

2026 Admission

**Application Guidelines
for Ph.D. of
Global Data Science Program**

Graduate School of Business and Commerce

**Kansai University
Graduate School**

Privacy Policy

With regards to personal information received on application which is liable to specify the individual (hereafter “Personal Information”), Kansai University Graduate School (hereafter “the Graduate School”) will treat the information carefully in accordance with applicable laws and the Kansai University Graduate School Privacy Policy.

The Kansai University Graduate School Privacy Policy can be found on the top page of the Graduate School’s website (<https://www.kansai-u.ac.jp>) under “Privacy Policy”.

1. Use of Personal Information

Personal Information from applicants is used only for the following purposes:

- (1) To administrate entrance examinations
- (2) To announce examination results
- (3) To complete procedures up to enrollment

2. Management of Personal Information

The Graduate School has assigned a personal information protection administrator to ensure that Personal Information from applicants for the three purposes listed above is managed carefully and deleted appropriately in accordance with applicable laws and ordinances after a fixed period of custody.

3. Sharing of Personal Information

The Graduate School will share some Personal Information with Kansai University Kyosaikai (an affiliated organization of Kansai University for mutual-aid program) to enhance student life on campus.

《Sharing of Personal Information and its purpose》

Administrative numbers, names, address, phone number, dates of birth, assigned graduate school, major, and course for verifying the payment of the enrollment and registration fees to the above affiliated organization.

4. Disclosure of Personal Information to Third Parties

The Graduate School will not share Personal Information with third parties without consent of the applicant, except when compelled by laws and ordinances.

5. Sharing of Personal Information with Contractors

The Graduate School may share some Personal Information with contractors in order to carry out the operations described in 1 above. In such cases it shall contract them to handle the Personal Information appropriately based on its Privacy Policy.

6. Statistical Data on Entrance Examinations

The Graduate School compiles statistical data about entrance examinations but does not identify applicants. This data will be used for individuals interested in the Graduate School, and utilized to analyze the Graduate School's future entrance examinations.

7. Disclosure, Correction, and Deletion of the Personal Information

When requested by an applicant to disclose, correct, or delete his or her Personal Information, the Graduate School will accommodate that request promptly in accordance with applicable laws, rules, and other guidelines after verifying the applicant. Data pertaining entrance examination score will not be disclosed.

8. Inquiries

Inquiries concerning applicants' Personal Information, including requests to disclose, correct, or delete it, will be directed to Graduate School Admissions Division of Kansai University Entrance Examination Center (See end of this document).

9. Management of Export subject to National Security Concerns

On accepting the international students, the University complies management of export subject to security concerns under the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act. If your expecting study or research theme violates the management, you might not select it.

10. Special Economic Assistance for Applicants suffered from disasters in the applied area of Disaster Relief Act

Kansai University Graduate School takes a special measure of reduction and exemption of application fees for the applicants of the entrance examinations the applicable district of Disaster Relief Act. We will also conduct the economic assistances to the said enrollees according to the conditions. As for more information, see the Kansai University Graduate School Entrance Examination Information Website.

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Admission Policy

The Graduate School of Business and Commerce (Ph.D. Degree Program) is an educational institute that promotes the study of modern business with the focus on the analysis of activities by corporations as economic entities, and aims to produce researchers and professional experts who lead the future society while interacting with research activities. The Ph.D. Degree Program offers one major of Business and Commerce in which various subjects related to Distribution, Finance, International Business, Management, and Accounting are placed. The Program awards the Ph.D. Degree (Business and Commerce) to those who have acquired a total of 20 credits and more among various subjects placed in the program, who have successfully completed their doctor's thesis, and who have acquired the following knowledge and skills, abilities to think, judge and express themselves, as well as a proactive attitude after screening doctor's thesis. Besides, a certain public notice period is provided to ensure the validity of the award of the degree.

