

For international students applying for the GCDP through KIT (2025 Autumn Intake)

This is an important notice for students who meet all of the following conditions:

- non-Japanese nationality
- enrolled in KIT from autumn
- joining GCDP through the KIT entrance examination.

In order to be better prepared, please be sure to read all the below information prior to applying.

Once you have passed the KIT entrance examination, you will be enrolled as a double degree student in both KIT and UAL and join the GCDP. For convenience, students who join the program through KIT are called “KIT students” and students who join through UAL are called “UAL students”.

1. Overall schedule (tentative)

Please keep the below schedule in mind and ensure you make the necessary preparations well in advance.

- September 22 - 26: Welcome week
- September 29: GCDP classes begin
- September 25: Orientation for international students by International Affairs Office
- Between November 21 and 24: KIT students travel to London and then study physically with UAL students (starting on November 25)
- Between March 24 and April 2: UAL and KIT students travel back to Kyoto together (UAL students will stay in Kyoto until the end of the last class of the spring term, i.e., the end of July)
- KIT students continue studying in Kyoto.

2. Financial Assistance

- Students without Japanese nationality are eligible for scholarship programs to study abroad (outside Japan), which are offered by/through KIT. The period of scholarship is limited to 3 months.
- Scholarship amount depends on the GPA of the previous academic year.
 - GPA of 2.3 points or more: JPY 150,000 x 3 months plus JPY 200,000 travel grant
 - GPA of 2.0-2.29: JPY 30,000 x 3 months
 - GPA less than 2.0: No scholarship

Please note that the GPA is calculated using a specific method.

- Use the chart below to calculate your JASSO and KIT Scholarship GPA.*

4-Level Evaluation		Excellent	Good	Pass	Fail
4-Level Evaluation		A	B	C	F
4-Level Evaluation		100-80 pts.	79-70 pts.	69-60 pts.	59-0 pts.
5-Level Evaluation	100-90 pts.	89-80 pts.	79-70 pts.	69-60 pts.	59-0 pts.
5-Level Evaluation	S	A	B	C	F
5-Level Evaluation	A	B	C	D	F
Grade Points	3	3	2	1	0

* If a credit system is not used at the institution concerned, convert each class to one credit.

<Calculation Formula>

$$\frac{[(\text{Number of grade 3 credits} \times 3) + (\text{Number of grade 2 credits} \times 2) + (\text{Number of grade 1 credits} \times 1) + (\text{Number of grade 0 credits} \times 0)]}{\text{Total Number of Credits}}$$

For more details, please contact the Student Exchange Services (ses@jim.kit.ac.jp).

- For tuition exemption at KIT, please visit:

https://www.kit.ac.jp/en/prospective_student/life_fee/

3. Housing in Kyoto

Although availability is not guaranteed, international students are eligible to apply for the KIT International House (*Marikoji Kaikan*), under the following conditions:

- In order to live in the *Marikoji Kaikan*, students must have (or are in the process of applying for) a “student” residence status in Japan.
- The stay period in the *Marikoji Kaikan* is only from the beginning of the program, i.e., the end of September of GCDP 1st year until your departure to London. You will not be allowed to keep a room during your stay in London nor staying again after coming back from London.
- Consultation regarding off campus accommodation is available through UniLife.

<https://www.kit.ac.jp/en/facilities-services/accommodation/#content05>

4. Residence status & visa in Japan

<For those who currently live in Japan and need to change their residence status to “student”>

1. Complete the enrollment procedures based on the guidance provided by KIT together with the letter of acceptance.
2. Contact the Student Exchange Services (ses@jim.kit.ac.jp). Upon completion of the enrollment procedures, Student Exchange Services will issue a document (the “organization” part of the Application for Change of Status of Residence). You will be required to apply at the Immigration Bureau in Japan with the necessary documents.

<For those who are newly coming to Japan upon enrollment in GCDP>

1. Complete the enrollment procedures based on the guidance provided by KIT together with the letter of acceptance.
2. Contact the Student Exchange Services (ses@jim.kit.ac.jp) to start the procedures in order to obtain a CoE (Certificate of Eligibility).

Note: Because of the complexity of the procedures involved, it is possible that successful applicants will not receive the necessary visas in time to attend classes in person as normally required. Prospective applicants who are not Japanese nationals should consult with the course leader in advance.

For more details, please visit the website of the Immigration Services Agency, Japan:

<https://www.moj.go.jp/isa/applications/status/student.html?hl=en>

5. UK Visa

During this program, you will stay in London for approximately 4 months. Depending on your nationality, a visa may be required to enter the UK.

It is your own responsibility to check whether a visa is required and complete all necessary procedures.

Be sure to check the website below and complete the procedures as soon as you pass the entrance exam.

<https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor/visit-to-study>

If you need to obtain a Japanese residence status or change your status to “student”, be sure to complete the process prior to applying for a UK visa.