

2024 Internship Program



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If you just take that first
step, you can find so much out
about what you want do!

Faculty of Humanities, Department of Psychology 3rd year



I think all that you need is a
little bit of courage to apply.
After that you just follow the
path and enjoy everything.

Faculty of Engineering, Department of Mechanical and
Electrical Systems Engineering 3rd year



I learned so much about
myself by participating in
an internship.

Faculty of Economics and Business Administration,
Department of Economics 2nd Year



What is an internship?

Internships are broadly defined as “work experience related to one’s major or future career undertaken while still in school”. In recent years, the number of companies offering internships has been increasing, and most of them are held during long vacation periods such as summer and winter breaks.

What makes the KUAS Internship Program different?



I applied to this program to broaden my horizons and figure out what kind of job I wanted to do in the future.

Faculty of Humanities, Department of Japanese History and Cultural Studies 3rd year

Participants:

Over **200**

Partner Institutions:

Over **150**

Approx.

45%

of all KUAS students
participate!

(*as of 2023)

Program Overview

Purpose

To prepare students for a globalized society

Period

August to September within summer vacation

Programs



Overseas Program

(Working experience at an overseas branch office or local business)



Domestic Program

(Working experience at an office in Japan)

Remuneration

Typically unpaid



Faculty of Engineering, Department of Mechanical and Electrical Systems Engineering 3rd year

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Program Schedule

→ Information Session

Uzumasa Campus

Tuesday, March 26 12:00~12:30 N303AB (Japanese)
 14:00~14:40 S307 (English)
 Friday, March 29 11:00~11:30 N404AB (Japanese)
 12:00~12:30 N404AB (Japanese)

Kameoka Campus

Tuesday, March 26 12:00~12:30 Y32 (Japanese)
 Monday, April 1 12:00~12:30 Y32 (Japanese)

→ Application and Selection

Access the dedicated Internship Portal Site to find out more information about partner institutions, and decide on the program you would like to participate in.

Application Deadline: Friday, May 10



Start



April
4



May
5



June
6



July
7



→ Preliminary Lessons

Planned Dates: June 15(PM), June 29(AM), July 6(AM), July 20(AM)

* All lessons take place on Saturday

Students undertaking domestic programs pick up the skills and mindset necessary for the Japanese workplace, such as company/industry research, what it means to be a worker, and business manners. Students participating in overseas programs additionally learn about foreign cultures and prepare for travel abroad.

Students also gain an opportunity to level-up themselves in preparation for their placements through discussions with other students across year groups and faculties.



The Preliminary Lessons were very useful. By thoroughly researching our placement institutions and understanding the business before going, we were able to learn and gain more for our time in-person.

Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Department of Economics 3rd year

→ Internship

The internships are primarily held over the course of the Summer vacation. Through domestic programs, students are given the opportunity to apply the skills gained during the Preliminary Lessons and discover their strengths and areas for improvement in preparation for entering the workforce. The overseas programs provide students a chance to travel abroad and gain further insight into work culture abroad, experiencing the differences in thought and picking up skills required to become a “global talent”.

Planned Date: August 9 ~ September 6

→ Follow-up Lesson

Students share and reflect upon their internship experiences and prepare for the Final Presentation.

Planned Date: Late-September

August
8

September
9

October
10



Goal!



→ Final Presentation

Planned Date: Mid-October

The culmination of the internship program, students are given the opportunity to present their experiences and reflections. It also provides a crucial opportunity to carry their experience forward, as they hear the presentations of their fellow participants and receive feedback from both business representatives and KUAS staff.



By looking back on my internship in preparation for our Final Presentations, I was able to make new discoveries and grow even further.

