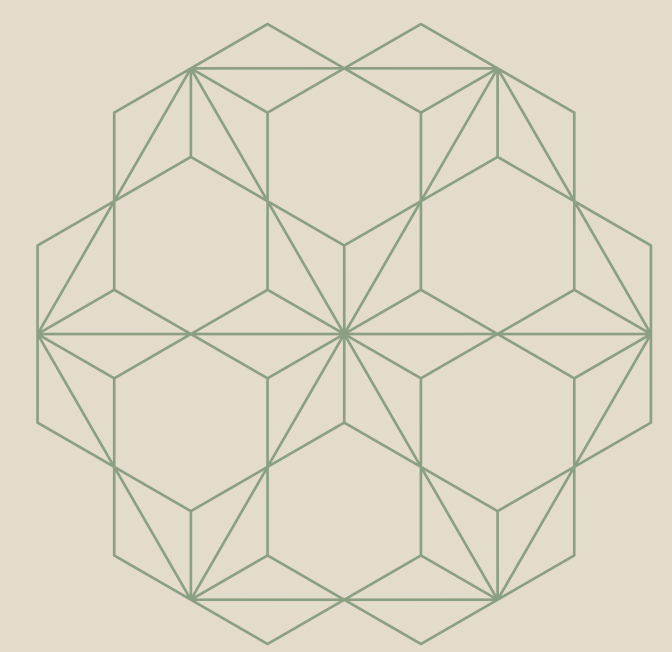
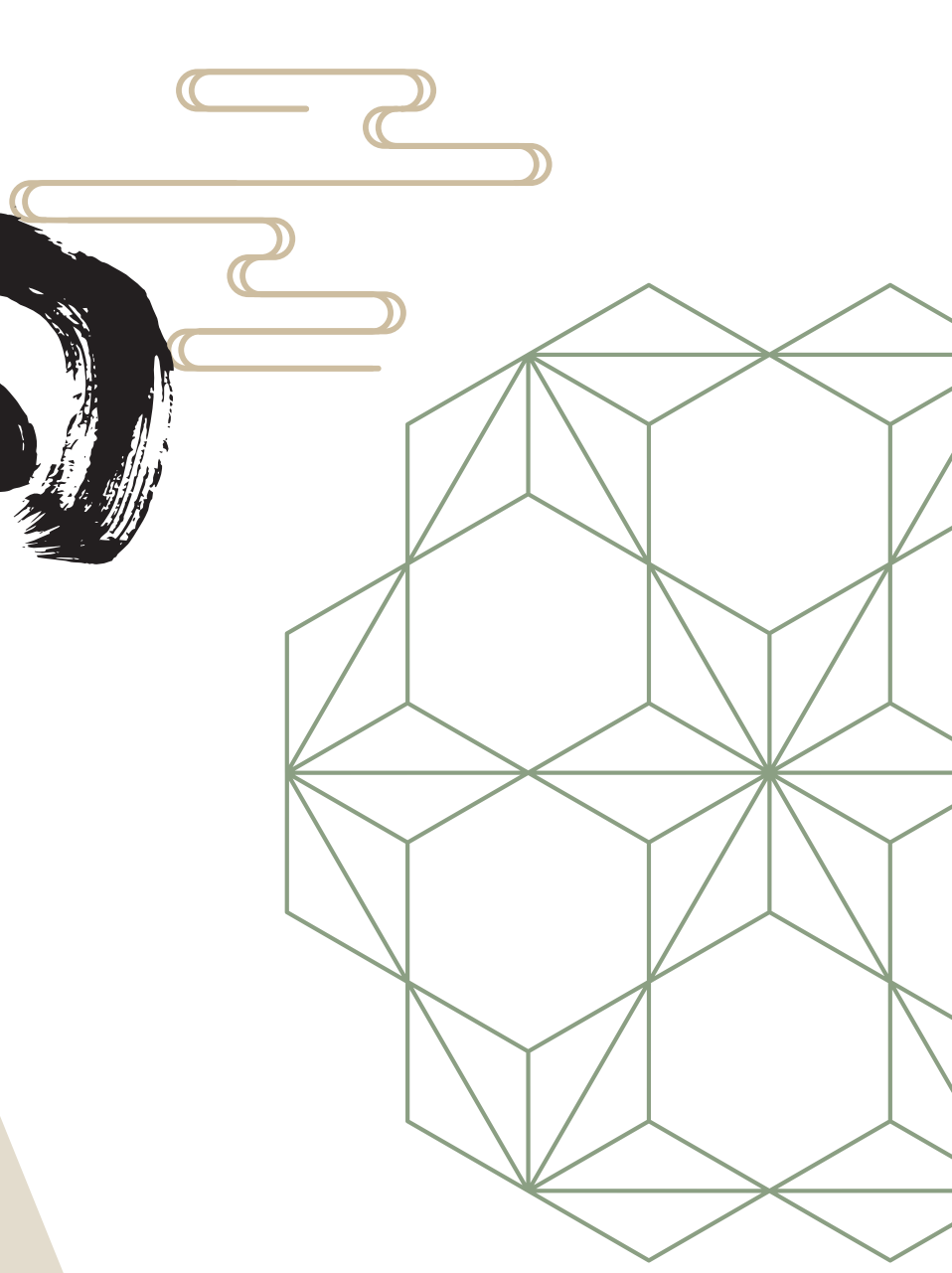


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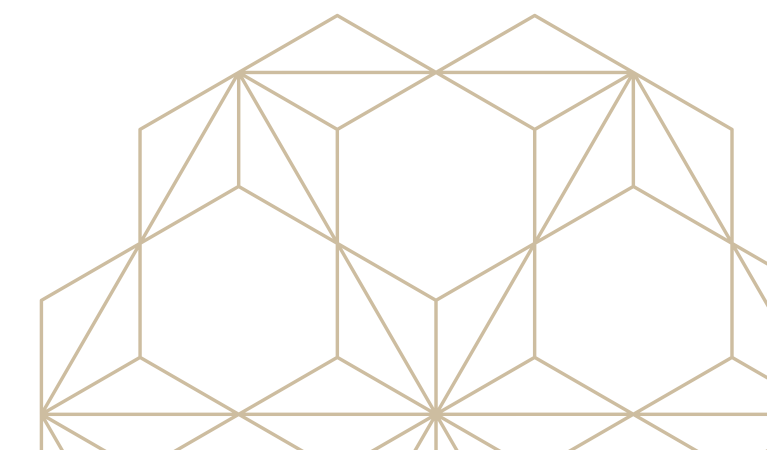


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Rokkodai 1st Campus Main Building



Fukae Campus



Library for Social Sciences

## Message from the President

As the president of one of the oldest leading universities in Japan, I would like to extend to you a warm welcome.

