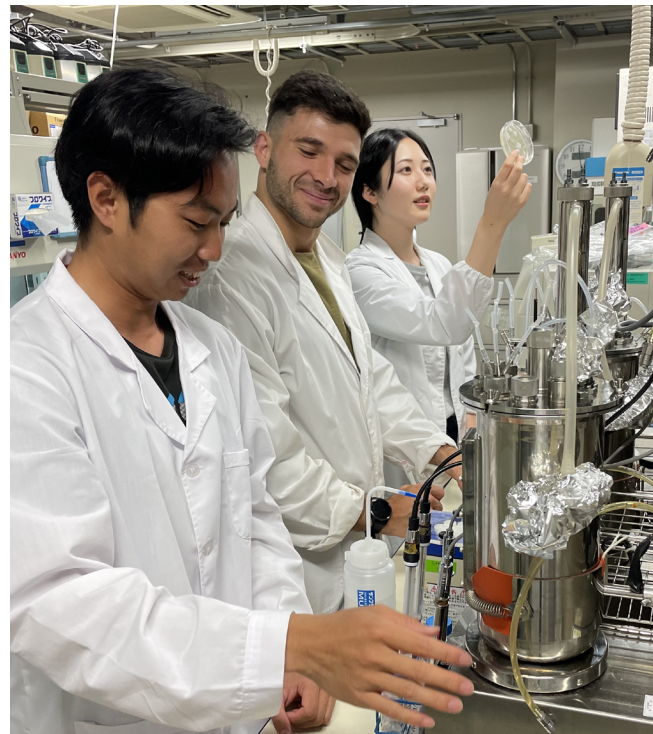




Kobe University Drives Global Education, Research and Innovation



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Kobe University welcomes global students and researchers to Japan, combining academic excellence, international collaboration and innovation in Kobe, one of Asia's most livable cities.

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For more than 120 years, Kobe University has grown alongside the city that shares its name. Founded in 1902 as Kobe Higher Commercial School, it was established as Kobe University in 1949 and has become one of the nation's leading national research universities, with 11 faculties and 14 graduate schools spanning the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, engineering, life sciences and medicine.

Kobe itself is the perfect host for an international-facing university. The port has long been a place of cultural exchange, known for its openness, livability and access to the wider Kansai region. For students and researchers coming from abroad, University President Masato Fujisawa said that the environment is complemented by the advantages of studying in Japan. "Japan is consistently regarded as one of the safest countries in the world, which gives students and their families a strong sense of security," he said. "The overall living environment is very stable and comfortable."

Now, the university is positioning itself as an international campus as it continues to develop English-taught programs across various disciplines. Its Center for Global Engagement provides Japanese language education, study and life advising, internship and career support and alumni networking for international students. Beyond the classroom, the university partners with 405 institutions in 64 countries and regions, becoming a platform for joint research, student exchange and international collaboration.

Kobe University centers its research activities on fields such as medical engineering, bio-engineering, biotechnology and biomembranes, while the Institute for Digital Bio Life Science Research Park supports advanced work across disciplines. Its Institute for Academic Research and Co-Creative Innovation connects researchers with companies, local governments and entrepreneurs to turn discoveries into social value.

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By building a strong academic and living environment, we aim to make Kobe University an attractive destination for people from around the world.
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Masato Fujisawa
President, Kobe University.



Fujisawa ties the university's mission to Kobe itself. As Japan faces population decline, Kobe University aims to attract talented students and researchers from around the world to the city to support new industries and sustain the region. "Universities need to ensure that their academic work has real-world impact and supports economic and social development."