1. Students have acquired sophisticated knowledge and skills required for playing an active role as researchers or professionals in the field of Business and Commerce and are capable of making use of them in a comprehensive manner.
2. Students can contribute to the society through research and practical activities in the field of Business and Commerce from a global perspective based on their own thinking and demonstrating the excellent capabilities of "Think and Act" as well as problem-solving, leadership, and logical and critical thinking abilities.
3. Students can take responsibility for their own learning and address unsolved issues in the field of Business and Commerce in a proactive manner.

Program, Enrollment Capacity and Degree

Program	Enrollment Capacity	Degree
Ph.D. of Global Data Science Program	A few	Doctor of Commerce

Qualifications for Application

1. Applicants should have enough proficiency in English.
2. Applicants should satisfy either of the following requirements:
 - (1) Applicants who have received a master's or professional degree at a graduate school.
 - (2) Applicants who enroll a graduate school and will receive a master's or professional degree by the date of enrollment to the Graduate School of Business and Commerce.
 - (3) Applicants who have completed programs and received degrees equivalent to a master's degree from the United Nations University*.
* United Nations University: established by the resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations on December 11, 1972, as stipulated in Article 1 Paragraph 2 of the Act on Special Measures incidental to Enforcement of the Agreement between the United Nations and Japan regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations University.
 - (4) Applicants designated by the minister of MEXT † (Bulletin No. 118 of 1989).
† MEXT: Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
 - (5) Applicants who are recognized as having degrees equivalent or superior to a master's degree by the graduate school of Business and Commerce, and have reached the age of 24 by the date of enrollment. This requirement shall not apply to the foreigners who are recognized as having received Japanese regular school education program.

Admission Schedule for 2026 Academic Year

○Spring Semester

Step		Deadline and Period	
		October Examination	February Examination
①	Advanced Contact	July 25 (Fri), 2025	November 28 (Fri), 2025
②	Payment of Application Fee	August 18 (Mon), 2025 to September 1 (Mon), 2025	December 19 (Fri), 2025 to January 9 (Fri), 2026
③	Submission of Required Documents for Application		
④	Notification of Admission	October 10 (Fri), 2025	February 27 (Fri), 2026
⑤	Enrollment Step I - (1)	October 10 (Fri), 2025 to October 24 (Fri), 2025	February 27 (Fri), 2026 to March 16 (Mon), 2026
	Enrollment Step I - (2) and II	February 16 (Mon), 2026 to March 16 (Mon), 2026	

○Fall Semester

Step		Deadline and Period
		July Examination
①	Advanced Contact	April 30 (Thu), 2026
②	Payment of Application Fee	May 14 (Thu), 2026 to May 28 (Thu), 2026
③	Submission of Required Documents for Application	
④	Notification of Admission	July 10 (Fri), 2026
⑤	Enrollment Step I - (1)	July 10 (Fri), 2026 to July 24 (Fri), 2026
	Enrollment Step I - (2) and II	August 21 (Fri), 2026 to September 4 (Fri), 2026

Admissions Flow

①	Advanced Contact	Send your CV to a professor you wish to be supervised by E-mail, noting your research interests in the Graduate School. The professor will arrange either in-person or online meeting with you for discussing your research plan. If the professor agrees to be your supervisor, he/she will send you a Confirmation Letter as an attachment on an E-mail. This letter must be included in the application documents (see "Application Documents"). Please remember that the Confirmation Letter will not be issued if the professor does not recognize that you satisfy the Qualifications for Application, nor that he/she is a right person to supervise you in terms from his/her academic concern. The Confirmation Letter only confirms the professor agreed to be your supervisor. Please note that the Confirmation Letter does NOT guarantee your admission.
②	Payment of Application Fee	After receiving the Confirmation Letter, pay the Application Fee during the designated period.
③	Submission of Required Documents for Application	Submit all of your application documents to Graduate School Admissions Division by the deadline. After sending the application documents, please inform us your tracking number to Graduate School Admissions Division via E-mail.
④	Notification of Admission	Admission results will be sent to the applicant by international delivery service on the designated date.
⑤	Enrollment Step I-(1)	Admitted applicants should pay Admission Fees by the deadline.
	Enrollment Step I-(2) and II	Admitted applicants should pay Tuition and Other Fees, and submit required documents for enrollment by the deadline.