Founded over 110 years ago in a cosmopolitan city, Kobe University encourages an enterprising spirit and independent thinking. While upholding its traditions, the University is committed to the creation of knowledge and new values through interdisciplinary approaches, and to solving the issues facing our society. We are proud that Professor YAMANAKA Shinya, a Nobel Laureate in Physiology or Medicine who has made tremendous contributions to the improvement of human life throughout the world, studied here during his undergraduate education.

As one of the most comprehensive universities in Japan, with departments covering the humanities, social, natural, and biomedical sciences, Kobe University promotes academic innovation in collaboration with other universities, research institutes, and industry in Japan and abroad. The Organization for Advanced and Integrated Research of Kobe University serves as a core structure for the pursuit of cutting-edge research, encompassing 29 research projects across a wide range of disciplines.

This year, we have established the SDGs Promotion Office to enable us to contribute our expertise in education and research towards the achievement of the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals. We also set up Kobe University Value School, which aims to develop value creation strategies to provide new technologies and services that meet the needs of future society. With these new organizations and initiatives the University aims to provide solutions to the challenges facing our changing world.

I extend an invitation to students, researchers, individuals and organizations in both public and private sectors interested in studying at or collaborating with Kobe University.

TAKEDA Hiroshi  
President

Centennial Hall



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## Initiative for Excellence

The title of Kobe University's vision expresses our goal to benefit society through outstanding research. The logo represents interdisciplinary collaboration between different academic fields to solve current and future social issues.



# Kobe University At a Glance

All data as of May 1, 2020

**10** Faculties      **15** Graduate Schools

**10** Libraries      **4** Campuses

**27** Core & Affiliated Research Centers      **1** Hospital

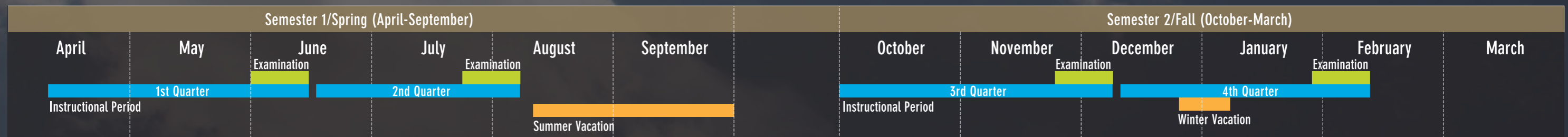
Founded in **1902** (oldest school of commerce in the Kansai area)

Staff **3,734**  
 1,673 Teaching Staff  
 2,061 Administrative Staff (including technical staff and nurses)

Students **16,080**  
 11,521 Undergraduate Students  
 4,559 Graduate Students

Mobility academic year 2019  
 1,227 International Students  
 1,272 Outbound Students  
 724 Visiting Researchers/Faculty Members  
 2,529 Outbound Researchers/Faculty Members

## Academic Calendar



## Financial Highlights (fiscal year 2019)





# Research



## Working with Society, for Society

As stated in President Takeda's April 2015 Vision, Kobe University pledges to become an outstanding research university excelling in advanced and integrated research in the humanities and sciences.

To this end, and to achieve one of our core goals of creating a flagship international base for world-class research, we have newly established the "eXtreme project" within the Organization for Advanced and Integrated Research. In October 2018, as part of this new initiative, we began a multi-disciplinary research project that demands collaboration between the diverse fields of optics, medicine, biology, and information science. The project aims to develop holographic technology that can achieve four-dimensional imaging and stimulation of living cell networks, with wide-ranging applications in life sciences research and clinical settings.

The University is involved in research projects in collaboration with research organizations and private companies, as well as local and national governments. Two leading project groups have recently been promoted to Core Research Centers: the Engineering Biology Research Center in 2018, and the Research Center for Membrane & Film Technology in 2019. In addition, Kobe University has a strong presence on Port Island as part of the Kobe Biomedical Innovation Cluster, facilitating collaboration with national research institutions such as RIKEN as well as organizations within Kobe city. Our joint projects also focus on medical innovation. In 2017 we established the International Clinical Cancer Research Center, and the University is working with Foundation for Kobe International Medical Alliance to establish a "Medical Device Innovation Platform".

**Research at Kobe**  
 Visit Research at Kobe for more information:  
[http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/research\\_at\\_kobe\\_en/index.html](http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/research_at_kobe_en/index.html)

# Research Spotlight

## Kobe University Value School

For more information, please visit: <http://www.value.kobe-u.ac.jp/>

Kobe University Value School (V.School) was launched in April 2020 as a platform for transdisciplinary research, education and social contribution, with 'value' being the keyword.

acquisition and achievement levels. We aim to foster human resources who can play an active role not only in Japan but also internationally.

V.School offers a curriculum of lecture and problem-based learning courses related to 'value emergence' and 'value design'. All students at Kobe University can enroll at V.School and course completion is based on a two stage evaluation of

With our concept of a 'wonderland for thoughts and creation', we will develop world-leading value creation education, cultivating visionary human resources who can resolve the issues facing global society.



## Office for Promoting SDGs

<http://www.sdgs.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/>

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were adopted at the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit in 2015. These SDGs are universal goals that developed countries including Japan should tackle alongside developing countries for the benefit of the international community. There are 17 SDGs comprised of 169 targets that we should aim to achieve by 2030. The goals represent pressing issues and aim to end poverty, save the earth, and enable people to live peaceful and fulfilling lives.

we promote (1) technological, industrial and societal innovation, (2) value creation and its implementation, (3) education for younger generations and virtuous cycles of human resource development, (4) close cooperation with local communities, and (5) strong international collaborations with people, institutions and organizations around the world.

