Top Global University Project

Top Global University Project is a funding project that aims to enhance the international compatibility and competitiveness of higher education in Japan. It provides prioritized support for the world-class and innovative universities that lead the internationalization of Japanese universities. Selected universities are expected to press forward with comprehensive internationalization and university reform.

- **Type A (Top Type)**: The Top Type is for world-class universities that have the potential to be ranked in the top 100 in world university rankings.
- **Type B (Global Traction Type)**: The Global Traction Type is for innovative universities that lead the internationalization of Japanese society, based on continuous improvement of their current efforts.

Kanazawa University was selected for the Top Global University Project by MEXT. The university aims to powerfully promote educational reforms based on the ‘Kanazawa University “Global” Standard’ which defines the human resources trained at the university, as well as the internationalization of faculty and staff, and strive to establish the Kanazawa University brand. Moreover, the university will establish the “Kanazawa University Model” for training global human resources, lead not only the Hokuriku region but Japan toward globalization, and nurture the leaders of this knowledge-based society.

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The specific vision of human resources trained at KU in the ever-globalizing international society of the present, in order to manifest the basic educational goals set in the university charter.

To train human resources equipped with physical strength, resilience and the following abilities, who can actively fulfill his/her duties as a member of the human race in the international society, and tackle the present problems fearlessly as the core leader of the society.

1. Know one’s own position: The ability to proactively grasp, with a sharp sense of ethics and scientific knowledge, one’s position and mission in historiographical time and geopolitical space of the human race.
2. Know and train oneself: The ability to know oneself, to challenge the limits, and to relentlessly polish and heighten one’s human power through intellectual adventure and physical and mental training.
3. Express thoughts and values: The ability to clearly present concepts and ideas using structured logic and language expression and to appropriately relay one’s opinions and values to others.
4. Connect with the world: The ability to actively get involved with the world through coexistence with different cultures by deep empathy for the others and pride and awareness in individual’s own culture.
5. Tackle future problems: The ability to tackle future problems by making a comprehensive forecast of the future of the Earth, mankind, international community and Japan, from multilateral viewpoints including the situation surrounding technology, environmental changes, and sustainability.

In order to realize KUGS, GS Course Groups will be established with courses that are in accordance with the ideals of KUGS. They will be made of GS courses, GS language courses, GS undergraduate courses, and GS graduate courses, and will train through undergraduate and graduate courses the human resources at KU equipped with the abilities listed in KUGS.

English Language Programs

English Language Programs for the students, faculty, and staff will be conducted with cooperation of Tufts University. This is to reinforce the English fluency of the entire university community through small-class English training under native-speaking instructors who are experts of the language.

Students
- English Improvement Training

Faculties
- Academic English Training

Staffs
- Business English Training

The purpose of this program is for the students to recognize the importance of physical and mental strength, to accept diverse ways of thinking, and to become aware that they are members of the society. Students are expected to complete one of the two programs by the time of graduation. Through activities on and outside of campus, the program aims to nurture human power to survive in the international society of the future.

Worldwide Network

Kanazawa University will establish 5 overseas bases (3 in Europe, 2 in Asia) in accordance with the prioritized research and past exchanges. We will work to improve the quality and quantity of exchanges, with assumption of possibly developing overseas campuses.