Submission of Application Documents

Send the application documents to Graduate School Admissions Division. DO NOT FOLD the documents. Applicants should use an envelope large enough not to fold them. All documents must reach to the office by the deadline.

For Applicants inside Japan

Choose either way of submission.

【By Hand】

Visit Graduate School Admissions Division at Senriyama Campus, Kansai University and submit your application documents in person. Office counter is open between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm during the designated period. Please be noted that the office will be closed on Sundays, national holidays, and winter holidays from December 26(Fri), 2025, to January 6(Tue), 2026.

【By Mail】

Mail your application documents by a Simple Registered Express Mail by Japan Post during the designated period. Please make sure that all documents must be reached to Graduate School Admissions Division by the deadline.

For Applicants outside Japan

Send your application documents through International Express Service (DHL) that can issue a tracking number of the documents.

After sending the application documents, please inform us your tracking number to Graduate School Admissions Division via E-mail.

Submission Address:

3-3-35, Yamate-cho, Suita-shi, Osaka, 564-8680, JAPAN

Graduate School Admissions Division, Kansai University

Tel: +81-6-6368-1407

E-mail: kugrd-exam@ml.kandai.jp

Payment of Application Fee

(1) Application Fee

Applicants must pay the application fee of ¥35,000 during the designated period. The application fee is not refundable for any reasons.

Once you have paid the application fee, as a general rule it cannot be refunded.

However, in case of overpayment, refunds may be given. In this case, please contact Graduate School Admissions Division within 7 days of the deadline for the application procedures.

* If you paid an amount exceeding the predetermined application fee (including duplicate payments), the overpaid amount will be refunded.

(2) Payment Method

Payment by Bank Transfer (For only Applicants inside Japan)

Applicants must visit a branch or a headquarter office counter of a bank, and use the Prescribed Payment Slip, included in the application document forms, for bank transfers. An official receipt for the transfer issued by the bank should be included in your application documents.

Applicants must submit an official receipt issued by the bank from which you have sent the application fee. To obtain an official receipt, applicants should pay the application fee in person at a branch or a headquarter of a Bank. **Do not use ATMs or Internet banking service.** We do not accept remittance from the Japan Post Bank Remittance from the headquarters and branches at the financial institutions listed on the Payment Slip can enable you to save a transaction fee.

Remittance from Financial Institutions (Applicants residing Outside Japan only)

Applicants must send their application fee through a bank transfer. Follow the procedures below. Make sure to pay ¥2,500 as Bank Charges in Japan in addition to the application fee.

Type of transfer	Telegraphic Transfer
Method of transfer	Advise and Credit
Charges of transfer	Local charges borne by remitter & overseas charges by beneficiary. (Note) Please be sure to choose 'SHA' on the application form.
Currency	JPY
Amount of transfer	¥37,500 (Application Fee ¥35,000 + ¥2,500 for Japanese bank handling fee) ※1 The applicants must bear all the charges incurred by the bank in the applicant's country. ※2 Please note that the balance will not be refunded even if the bank charges in Japan do not exceed ¥2,500.
Bank Account	
Name of Bank	SUMITOMO MITSUI BANKING CORPORATION
Name of Branch	Tenroku Branch
Address of Bank	6-4-20, Tenjimbashi Kita-ku Osaka-shi, OSAKA 530-0041 JAPAN
Swift Address	SMBCJPT
Account Type	Ordinary Account
Account Number	6811906
Account Holder	Kansai University
Holder's Address	3-3-35, Yamate-cho Suita-shi, OSAKA 564-8680 JAPAN

Caution on Transferring

1. Please complete the payment as soon as possible since it takes days to deposit into the bank account.
2. The name of the remitter should be same as the name of the applicant.
3. Applicants should enclose a photocopy of an official transfer certificate with a seal or a stamp of the bank you transferred from, or the international transfer application form together with the application documents.