Kobe University's SDGs Promotion Office was established in February, 2020 to contribute towards the 17 goals through our research expertise and educational activities. We also initiate industry-government-academia collaborations and develop novel interdisciplinary research areas to foster new value creation. With local communities and industries, we aim at establishing open interaction, enabling SDG-related idea sharing and allowing outcomes to be smoothly implemented.

In order to achieve the SDGs, it is essential to harmonize innovative technologies and education with a diverse society. In this spirit,





# Researchers at Kobe

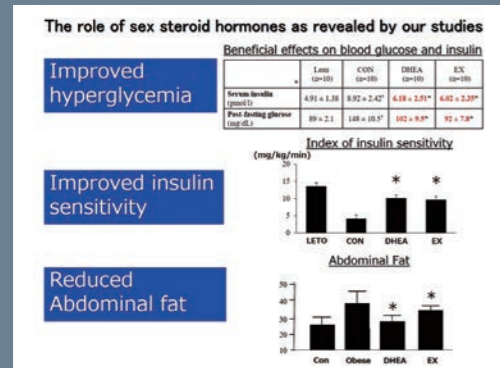
## The newly discovered role of sex steroid hormones

On average, levels of sex steroid hormone in both men and women decline by about 2~3% per year from the age of 40 onwards. Moreover the morbidity risk for metabolic syndrome rapidly increases around this age. Therefore we are focusing on sex steroid hormone levels in order to develop a new therapeutic candidate for the prevention of diabetes and other metabolic syndromes. Exercise and diet programs are currently one of the treatments for metabolic syndrome, so we investigated how exercise and/or the composition of some nutrients increase sex steroid hormone levels for those with diabetes. An exercise-induced increase in sex steroid hormone levels was shown to improve insulin sensitivity, and reduce both fasting blood glucose levels and abdominal fat for type 2 diabetes and obesity model rodents. We have illuminated these new physiological functions of sex steroid hormones. This research is expected to contribute towards extending healthy life expectancy and preventing medical cost increases for metabolic syndrome in Japan.



**Koji Sato**  
Associate Professor, Graduate School of Human Development and Environment

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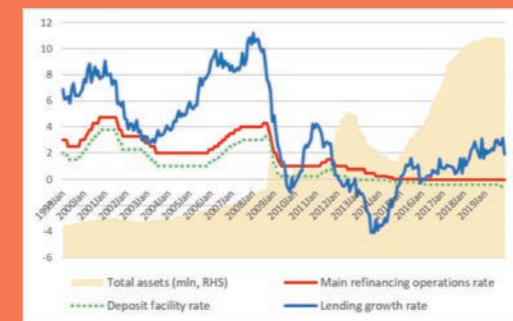
## Monetary policy and the banking system

In recent years monetary policy easing has attracted a lot of attention, especially quantitative easing and negative interest rates. As much as it seems to be a new normal already, it is also still rather controversial, with no unambiguous answer as to its final effects. I examine empirically the impact of monetary policy on the banking system and the real economy. Banks are the most important source of external finance for the large majority of non-financial enterprises and consumers in Europe, and thus their condition also influences investment and consumption in the economy. Monetary policy might affect bank conditions and decisions via its influence on the price of bank funding or the valuation of and return on bank assets, including deposit and lending rates. I thus analyze the state of the banking system - bank lending, profitability, efficiency - and study the impacts of monetary policy and other macroeconomic and bank-specific determinants.



**Agata Wierzbowska**  
Associate Professor, Graduate School of Economics

<http://www.econ.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/people/course/comparison/wierzbowska.html>



Total assets of European Central Bank, main policy rates, and bank lending growth rate in the euro area (1999-2019).  
Data source: European Central Bank.

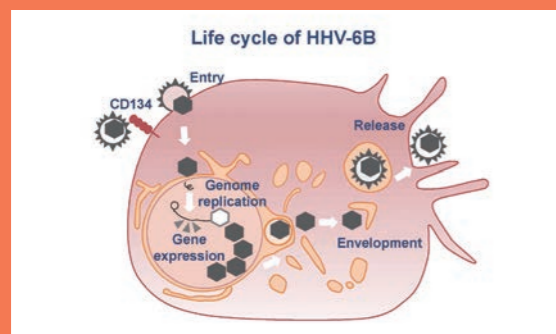
## We are living with herpesviruses

Herpesviruses become latent after primary infection to their hosts. Human herpesvirus 6B (HHV-6B), which belongs to herpesvirus family is the causative agent of roseola infantum (also known as exanthem subitum) and is occasionally associated with severe encephalopathy. More than 90% of individuals are infected with HHV-6B during childhood, and the virus remains latent after primary infection. HHV-6B reactivation causes life-threatening encephalitis in immunosuppressed patients and is also associated with drug-induced hypersensitivity syndrome. HHV-6B replicates only in activated T cells. Recently, Professor Mori's team discovered human CD134/OX40 as a novel cellular receptor specific for HHV-6B entry, which is expressed only in activated T cells. The team also found that the expression of CD134 on T cells is a trigger of HHV-6B reactivation after hematopoietic stem cell transplantation. The identification of a HHV-6B specific cellular receptor provides important insight into understanding HHV-6B pathogenesis. It also opens new doors for studies into HHV-6B's life cycle and research on the virus in clinical settings.