Faculty of Engineering, Department of Mechanical and Electrical Systems Engineering 3rd year

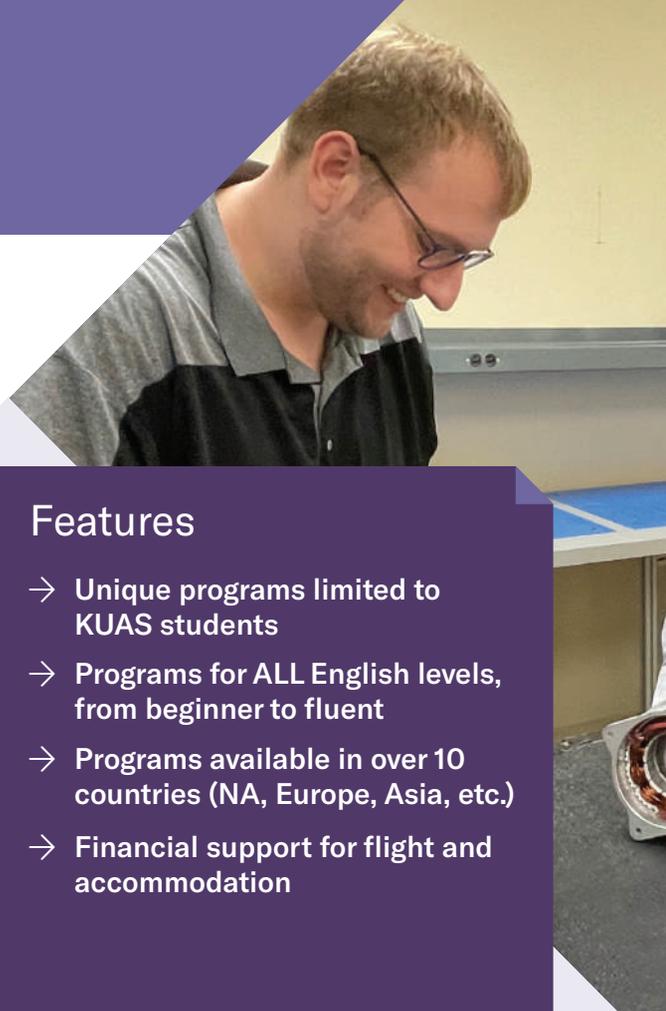
✈ Overseas Program

Take your first step
as a global citizen!

- ✔ Travel abroad
- ✔ Experience local workplaces
- ✔ Collaborate with internationally-minded professionals
- ✔ Expand your horizons

Features

- Unique programs limited to KUAS students
- Programs for ALL English levels, from beginner to fluent
- Programs available in over 10 countries (NA, Europe, Asia, etc.)
- Financial support for flight and accommodation





Domestic Program

Acquire foundational skills as a working professional!

Features

- Numerous special programs, both exclusively for KUAS students and held jointly with students from other universities!
- Programs tailored to match student interests and specializations
- Over 200 participants per year in over 150 companies!
- Various locations available, primarily centered around the Kansai area

- ✔ Test your skills in your field of expertise
- ✔ Practice business manners onsite
- ✔ Find your areas for further development
- ✔ Gain a better understanding about different jobs and industries



Vietnam



Rina Aoki

Faculty of Engineering
Department of Mechanical and Electrical
Systems Engineering
3rd Year

Ririka Handa

Faculty of Engineering
Department of Mechanical and Electrical
Systems Engineering
3rd Year

There was a lot to learn from the point of view of an engineer.

About the Internship

Q: Why did you decide to take part in the internship program?



A: I have a goal to be active on the world stage in the future, but I didn't really know how to go about doing it. Through my internship I wanted to gain experience to know what it's like to work abroad.



A: First of all, I felt that my skills and knowledge as an engineer were lacking. Through this internship I wanted to learn about not only motors and engineering, but also about what its like to work abroad.





Q: What did you do during your internship?

A: During the two weeks we were at the company we were able to visit a number of different departments, not only those related to engineering but also others, such as the procurement and accounting departments. We also had a chance to do line work on the factory floor, from assembly to inspection, which gave us a sense of the entire process of how a motor is created.



Q: What left the biggest impression on you during your internship?

A: I was only able to go to the Vietnamese office within the Nidec Group, so I can only speculate as to the differences to the Japanese office, however I was given the impression that they really value communication. Especially since it is an overseas office of a Japanese company, there are going to be situations in which the language barrier becomes an issue. However, the Japanese posted staff had a great rapport with the local staff, and I think that's the result of putting a lot of weight on communication.



A: On the factory floor, we had the task of placing 1-millimeter springs into parts with a width of 1 or 2 centimeters. I'm a bit clumsy, so it was a little hard for me, however by actually performing this kind of precise task, there was a lot to learn from the point of view of an engineer.