The Examination Admission Slip

The Graduate School will send the applicant the examination admission slip no later than 2 weeks prior to the date of the Notification of Admission. If you do not receive your examination admission slip 3 days before the date, please contact to the Graduate School Admissions Division.

Application Documents

Document to be Submitted【Document Number】	Remarks
Documents to be submitted by all applicants	
Application Form (Form 1)【①】	Use the form designated by Kansai University and write in English.
Statement of Reason for Applying (Form 2)【②】	Use the form designated by Kansai University and write in English.
A copy of the confirmation letter from your expected supervising professor【③】	This letter will be issued after a professor agreed to be your academic supervising professor. It will be sent as an attachment in E-mail. Print the letter out.

Document to be Submitted【Document Number】	Remarks
Documents to be submitted by all applicants	
Original transcript from previously graduate school【④】※	<p>Submit original transcripts. If you cannot submit original transcripts, please submit transcripts that have been notarized by an embassy or other public institutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ If you are currently enrolled, you should submit the latest transcript (original) when applying. ◦ If you studied abroad during your enrollment period and credits have been approved, but the credits are not listed on the academic transcript of the graduate school you are enrolled in, or the credits have not been approved after studying abroad, you also should submit the academic transcript (original) from the graduate school where you studied abroad as well. ◦ If you participated in a DD (Dual Degree/Double Degree) program during your enrollment period, but the credits have been approved are not listed on your academic transcript of the graduate school you are enrolled in, or if credits are recognized in a lump sum, you also should submit the transcript (original) from the graduate school where you participated in the program as well. <p>Note 1) If the certificate has multiple pages, the seal of the university or the signature of the person in charge of issuing the certificate is required on all pages.</p> <p>Note 2) If you did not take any courses during your enrollment period, or if there is a blank period on your transcript due to studying abroad, please prepare a statement of reasons for that period (free format) and submit it together (School seal is not required).</p>
Original certificate of (expected) completion from previously attended graduate school【⑤】※	<p>Both of the entrance and (expected) completion dates must be listed.</p> <p>If the above information is listed on the Application Document ④, this certificate does not need to be submitted.</p> <p>Submit an original certificate of (expected) completion. If you cannot submit an original certificate, please submit a certificate of (expected) completion that has been notarized by an embassy or other government institutions.</p>
Research Plan【⑥】	<p>5 copies.</p> <p>Write in English about 2,000 words in length.</p> <p>The plan must indicate the following things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The subject for research - A review of literature and theories - Research methods you will use - A bibliography
Letter of Recommendation (Form 8)【⑦】	<p>Use the form designated by Kansai University.</p> <p>1 letter of recommendation from a recommender written in English or Japanese.</p> <p>The recommender should be able to certify your academic or professional ability, such as a faculty member of the educational institution that you attended, a member of a research institution or corporation that you worked at.</p> <p>Letter must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · be signed by the recommender · be issued not more than 6 months ago · show the issuing date · show the contact information (telephone number and e-mail address) of the recommender <p>Letter should be sealed off by the recommender with his/ her signature.</p>