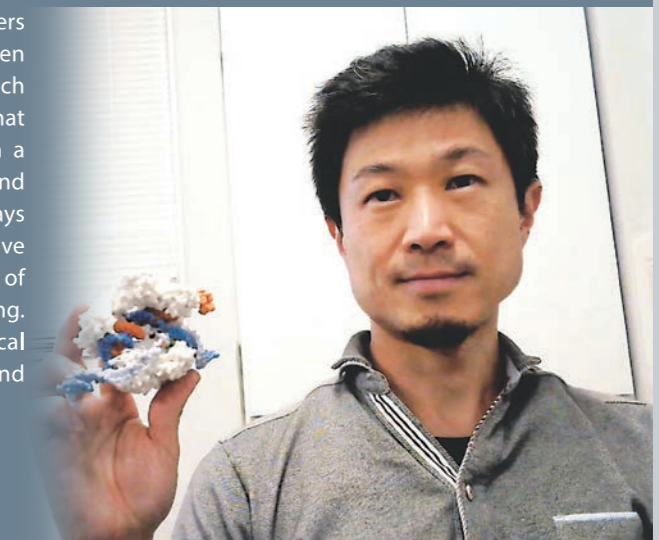
**Yasuko Mori**  
Professor, Graduate School of Medicine

<https://www.med.kobe-u.ac.jp/virol/index.html>



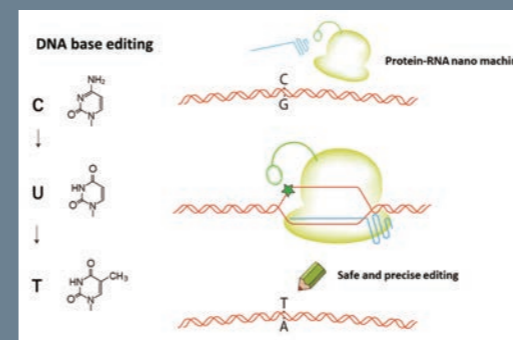
## DNA editing nanomachine reprograms life

A genome is a long sequence of DNA that is composed of four letters (A, T, C and G) and operates as a program for life. The program has been modified and inherited through random shuffling of the letters, which we call evolution. Genome editing is a revolutionary technology that enables us to selectively modify DNA sequences. It is based on a nanomachine that recognizes the designated DNA sequence and slices it at the target point. Although it is very powerful, it is not always accurate and sometimes causes unwanted damage. What we have been creating is a safer and more precise nanomachine that, instead of cleaving DNA, can edit single DNA letters. This is called base editing. We expect this new technology to be used for innovative medical applications including gene therapy, and for breeding plants and microbes to be more productive and environmentally friendly.



**Keiji Nishida**  
Professor, Graduate School of Science, Technology and Innovation

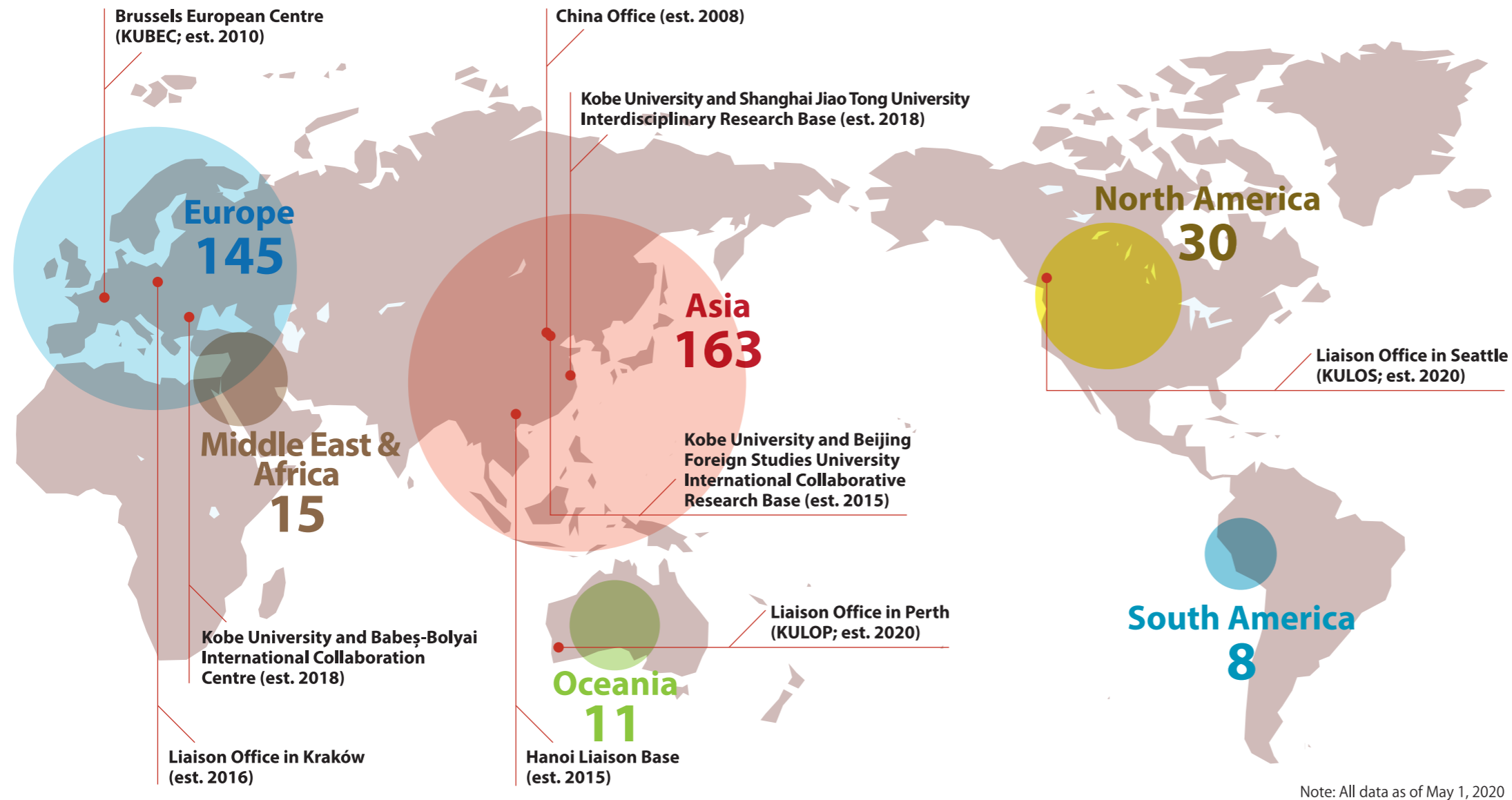
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# International

## Number of partner institutions and overseas bases



## International: Hub Campus

Kobe University is strengthening its global competitiveness through five core bodies established by the Institute for Promoting International Partnerships: the Centre for EU Academic Collaboration, the Center for Asian Academic Collaboration, the Office of the Americas, the Center for International Education and the Center for Interdisciplinary Programs. Each Center implements initiatives for interdisciplinary collaboration and international programs.