Life in Vietnam



Q: What was your impression of Vietnam?

A: I thought Vietnamese people were really kind! For example, during our lunch break we had a menu to choose from, however it was full of things that I had no idea what they were so I felt at a bit of a loss. Some of the local staff would then proactively assist me, so I felt that my placement was full of people who were looking out for me. Even on our days off the staff also showed us around, which was great.



A: Everyone treated us so warmly. On the Friday after work they invited us to a party. I think that out of all of the partner institutions, ours had the best, most friendly environment.



Q: How did you spend your days off?

A: We didn't really know much about Vietnam, so we relied on the internet to find different places to go. We found a really good pasta restaurant, and even wound up going there twice! Vietnam also has a lot of massage parlors, so we wound up going there as well.



A: We went to a zoo on our day off. I was surprised at the difference in how animals are shown compared to Japan.



Q: What message do you have for students who are thinking about applying for an overseas internship?

A: I was a bit nervous about applying for an internship overseas, however if you're interested in going abroad in the future, I think you should challenge yourself and give it a try. I think I gained a lot and grew as a person as a result of this internship.



Internship details

About Nidec Vietnam Corporation

Established in Kyoto in 1973, Nidec is the world's No. 1 comprehensive motor manufacturer. With close association with 300 group companies across the globe, they handle "everything that spins and moves", miniature to gigantic. Nidec Vietnam Corporation specializes in the production of fan motors.



Overseas Program



New Zealand

Interview video



Kai Morishita

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Technology
3rd Year

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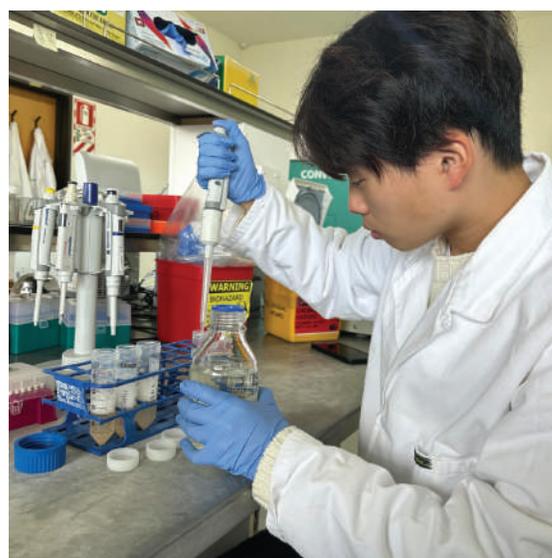
About the Internship

Q: Tell us about why you enrolled at KUAS, and why you decided to participate in an internship.

A: KUAS has a very comprehensive English curriculum, and I enrolled hoping to improve my English ability. Throughout my time here I have studied a wide range of programs, been blessed with incredible teachers, and was even able to challenge myself by participating in an internship abroad. These experiences have allowed my English to improve immensely.

Q: Tell us about your internship placement.

A: AgResearch is a crown research institution focusing on agriculture in New Zealand. It is a very multinational environment with skilled researchers from all around 



⑦ the world, all working to solve the country's various agricultural issues. I am very interested in researching mushrooms and fungi, and I applied to intern at AgResearch after learning that they have a research team dedicated to fungi.

All of the researchers there were extremely friendly and would always spend breaks and lunchtime together. In part thanks to the multicultural environment, despite it being my first time abroad and with little English they welcomed me warmly and I was able to have a very fulfilling experience.

Q: What did you do during your internship?

A: My internship can be broken up into 3 main components. First was researching a variety of fungus found in grasses, which was the area that I was most interested in. Second was researching bacteria found in vegetables, and finally I also conducted DNA extraction and sequencing.

Surprisingly, the DNA-related component of my internship left the biggest impression on me. I had only performed DNA extraction once before and had only learned the theory behind DNA sequencing without ever having performed it myself. Being able to take in research that not only revisited topics studied at university but then also built on them further was a very refreshing experience. This experience fostered a newfound interest in DNA research in me, and I am grateful for the opportunity to discover a new area of interest for me to pursue further.