Document to be Submitted【Document Number】	Remarks
Documents to be submitted by all applicants	
Copy of ID/Passport or Residence Card【⑧】	For the ID/passport, submit a copy of pages showing your name, date of birth, photograph, expiration date, and history of past entries to and departures from Japan (if you have previously been to Japan). For a applicant who already reside in Japan, submit both sides of copy of your residence card.
Two Photographs【⑨】	Affix each an ID photograph taken within the last 3 months to each of the Application Form (Form 1) and the Statement of Reason for Applying (Form 2). Your photographs should not be retouched or edited. (This photograph will be used for the student ID card that will be issued upon enrollment.)
Official receipt of application fee【⑩】	If you are an applicant inside Japan, you should submit an official copy of receipt for the transfer issued by a bank in Japan. If you are an applicant outside Japan, you should submit a photocopy of an official transfer certificate with a seal or a stamp of the bank you transferred from, or the international transfer application form together with the application documents.
(Only for Non-Native English speakers) English Language Proficiency Certification【⑪】 ★If available	1 original and 1 copy. Submit an official English Language Proficiency Certification (TOEFL, TOEIC, and IELTS are ideal, but is not restricted to them), if available. Otherwise, your English proficiency will be evaluated by the other application documents.
Applicants who are eligible under Qualifications for Application (1) to (3) above and have already submitted a master's thesis	
Copies of master's thesis【⑫】	5 copies. If the master's thesis is written in a language other than English, please submit any other achievements completed in English. (See Achievement 【⑭】 part.)
Outline of master's thesis【⑬】	1 original and 4 copies. Write in English about 2,000 words in length. If you wrote your master's thesis not in English, you do not have to submit this.
Achievements【⑭】★If available	5 copies. Academic articles, conference presentations, research reports and any other research papers written in English.
Applicants who are eligible under Qualifications for Application (1) to (3) above and expect to submit a master's thesis	
Outline of thesis intended to be submitted as master's thesis【⑬】	1 original and 4 copies. Write in English about 2,000 words in length. If you will not write your master's thesis in English, you do not have to submit this. Instead of this, please submit any other achievements completed in English. (See Achievement (14) part.)
Achievements【⑭】★If available	5 copies. Academic articles, conference presentations, research reports and any other research papers written in English.
Applicants who are eligible under Qualifications for Application (1) to (3) above and obtained/ will obtain master's degree without submitting master's thesis	
Achievements【⑭】	5 copies. Academic articles, conference presentations, research reports and any other research papers written in English.

Document to be Submitted【Document Number】	Remarks
Applicants who are eligible under Qualifications for Application (4) or (5) above and those with a professional degree (or who are expected to obtain one) and have not written a master's thesis	
Achievements【⑭】	5 copies. Academic articles, conference presentations, research reports and any other research papers written in English.

※Certificates written in English or Japanese are available. If the certificate is written in a language other than English or Japanese, please submit an English or Japanese translation certified by an embassy or other government institutions.

Cautionary Notes

1. Fill in The Application Form

- (1) Choose and enter your supervising professor & Theme referring to "List of Supervising Professors of Ph.D. of Global Data Science Program for 2026 Academic Year" (page 16-18). Please be careful not to fill this form with wrong information because you cannot change this.
- (2) Enter your name exactly the same as it appears on your ID/passport or residence card.

2. Others

- (1) If your name on a certificate differs from the name when you apply, submit a separate official certificate or other document that establishes your identity.
- (2) All submitted documents shall not be returned.

Screening Method

Screening will be conducted by reviewing the application documents.

Notification of Admission

Your result of admission will be sent by International Express Service (DHL) to the applicant living overseas and by Express Mail to the applicant living in Japan. This is the only official notification you will receive from the school. However, beside this, the list of successful applicant's numbers will be posted at the graduate school entrance examination information website (<https://kansaignradsch.kansai-u.ac.jp/english/eng/>) for approx. 1week after notification of admission date. Do not call Kansai University for inquiry of the result.

Management of Export subject to National Security Concerns

On accepting the international students, the University complies management of export subject to security concerns under the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act.

If your expecting study or research theme violates the management, you might not select it.

Enrollment Steps

Applicants who admitted will receive several documents for enrollment in the school, along with a notification of the admission result, and a payment slip for school fees and other fees. Follow the instruction for enrollment procedures enclosed with these documents. You will not be allowed to enroll if you fail to complete the process by the designated deadline.

For details, please refer to 'Enrollment Procedures' (page 8).

Enrollment Procedures

(1) Enrollment Step I-(1) (Payment of Admission Fee<Enrollment and Registration Fees>)

The fees should be paid through the designated bank transfer form by 1:00 pm on the day of the deadline. Once paid, the Admission Fee<Enrollment and Registration Fees>will not be refundable.

Note: Graduates of Kansai University and Kansai University graduate schools can skip this step as they are not required to pay the Admission Fee<Enrollment and Registration Fees>.