The University promotes mutual exchange of students and researchers worldwide, and we currently have 372 partner institutions in 63 countries/regions. To enhance our collaboration with higher education institutions, we proactively participate in research and education support schemes by the European Commission such as Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+. Kobe University has developed strong partnerships in Europe by serving as the coordinating university for the EU Institute in Japan, Kansai since 2005, and establishing the Kobe University Brussels European Centre in 2010. Our flagship collaborations in Asia include Indonesia-based joint research on emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases.

In education, the CAMPUS Asia program fosters risk management experts in East Asia, while the KUPES program trains EU specialists. Student mobility is vital for a diverse learning environment, and our goal is an intake of 2000 international students and 1,200 outgoing students every year.

In April 2020, we opened two new liaison offices, in Seattle and Perth respectively. We now have a total of nine overseas offices on four continents. Using these bases alongside other initiatives, we aim to serve as a hub connecting overseas institutions, corporations, and public organizations based in Kobe and abroad.


[http://www.office.kobe-u.ac.jp/ipiep/index\\_en.html](http://www.office.kobe-u.ac.jp/ipiep/index_en.html)

### International Activities

A selection of international activities from the past year (flags indicate the location).

 July 6-7, 2019

The Fourth Kobe University – Beijing Foreign Studies University Joint Symposium  
[https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/NEWS/info/2019\\_07\\_19\\_02.html](https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/NEWS/info/2019_07_19_02.html)

 September 17-18, 2019

The Fifth Annual International Conference on Applied Econometrics in Hawaii with The University of Hawaii  
[https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/NEWS/info/2019\\_10\\_16\\_02.html](https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/NEWS/info/2019_10_16_02.html)

 October 16-17, 2019


German-Japanese Symposium with Trier University  
[https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/NEWS/info/2019\\_11\\_07\\_04.html](https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/NEWS/info/2019_11_07_04.html)

 October 22, 2019


The Tenth Anniversary Kobe University Brussels European Centre Symposium  
[https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/NEWS/info/2019\\_11\\_07\\_02.html](https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/NEWS/info/2019_11_07_02.html)

 December 6, 2019

Kobe University – Shanghai Jiao Tong University Joint Forum (KUAREF series)  
[https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/NEWS/info/2019\\_12\\_23\\_01.html](https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/NEWS/info/2019_12_23_01.html)

 December 9-10, 2019

The Sixteenth Annual German-Japanese Colloquium with JSPS-Bonn and Hamburg University of Technology  
[https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/NEWS/info/2020\\_01\\_07\\_02.html](https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/NEWS/info/2020_01_07_02.html)

 February 4, 2020

The Fourth Honolulu Office of Kobe University Symposium  
[https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/NEWS/info/2020\\_02\\_19\\_02.html](https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/NEWS/info/2020_02_19_02.html)



# Education



## Thinking globally

*Kobe University aims to educate people who can identify and solve issues on a global scale. The “Kobe Standard” of education is based on the three skills of critical, collaborative and global thinking.*

### Academic calendar

The academic year at Kobe University is divided into 4 terms, known as “quarters”. This gives students more flexibility to participate in overseas exchange programs and internships.

### Kobe University Educational Program on Current Japan (KU-EPOCJ)

The Kobe University Educational Program on Current Japan is an English/English & Japanese-taught course established in April 2016. It is open to exchange students at both undergraduate and graduate levels. The course focuses on current issues in Japan covering a broad range of disciplines, including social sciences, humanities, and natural sciences. Providing opportunities for a deeper understanding of Japan from various perspectives, this program can be combined with students’ specialist fields and Japanese language classes at the Kobe University Center for International Education.

### Programs taught in English

We are increasing the English-taught, globally-oriented programs at Kobe University, with the ultimate goal of 10% English-taught programs. As well as a wide selection of English-taught classes, the University also offers postgraduate programs fully conducted in English. These include programs in Law, Management, Economics, Science, Engineering, Agricultural Science, International Cooperation Studies, Medicine, and Health Sciences. For a full list of English-taught programs, see our International Programs brochure here:

[http://www.office.kobe-u.ac.jp/ipiep/materials/2020\\_International\\_Programs.pdf](http://www.office.kobe-u.ac.jp/ipiep/materials/2020_International_Programs.pdf)

Bachelors programs in Japan are typically four years long, masters are two years, and doctoral courses last for three years. Short-term summer programs are also provided by departments such as Law, Medicine, Health Sciences, Engineering, and cross-department initiatives including a course in advanced science and technology. They last from one to three weeks – see the University website for details.

## Student Voices

### Marina Colominas Cervera

*Faculty of Global Human Sciences  
Spain*

I decided to study abroad because I am learning Japanese as part of my major in translation at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB). I also wanted to improve my language knowledge while getting to know the country and Japanese culture firsthand. Kobe is a very beautiful and quiet city, full of green spaces. It is also very practical because it is very close to Osaka and Kyoto if you want a change of pace. At the beginning I struggled a lot with understanding and speaking Japanese, but after taking lots of classes I felt like I improved quickly. In the future I want to become a videogame translator and work with a Japanese videogame company. If you want to focus specifically on learning Japanese, Kobe University offers a wide range of courses. Try not to overwork yourself and take time to enjoy academic life and experience Japan.