Life in New Zealand

Q: What was your impression of New Zealand?

A: I feel it was a comfortable country to live in. The climate, at least in winter, was very similar to Kyoto, and partially thanks to it being such a multicultural country I did not experience any culture shock despite it being my first time abroad. There were restaurants with all kinds of cuisines, including Japanese food that was a little different to home but still very delicious, and I never felt out of place as a Japanese person.

Q: Tell us about your homestay experience.

A: I was welcomed into the home of one of the researchers as a homestay. He was originally from Ghana and lived with his wife and 2 young children. In spite of their busy lives they welcomed me into their home and initially I had thought to be proactive in spending my free time so as to not cause them any hassle. However, on the weekends they instead went out of their way to take me to see the town and tourist sites. They even took me to local restaurants and parks, places they often go visit as a family, and I was really happy that they treated me like family.

Q: Please provide a message to students looking to participate in an overseas internship!

A: Even if you are worried about your skills and abilities, if you are at all interested in an internship you should just go for it! In the beginning I was also hesitant about participating, but thanks to the university's support and the kindness of the people at AgResearch I was able to have a very fulfilling experience. I made so many wonderful memories and am extremely glad to have gone.

Internship details About AgResearch

One of New Zealand's 7 Crown Research Institutes (CRIs), specifically tasked with conducting research into the country's agricultural issues. Supporting New Zealand's agriculture sector, which is also the nation's largest export, AgResearch researches solutions aimed at improving productivity, profitability and sustainability.



Domestic Program



Nur Amitov

Faculty of Engineering
Department of Mechanical and Electrical
Systems Engineering
2nd Year
Home Country: Kazakhstan

Q: What kind of company is Fukui Megane Industry?

A: Fukui Megane is located in Sabae, which is a bit north of Kyoto. It's a part of EssilorLuxottica, a global leader in eyewear production and manufacturing. I would say it's a company with a nice work culture, and it has a mix of Japanese and international employees.

Q: What did you do at your internship?

A: I was assigned to a team with a student from another university and a tutor from the company. Working together we needed to design a "spaghetti chart" that included all inputs and outputs regarding the titanium production of eyewear. Beforehand, I had no knowledge of what a spaghetti chart was or much of anything about titanium production or the eyewear industry. I was very impressed but the amount of processes used in titanium production. We had to learn how to make very simple yet effective charts for people to understand.

Q: What skills did you develop during your Internship?

A: I was able to develop my time management. Often time my mentor and others I needed to be in communication with were occupied with tasks, so when I had a chance to speak with them I needed to be clear and concise so that my mentor could know where I needed support.

Q: What advice would you give to your fellow students who are considering taking part in an internship?

A: It might sound a bit scary or difficult for someone to do an internship, but it's a good challenge to be able to test your abilities and improve them. Everyone should try to do it if they have a chance. I think everyone's image of their future will become clearer.



Internship details

About Fukui Megane Industry part of EssilorLuxottica

Located in the heart of Japan's eyeglasses manufacturing hub in Sabae City, Fukui Prefecture, this company is part of EssilorLuxottica group – the eyewear industry's largest company. They hosted an internship with 4 KUAS international students along with students from other universities across Japan.

Q: Why did you decide to take part in the internship program?

A: One of my professors advised me to improve my critical thinking skills by participating in an internship, so I decided to join the program. I chose Deloitte Tohmatsu Consulting specifically because being able to think logically was an important part their program.

Q: What did you do during your internship?

A: There were mainly three tasks that we had. Over the two weeks of the internship, we were assigned hypothetical client's cases in groups, then we had a course on the critical thinking skills to solve said cases, and then finally we had a roundtable discussion with young consultants and project leaders. It was a very fulfilling two weeks.

Q: What left the biggest impression on you during your internship?

A: The course we had on logic and critical thinking left the biggest impact on me. I felt that the contents of the course included many things that will be important in my future working life. I'm still reading books based on what we did then!

Q: Have you noticed anything that changed about you after this internship?

A: After the internship I realized that when tackling a problem, it's best not to rush headfirst into it, but rather delve into the underlying issues. I have a lot of chances to encounter different problems that need to be solved, whether that be in my part-time job or my coursework, so I've noticed that I've been able to approach things more logically.