(2) Enrollment Step I-(2) (Payment of Tuition and Other Fees)

Enrollment Step II (Submission of Documents)

Pay Tuition and Other Fees and submit the required documents in accordance with the instructions on the Enrollment Procedure Guide (II) which you will receive.

These charges and fees should be paid through the designated bank transfer form by 1:00 pm on the day of the deadline.

(3) Method of Payment

Use the designated bank transfer form and wire funds from your local bank, or other financial institutions. Do not transfer funds from an automated teller machine (ATM). Additionally, funds cannot be transferred from Japan Post Bank or a convenience store.

* Refunds of Tuition and Other Fees upon Withdrawal:

(For specific steps, see the Enrollment Procedure Guide (II) which you will receive.)

◎ **Spring Semester** : Enrollees who request to withdraw by March 31 (Tue), 2026, for a legitimate reason, can request to refund their paid Tuition and Other Fees.

○ **Fall Semester** : Enrollees who request to withdraw by September 20 (Sun), 2026, for a legitimate reason, can request to refund their paid Tuition.

School Fees and Other Fees for 2026 Academic Year

○Spring Semester

(in Yen)

Category Fee		2026 Academic Year		2027 Academic Year (Annual Payment)	2028 and subsequent academic years (Annual Payment)
		Spring Semester	Fall Semester		
School Fees	Admission Fee	130,000	—	—	—
	Tuition	364,500	364,500	729,000	729,000
Other Fees	Alumni & Alumnae Association Fee	10,000	—	20,000	—
Total		504,500	364,500	749,000	729,000

○Fall Semester

(in Yen)

Category Fee		2026 Academic Year	2027 Academic Year		2028 Academic Year		2029 and subsequent academic years
		Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Fall Semester	Per Semester
School Fees	Admission Fee	130,000	—	—	—	—	—
	Tuition	364,500	364,500	364,500	364,500	364,500	364,500
Other Fees	Alumni & Alumnae Association Fee	—	10,000	—	20,000	—	—
Total		494,500	374,500	364,500	384,500	364,500	364,500

Notes

1. Graduates of Kansai University or a Kansai University Graduate School, and undergraduates at the University who satisfy the requirements described by Paragraph 1-11 of Article 46 Paragraph of the Graduate School Rules (that is, the successful examinees of Academic Acceleration Entrance Examination) are not required to pay the Admission Fee (Admission Registration Fee) when continuing their studies at one of the Graduate Schools.
2. Graduates of the Kansai University Japanese Language and Culture Program Preparatory Course (Ryugakusei-Bekka) who continue their studies at one of the University's faculties or Graduate Schools are eligible to receive a 50% discount on the Admission Fee (Admission Registration Fee). The same applies to students without finishing the program of the Course.
3. The University collects ¥30,000 on behalf of the Alumni Association : ¥10,000 at the time of enrollment and then ¥20,000 at the following academic year (For students entering at the Fall Semester, the University collects a total of ¥30,000 on behalf of the Alumni Association by collecting ¥10,000 at the Spring Semester in the academic year following the year of enrollment and then ¥20,000 at the next Spring Semester).
The dues are not collected from students who have already paid as graduates of the University or any of the Graduate Schools (including the successful examinees of Academic Acceleration Entrance Examination) according to the requirements described by Paragraph 1-11 of Article 46 Paragraph of the Graduate School Rules.

Scholarship Information

2026 Academic Year: Scholarship Types and Overview

The following list of scholarships is for the enrollees of the 2026 Spring Semester.

※The criteria of selection vary by each Graduate School.

For more information, contact the scholarship coordinator offices of each campus or the Division of International Affairs.

※Same students cannot take both the Scholarships of ②, ③, ④, ⑤, A, B.

① Japan Student Services Organization Scholarship for Graduate School Students

Loan Type

※Application-based

Eligibility

■ Graduate school students either for Master's Degree Program or Ph.D. Degree Program who will enroll in Kansai University at 2026 academic year

(Note 1) The scholarship is for those who have excellent academic and personality, and need this scholarship to continue their research in graduate school. However, international students are not eligible for the scholarship.