### Oyetayo Olukorede Oyebode

*Graduate School of Agricultural Science  
Nigeria*

I chose Kobe University based on the advice of two former university teachers who were Kobe University graduate school alumni. Accessibility to learning and research materials, students’ support services, hospitable staff and students, as well as the serene environment makes Kobe University exceptional. In addition to studying, my involvement in intercultural activities has given me the opportunity to talk about my home country with Japanese students. The major challenge for me was language as I receive a lot of correspondence in Japanese. The helpful staff at the International Students’ Support Center were always available to translate and explain the parts that I didn’t understand. In the future, I hope to return to my academic job in my home country, become a full professor within the shortest possible time and give back to society the numerous things I have learnt. I also hope to be able to pay back Kobe University and Japan. I think Kobe University is welcoming towards everyone regardless of their race, religion, or background.



### Thin Tharaphe Thein

*Graduate School of Engineering, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering,  
Myanmar*

I’ve always wanted to come to Japan for post-graduate studies. Fortunately I could obtain a scholarship to study my field of interest, cyber threat intelligence, at Kobe University. I come from a tropical country so I was worried about the cold weather in winter. Thankfully, winter in Kobe is tolerable. My hobby is traveling and I have enjoyed visiting many beautiful places in and outside Kobe city thanks to the excellent public transportation. I think the University offers a supportive research environment for students that allows them to reach their potential. There is also a lot of support for international students. However, I think it will be easier if you can communicate in Japanese as research always involves collaborating with others and Japanese is the main spoken language. In the future, I would like to pursue a career in cyber security as a researcher.





# Support Services



Library for Social Sciences



Centennial Hall

## University Libraries

Kobe University Library has a collection of about 3,780,000 bibliographical materials. The Library is comprised of the General Library and 9 branches divided by subject. They are located in the Rokkodai, Kusunoki, Myodani, and Fukae campuses. Each library provides a wide range of books and journals for students and faculty to advance their education and assist their research. They can also use the online delivery service to order books from other campus libraries. Moreover, convenience is improving for students, such as discussion-based learning at the Learning Commons. In 1999, "Digital Library System" was launched. It provides digitized collections for users inside and outside the campus via the internet (<http://www.lib.kobe-u.ac.jp/da/e-index.html>). "The Earthquake Disaster Materials Collection (EDMC)" holds over 60,000 materials related to the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake. The EDMC is open to the public, with the aim of contributing to the development of earthquake-related research such as emergency restoration and disaster prevention measures.

<https://lib.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/>



Library for Science and Technology

## For International Students and Researchers

### International Student Section in the Center for International Education (CIE)

The International Student Section in the CIE (formerly the International Student Center) was established as a university-wide research and teaching facility in April 1993. The Section assumes overall responsibility for international students, including the provision of Japanese language instruction, Japanese studies courses, advice on studying and living in Japan, career advice, and alumni networking. The Section also undertakes research and development to promote international study exchange programs, such as supporting Japanese students at Kobe University wishing to study overseas. In addition, the Section actively promotes international exchange programs in the local community, working with regional government agencies, local volunteer organizations, schools and companies.

<http://www.kisc.kobe-u.ac.jp/english/>

### Accommodation

Kobe University has several dormitories for international students and researchers located within commuting distance. Kobe University International Residence and International House are exclusively for international students and researchers, however, other dormitories are for both international and Japanese students at Kobe University. The resident fees vary by room type. There are also boarding houses run by public and private organizations available for international students and researchers.

### Rent Subsidy System

Kobe University has a rent subsidy system for eligible international researchers who agree to live in one of the public-run apartments designated by the University in the event there is no room available in either the International Residence or International House. Under this system, the University will pay a certain amount of the monthly rent. Residents themselves must pay utilities and other fees.

## Welfare

### Medical Center for Student Health

The Medical Center for Student Health was established in April 1970. Services provided by the Center include an annual medical checkup for all students and staff, special checkups for people working with X-ray, radioisotope and other harmful substances, as well as a medical checkup for new international students. Emergency medical treatment is also available. There are doctors and nurses as well as counsellors to provide consultation and advisory services on physical and mental well-being. The Medical Center for Student Health also plays an important part in creating a safe and hygienic educational environment, through Health and Safety activities administered by qualified doctors.

<http://www.health.kobe-u.ac.jp/>

### Support Center for Campus Life

This Center provides consultations and assistance in cases when a member of the University is experiencing disability-related difficulties or worries regarding their studies or university life. We will work with your department to meet your needs, including support for lectures, course registration, and examinations.

<https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/SCCL/>

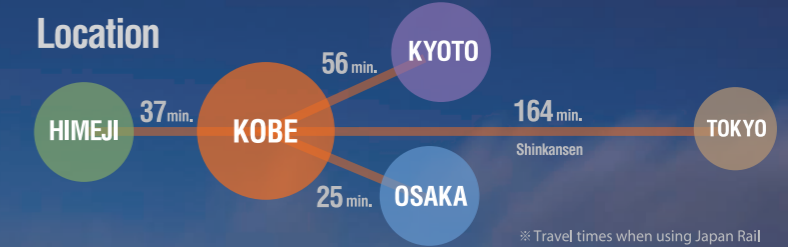
Residence	Commute	Map
1 International Residence	To Rokkodai Campus, 30-40 min. by Port-liner and Hankyu train	
2 International House (Fukae area)	To Rokkodai Campus, about 50 min. by train and bus To Fukae Campus, about 8 min. on foot	
Sumiyoshi		
3 International Student House (students only)	To Rokkodai Campus, 40-50 min. either on foot or by bus and train	
4 Sumiyoshi Residence (male students only)	To Rokkodai Campus, 40-50 min. either on foot or by bus and train	
5 Joshi-Ryo (female students only)	To Rokkodai Campus, 40-50 min. either on foot or by bus and train	
6 HAKUO Dormitory (Fukae area) (students only)	To Rokkodai Campus, about 50 min. by train and bus To Fukae Campus, about 10 min. on foot	
7 KOKUI Residence (students only)	To Rokkodai Campus, 30 min. by bus and on foot	



# About Kobe

*“Perched on a hillside sloping down to the sea, Kobe is one of Japan’s most attractive and cosmopolitan cities.” – Lonely Planet*

## Location



Kobe is the capital of Hyogo Prefecture, located in the western part of Japan’s main island of Honshu. Sandwiched between the Rokko mountain range to the north and the Inland Sea to the south, the city is blessed with a mild climate averaging 17.1°C (62.8F) with four seasonal changes. It has a population of over 1.5 million including 43,000 foreign residents from as many as 132 different countries.

