train fare between either Chubu or Kansai International Airports and the designated accommodation in Ise city, Mie prefecture

B. Participants living in Japan

Return train fare between the nearest train station from home and the designated accommodation in Ise city, Mie prefecture

Note: Travel expense is only provided for the cost directly related to the program. The air ticket will be arranged by the University.

(2) Accommodation

Accommodation and food will be provided from the arrival at the designated accommodation in Ise city, Mie prefecture till the end of the program.

- The participants will be staying at Kogakkan Kaikan operated by the University.

Note: The participants will be staying a hotel in Nara on 4 March 2018 (Sun). This itinerary might change.

(3) Others

- Cost for welcome and farewell parties
- Transportation cost for group activities, etc. (mainly bus fare)

7. Application procedure

An applicant must submit necessary documents described in (1) below to the International Exchange Desk at the University (Kokusai-koryu tanto, Kogakkan University) before 17:00 of 30 November 2017 (Thu). All the documents must be of A4 size. Please download the application form from the “Latest News” page of the University’s website (<http://www.kogakkan-u.ac.jp/>) and fill in the form, referring to the candidate selection criteria described in 8. Selection and notice of the selection result below.

(1) Application documents

A. Application form

- Completed application form (Form type 1).

B. A letter of recommendation

- A letter of recommendation from the applicant’s graduate school where the applicant is studying at/graduated from, the applicant’s academic supervisor of the graduate school where the applicant is studying at/graduated from, or a person equivalent of that standing. Any form is acceptable.

(2) Number of copies to be submitted

Please send the original copy of the application and the letter of recommendation by post to the address below, as well as a copy of each document in PDF format to the email address below.

(3) Application opening

2 October 2017 (Mon) - 30 November 2017 (Thu).

(4) Postal address and Email address

International Exchange Desk, Kogakkan University, 1704 Kodakushimotocho, Ise city
516-85555

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8. Selection and notification of the selection result

(1) Selection

The selection will be made in the International Exchange Committee of the University, according to the selection criteria described below:

[Selection criteria]

- a. To be able to advance understanding and knowledge of Ise as well as Japan in general
- b. Highly motivated, capable and showing aptitude of active involvement

c. Capable of smooth communication and preparation before arriving at Japan

(2) Notification of the selection result

The selection result will be notified by email to each candidate. The notification is planned to be between 8 December 2017 (Fri) and 12 December 2016 (Thu); however, if you did not receive it during the period, please enquire at the contact of this program.

10. Duties of the program participants

(1) The participants must attend all the activities in the program.

(2) The participants must concentrate on the activities offered in the program and do not take up any other activities, regardless of the financial reward, during the program.

(3) The participants must attend other related events during the program if participation is requested.

(4) The participants must write and post messages about Ise in his/her own blog/SNSs etc. in English or his/her native language at least once a day.

(5) The participants must submit the report on the final day of the program (9 March 2018). The format of the report will be explained when the program starts.

11. Personal information

Personal information contained in the application documents will be strictly managed in accordance with the University's "Personal Information Protection Rules" and only be used for the purpose of the program.

Participants' name, age, sex, nationality, currently enrolled/graduated university and his/her report will be published. The participants may be asked for further cooperation to improve the program.

12. Other points to notice

(1) An application that does not meet the stated requirement will not be accepted.

(2) Please comply with the instructions and measures of the University in case of any problem arising during the program.

13. Contact

(1) Contact persons

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(3) Office hours

Weekdays (Mon - Fri), 9:00 - 17:00,

● If the contact persons are not available, please contact us by email.