Kanki Hayaishi

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3rd year

Internship details

Deloitte Tohmatsu Consulting LLC

Part of globally recognized Deloitte Group, the firm provides business services from strategic proposals and development to implementation. In addition to offering services for client growth, the firm also aims to solve social issues and develop new industries.



Taro Shinohara

Faculty of Economics and
Business Administration
Department of Economics
3rd year

Q: Why did you decide to take part in the internship program?

A: During one of the practical projects in my second-year classes I became interested in the internship program. In that project we worked with the Kyoto City Tourism Association to come up with ideas to attract Gen-Z visitors to different sightseeing attractions in Kyoto City. Through that project I became interested in the tourism industry and decided that I wanted to do an internship at JTB Corp.

Q: What did you do during your internship?

A: We were primarily tasked with helping to run the "Kyo no Tanabata" event in Uji City. The event had many inbound visitors, so the ability to communicate in a different language and be attentive to said visitors was emphasized.

Q: Please tell us about your plans for the future.

A: I want to work in sales in the future. Through this internship I improved my communication and people skills which I hope will help me out in my future career.

Internship details
About JTB Corp.

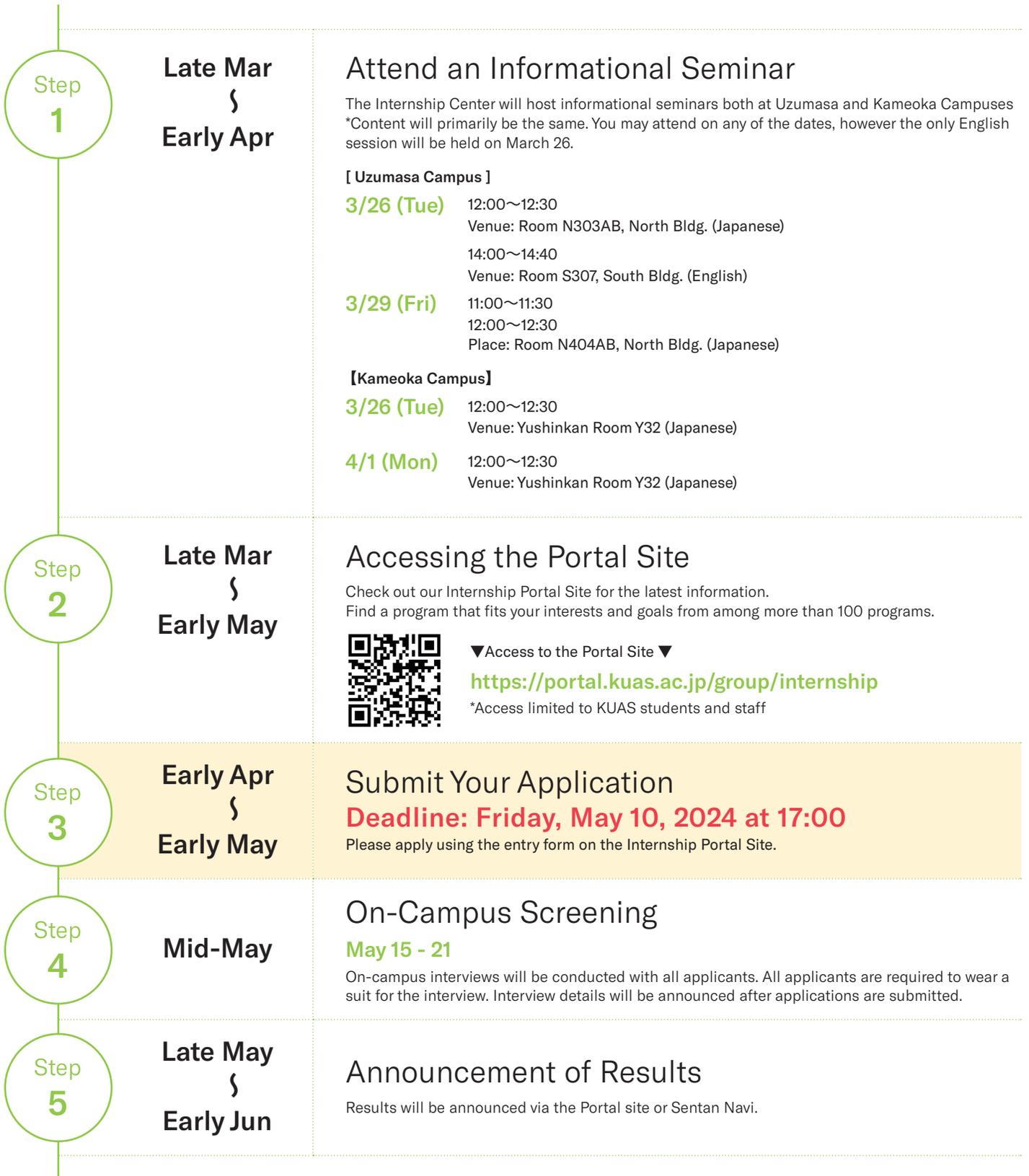
Founded in 1912, JTB aims to provide value to customers not only through making travel arrangements, but also by creating new business models and solutions to offer to businesses and institutions. This internship was focused on the business of working with such organizations.