Accessible by land, air and sea, Kobe is a hub for other domestic and international destinations: Kyoto, Himeji, Osaka and Nara are all within easy reach, and Tokyo is a short bullet train or plane ride away.

Kobe University’s four campuses and accommodation are all easily accessed from the city center of Sannomiya by bus and train.

### A multicultural port city

Ever since Japan was opened to the world, Kobe has been a cosmopolitan port city where people, goods, and information from around the globe are in constant motion. The area is now home to a rich blend of Japanese tradition

and international influences. In the city center you can find Ikuta Shrine, founded in the third century AD, with historical foreign residences and Japan’s oldest mosque just a short walk away. On the other side of the mountain range lies Arima Onsen, one of Japan’s oldest hot spring resorts.

Kobe’s history of cultural exchange has contributed to its diverse arts scene: it is the birthplace of Japanese jazz, and in 2008 Kobe joined UNESCO’s Creative Cities Network as a City of Design. The city’s cuisine also shows culinary influence from around the world. As well as the renowned Kobe beef and traditional Japanese sake breweries, Kobe is also well-known for its bustling Chinatown near the Port of Kobe, numerous bakeries and European-inspired sweets.

Located between the mountains and the sea, Kobe is an ideal location to explore Japan’s natural surroundings. Hiking trails and cable cars from the city provide transport to the peaks of the Rokko Mountains, the best place to experience Kobe’s famous night views. A few kilometers west from the Port of Kobe the beaches of Suma and Maiko are popular for watersports.

### Industry and innovation

Kobe and the surrounding area suffered heavy damage from the 1995 Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake. In the following years, with support from people throughout Japan and the world, Kobe’s citizens have rebuilt the city into a hub for business and industry.

Traditionally home to heavy industries such as shipbuilding, iron and steel, the city is now a hub for IT, science and technology. At the center of this is the Kobe Biomedical Innovation Cluster on Port Island where around 350 research institutes, corporations and universities are working together to develop state-of-the-art medical technology and research into integrated medical-related industries. The Cluster’s well-known K computer, which was one of the most powerful supercomputers in the world, is being replaced by the new, more versatile Fugaku, scheduled to come into full-scale operation in the near future. A few kilometers west lies SPring-8, the world’s largest third-generation synchrotron radiation facility.

Kobe has a high concentration of foreign-affiliated companies and international organizations: branches of the World Health Organization and the Japan International Cooperation Agency are both based in the center.



# Faculties & Schools



## Faculties

	Courses
<b>Letters</b> <a href="http://www.lit.kobe-u.ac.jp/english/index.html">http://www.lit.kobe-u.ac.jp/english/index.html</a>	Humanities
<b>Global Human Sciences</b> <a href="http://www.fgh.kobe-u.ac.jp/en">http://www.fgh.kobe-u.ac.jp/en</a>	Global Cultures Human Development and Community Environment and Sustainability Child Education
<b>Law</b> <a href="http://www.law.kobe-u.ac.jp/english.html">http://www.law.kobe-u.ac.jp/english.html</a>	Law (includes Politics)
<b>Economics</b> <a href="http://www.econ.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/">http://www.econ.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/</a>	Economics
<b>Business Administration</b> <a href="https://www.b.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/">https://www.b.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/</a>	Business Administration
<b>Science</b> <a href="http://www.sci.kobe-u.ac.jp/english/index.htm">http://www.sci.kobe-u.ac.jp/english/index.htm</a>	Mathematics Physics Chemistry Biology Planetology
<b>Medicine</b> <a href="http://www.med.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/index.html">http://www.med.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/index.html</a> <a href="http://www.ams.kobe-u.ac.jp/en">http://www.ams.kobe-u.ac.jp/en</a>	Medicine Health Sciences
<b>Engineering</b> <a href="http://www.eng.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/">http://www.eng.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/</a>	Architecture Civil Engineering Electrical and Electronic Engineering Mechanical Engineering Chemical Science and Engineering Computer Science and Systems Engineering
<b>Agriculture</b> <a href="http://www.ans.kobe-u.ac.jp/english/index.html">http://www.ans.kobe-u.ac.jp/english/index.html</a>	Agricultural Engineering and Socio-Economics Bioresource Science Agrobioscience
<b>Maritime Sciences</b> <a href="http://www.maritime.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/index.html">http://www.maritime.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/index.html</a>	Global Transportation Sciences Ocean Safety Systems Science Marine Engineering



## Graduate Schools

Kobe University has 15 graduate schools covering a wide range of disciplines. All courses are offered at both masters and doctoral levels unless otherwise specified.



### Courses

<b>Humanities</b> <a href="http://www.lit.kobe-u.ac.jp/english/index.html">http://www.lit.kobe-u.ac.jp/english/index.html</a>	Human Cultural Studies Human Social Dynamics
<b>Intercultural Studies</b> <a href="http://web.cla.kobe-u.ac.jp/graduate-en/">http://web.cla.kobe-u.ac.jp/graduate-en/</a>	Cultural Interaction Culture and Globalization
<b>Human Development and Environment</b> <a href="http://www.h.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/">http://www.h.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/</a>	Human Development Human Environmental Science
<b>Law</b> <a href="http://www.law.kobe-u.ac.jp/english.html">http://www.law.kobe-u.ac.jp/english.html</a>	Professional Degree Program: Professional Legal Studies Law and Politics
<b>Economics</b> <a href="http://www.econ.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/">http://www.econ.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/</a>	Economics
<b>Business Administration</b> <a href="https://www.b.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/">https://www.b.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/</a>	Business Administration Advanced Management
<b>Science</b> <a href="http://www.sci.kobe-u.ac.jp/english/index.htm">http://www.sci.kobe-u.ac.jp/english/index.htm</a>	Mathematics Physics Chemistry Biology Planetology
<b>Medicine</b> <a href="http://www.med.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/index.html">http://www.med.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/index.html</a>	Biomedical Sciences (Masters course only) Medical Sciences (Doctoral course only)
<b>Health Sciences</b> <a href="http://www.ams.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/">http://www.ams.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/</a>	Nursing Biophysics Rehabilitation Science Public Health
<b>Engineering</b> <a href="http://www.eng.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/">http://www.eng.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/</a>	Architecture Civil Engineering Electrical and Electronic Engineering Mechanical Engineering Chemical Science and Engineering
<b>System Informatics</b> <a href="http://www.csi.kobe-u.ac.jp/english/index.html">http://www.csi.kobe-u.ac.jp/english/index.html</a>	Systems Science Information Science Computational Science