(Note 2) There is not always a recruitment for students enrolling in Kansai University at fall semester. Please contact us before applying.

Scholarship Type and Loan Amount

■ The First Scholarship (Interest-free)

Degree Program	Monthly Loan Amount (yen)
Master's Degree Program	Applicants can select from 50,000/88,000
Ph.D. Degree Program	Applicants can select 80,000/122,000

■ The Second Scholarship (Interest-bearing)

Degree Program	Monthly Loan Amount (yen)
Master's Degree Program	Applicants can select from 50,000/80,000/100,000/130,000/150,000
Ph.D. Degree Program	

■ "Post-payment of tuition fees" (without interest) at the graduate school master's level by the government

Subject	
Amount of Loan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Those who are enrolled in a master's course (including professional courses).Those who have applied for a deferment of tuition payment to the university and have been approved for the deferment.
Tuition Assistance Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Amount of tuition fees that can be paid later (hereinafter referred to as "Tuition Assistance Fund"): Up to 776,000 yen per year, which is the tuition fee charged by the university. (Admission fee (registration fee) and other expenses are not covered by the Tuition Support Grant.)In principle, the JASSO will transfer the funds to the university.
Living Expenses Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Amount loaned to support living expenses, etc. (hereinafter referred to as "living expense scholarship") : Amount selected by the student from 0 yen (not used), 20,000 yen, and 40,000 yen per monthThe JASSO will transfer the funds to the student.It is possible for students to choose not to receive the Living Expenses Scholarship.It is not possible to use only the living expense scholarship without using the tuition support grant.

Duration of Loan

■ From the spring semester or the fall semester of the 2026 academic year to the end of usual study term.

【Japan Student Services Organization First Scholarship for Graduate School Students】 Scholarship repayment exemption system for outstanding achievements

For those who plan to proceed to Kansai University graduate schools for a Master's Degree Program or Kansai University professional graduate schools, and who will receive the Japan Student Services Organization First Scholarship after entering the university, there is a Scholarship repayment exemption system that exempts all of the return or a part of the return. Details will be posted on the Scholarships and Financial Assistance Group website on December 2025 (planned).

【Regarding the 'Deferred Tuition Payment System' for Master's Programs by the Japanese Government】

A new program has been established that the government covers the tuition fees for students in the master's programs and professional graduate schools, and the students repay the government based on their income after graduation.

For details about the system, please contact the Student Services Bureau, Scholarship and Financial Assistance Group.

② Kansai University Graduate School Scholarship (awarded for persons with excellent grades in the Graduate School) (to currently enrolled students)		Award type ※Application-based
Eligibility	Graduate students with excellent grades who are in difficulty to continue to study for economic reasons. If you are hired and meet the requirements for the benefits of the "Kansai University Graduate School Scholarship of Pre-arrival Award Type for Internal Promotion Examination (April 2025 Application)", you cannot apply for this scholarship. (Cannot be combined with Kansai University Graduate School Scholarship of Special Award type)	
Duration of Award	for one year (You can apply next year again.)	
③ Kansai University Educational Assistance Fund Scholarship		Award type ※Application-based
Eligibility	Graduate students with excellent grades who are in difficulty to continue to study for economic reasons. If you are hired and meet the requirements for the benefits of the "Kansai University Graduate School Scholarship of Pre-arrival Award Type for Internal Promotion Examination (April 2025 Application)", you cannot apply for this scholarship. (Cannot be combined with Kansai University Graduate School Scholarship of Special Award type)	
Duration of Award	for one year (You can apply next year again.)	
④ Kansai University Mature Students Scholarship (awarded for excellent working adult graduate students)		Award type ※Application-based
Eligibility	Working adult graduate students with excellent grades who have gained superior accomplishment in their Graduate School. (Cannot be combined with Kansai University Graduate School Scholarship of Special Award type)	
Duration of Award	for one year (You can apply next year again.)	

※ When the applicant is tentatively offered the scholarship of 'Kansai University Graduate School Pre-Enrollment Scholarship' in April 2025 and meet the requirement for the scholarship, he/she cannot apply to the scholarships above.
 ※ The applicant cannot be offered the scholarships and 'Kansai University Graduate School Special Benefit Scholarship' at the same time.