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Interviews
Video playlist





How to Apply





Q&A



< Overall Program >

Q: Who can participate?

A: Students from all grades and faculties are eligible, including master's and international students. Please check internship placement language requirements on the Internship Portal Site.

Q: I have participated in this program once before, can I participate again?

A: There is no limit to the number of times you can participate in the program, however you can only receive credit for it up to 2 times.

Q: Can I get credit for participation?

A: This is a regular course, so it is eligible for credit, however the received amount of credits varies according to faculty. For details, please refer to the course outline and syllabus.

Q: Can I participate in just the internship component?

A: **It is not possible to only participate in the internship itself.** Attendance at the preliminary and follow-up lessons are required, as well as the submission of assignments. Permission to participate in the internship component may be revoked based on completion of the preliminary lessons and assignments.

Q: I have a part-time job, can I still participate?

A: Yes, but please schedule accordingly so that it does not interfere with the program.

< Selection & Lessons >

Q: I would like to participate in the program, but I am not sure which company to apply to.

A: It is possible to book a consultation with the Internship Division for advice. Details on how to make a booking will be sent via Sentan Navi and the Internship Portal Site. Walk-in consultations will also be permitted depending on staff availability.

Q: How do I apply?

A: Please apply through the Internship Portal Site. To access the Portal Site, please use the link or QR Code posted on page 16.

Q: What is taught in the preliminary classes?

A: Students will learn necessary business manners and techniques for researching companies and industries before embarking on their internship.

Q: What should I be careful of before applying?

A: Please be sure that the dates of the internship component do not overlap with any intensive courses taken during summer.

Q: How is the selection process conducted?

A: We will provide detailed information after the submission of applications, however a group interview is planned to be conducted.

Q: What will we do during the preliminary lessons?

A: Contents include doing company and industry research and using Japanese business manners. Some aspects of the course contents may vary depending on student's enrollment in the Domestic or Overseas program. Some of the contents may be provided in English, as well as Japanese.

< Internship Period >

Q: What are the dates for the internship component?

A: A: The dates and duration vary depending on the partner institutions. Please check the information posted by each company on the Portal Site.

(Some partner institutions will confirm the specific period at a later date)

Q: How much does it cost to participate?

A: The following fees are to be borne by the participant

Overseas: Airfare to the destination, accommodation, travel insurance

Approx. 150,000~400,000 yen

(costs vary depending on location, however the university plans to offer some financial support)

Domestic: Transportation, meals, and possibly accommodation (in far distant placements)

Some costs may be compensated depending on the partner institution.

Q: What can I do to start preparing to participate in the Overseas Internship Program?

A: ① **Passport application or renewal**

To travel abroad, it is necessary to possess a valid passport. Students that do not yet have a passport are requested to apply for one as soon as possible, as well as those with less than 1-year of validity remaining.

② **Prepare a credit card in your own name**

A credit card is often required on some overseas placements, so students are requested to prepare a valid VISA or Mastercard before departing on the program.

Please contact the Internship Division if you have any further questions or concerns.



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