### Courses

<b>Agricultural Science</b> <a href="http://www.ans.kobe-u.ac.jp/english/index.html">http://www.ans.kobe-u.ac.jp/english/index.html</a>	Agricultural Engineering and Socio-Economics Bioresource Science Agrobioscience
<b>Maritime Sciences*</b> <a href="http://www.maritime.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/index.html">http://www.maritime.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/index.html</a>	Maritime Sciences
<b>International Cooperation Studies</b> <a href="http://www.gsics.kobe-u.ac.jp/">http://www.gsics.kobe-u.ac.jp/</a>	Economic Development and Policies International Cooperation Policy Studies Regional Cooperation Policy Studies
<b>Science, Technology and Innovation</b> <a href="http://www.stin.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/index.html">http://www.stin.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/index.html</a>	Science, Technology and Innovation

\*Note: The Graduate School of Maritime Sciences also offers a Sea Training Course, with two departments of Nautical Science and Marine Engineering.

## Affiliated Research Centers

<b>Intercultural Studies</b>	Research Center for Promoting Intercultural Studies (Promis)
<b>Science</b>	Center for Planetary Science
<b>Medicine</b>	Institute for Experimental Animals Center for Infectious Diseases
<b>Engineering</b>	Research Center for Interfacial Science (RCIS) Complex Fluid and Thermal Engineering Research Center (COFTEC) Research Center for Advanced Smart Materials (RCASM) Resilient Structure Research Center (ReSRC) Medical Device Fabrication Engineering Center (MeDFEC) Center for Resilient Design (CResD) Graphics Literacy Education and Research Center Social Implementation of Renewable Energy research Center (SIREC)
<b>Agricultural Science</b>	Food Resources Education and Research Center Center for Regional Partnership Research Center for Food Safety and Security (RCFSS)
<b>Maritime Sciences</b>	International Maritime Research Center (IMaRC)



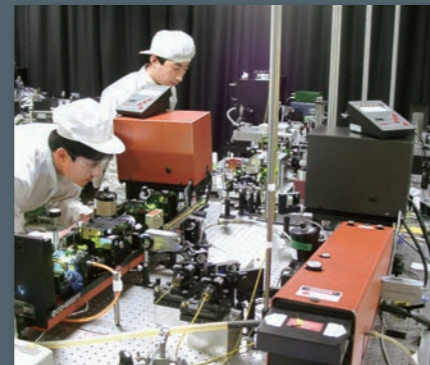
# Centers, Institutes & Facilities

## Core Research Centers

- **Biosignal Research Center**  
<http://www.biosig.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/index.html>
- **Research Center for Inland Seas**  
[http://www.research.kobe-u.ac.jp/rcis-kurcis/KURCIS/index\\_e.html](http://www.research.kobe-u.ac.jp/rcis-kurcis/KURCIS/index_e.html)
- **Research Center for Urban Safety and Security**  
<http://www.rcuss.kobe-u.ac.jp/English/index-e.html>
- **Molecular Photoscience Research Center**  
[http://www.research.kobe-u.ac.jp/mprc/about/index\\_e.html](http://www.research.kobe-u.ac.jp/mprc/about/index_e.html)
- **Kobe Ocean-Bottom Exploration Center**  
<http://www.k-obec.kobe-u.ac.jp/>
- **Kobe University Center for Social Systems Innovation**  
<http://www.cfssi.kobe-u.ac.jp/>
- **Center for Mathematical and Data Sciences**  
<http://www.cmds.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/>
- **Center for Computational Social Science**  
<http://ccss.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/index.html>
- **Engineering Biology Research Center**  
<http://www.ebrc.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/index.html>
- **Research Center for Membrane and Film Technology**  
<http://www.research.kobe-u.ac.jp/eng-membrane/center/index-eng.html>
- **Center for Advanced Medical Engineering Research & Development**



Biosignal Research Center



Molecular Photoscience Research Center



Information Science and Technology Center (ISTC)



Institute for Promotion of Higher Education

## Common-use Facilities

- **Information Science and Technology Center**  
<http://www.istc.kobe-u.ac.jp/>
- **Research Facility Center for Science and Technology**  
<http://www.csrea.kobe-u.ac.jp/>
- **Center for Environmental Management**  
<http://www.research.kobe-u.ac.jp/cema/>
- **Education Center on Computational Science and Engineering**  
<http://www.eccse.kobe-u.ac.jp/>
- **Medical Center for Student Health**  
<http://www.health.kobe-u.ac.jp/>
- **Career Center**  
<http://www.career.kobe-u.ac.jp/>
- **Support Center for Campus Life**  
<http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/SCCL/index.html>
- **Kobe University Admission Center**  
<http://www.edu.kobe-u.ac.jp/admc-info/index.html>
- **Center for Maritime Education and Research**

## Institutes

- **Institute of Promoting Academic Research Programs**  
<http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/research/institute.html>
- **Institute for Promotion of Higher Education**  
<http://www.iphe.kobe-u.ac.jp/>
- **Institute for Promoting International Partnerships**  
[http://www.office.kobe-u.ac.jp/pipep/partners\\_en.html](http://www.office.kobe-u.ac.jp/pipep/partners_en.html)

# Organization Chart



A Maritime Sciences training boat, the cruiser yacht "Kleiner Berg"