Awards Amount

«Awards Amount for ②, ③ and ④ scholarships in common»

Degree Program	Graduate School	Yearly Awards Amount (yen)
Master's Degree Program	Law, Letters, Economics, Business and Commerce, Sociology, Psychology (Psychology Major), East Asian Cultures, Governance, Health and Well-being	250,000
	Foreign Language Education and Research	275,000
	Informatics, Societal Safety Sciences	300,000
	Psychology (Psychology Clinical Major)	325,000
	Science and Engineering	375,000
Ph.D. Degree Program	All Graduate Schools	250,000

※ As for Master's Degree Program, awards amount differs for the students of Three-year Course and One-year Course. Contact scholarship coordinator offices for details

⑤ Kansai University Graduate School Special Benefit Scholarship	Award type ※ Notification-based (The university will notify the adoption of the scholarship the eligible students before enrolling.)
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Eligibility

■ Graduate school students to enroll to Master's Degree and Ph.D. Degree Programs in the 2026 academic year with excellent entrance examination results.

Varieties of Entrance Examination

We have summarized the eligible for the Kansai University Graduate School Scholarship of special award type in the table below. Please check the graduate school you wish to apply to.

Graduate School	Degree Program	Subject Entrance Examination	Scholarship notification period
Letters, Economics, Sociology, Informatics, East Asian Cultures, Governance, Health and Well-being	Master's Degree Program Ph.D. Degree Program	All entrance examinations	Mid-March
Law	Master's Degree Program	All entrance examinations except International Students Special Entrance Examination by JICA Program	Mid-March
	Ph.D. Degree Program	All examinations	
Business and Commerce	Master's Degree Program	5-year Integrated Education Program Entrance Examination (October Examination)	Mid-November
		Internal Advancement Examination (October Examination)	
	Ph.D. Degree Program	Internal Advancement Examination (February Examination)	Mid-March
		All examinations	
Science and Engineering	Master's Degree Program	Internal Advancement Examination (June Examination)	Late October
		General examination (August Examination)	
	Ph.D. Degree Program	Internal Advancement Examination (for early undergraduate graduates)	Mid-March
		All examinations	
Foreign Language Education and Research	Master's Degree Program	All entrance examinations except for the general entrance examination under the Aston DD program	Mid-March
	Ph.D. Degree Program	All examinations	
Psychology	Master's Degree Program	Internal Advancement Examination (July Examination)	Late July
	Ph.D. Degree Program	General examination (February Examination)	Mid-March
Societal Safety Sciences	Master's Degree Program	Internal Advancement Examination	Mid-March
	Ph.D. Degree Program	All examinations	

Awards Amount

Degree Program	Graduate School	Yearly Awards Amount (yen)
Master's Degree Program	Law, Letters, Economics, Business and Commerce, Sociology, Psychology (Psychology Major), East Asian Cultures, Governance, Health and Well-being	500,000
	Foreign Language Education and Research	550,000
	Informatics, Societal Safety Sciences	600,000
	Psychology (Psychology Clinical Major)	650,000
	Science and Engineering	750,000
Ph.D. Degree Program	All Graduate Schools	500,000

※As for Master's Degree Program, awards amount differs for the students of Three-year Course and One-year Course. Contact scholarship coordinator offices for details.

Duration of Award

- From the spring semester or the fall semester of the 2026 academic year to the end of usual study term. (Whether to award again at the next academic year or not will be judged from the achievement per 2 semesters. The Duration of Award may be shortened depend on the result).

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Scholarships for International students

Kansai University offers a variety of scholarships to support graduate students in their studies and research activities.

There are a number of scholarships for students with excellent grades in entrance examinations and the university's own scholarship system, which does not require repayment. Please refer to the following website for details.

Scholarships for International students

Division of International Affairs Web site :

<https://www.kansai-u.ac.jp/Kokusai/english/from/support.php>

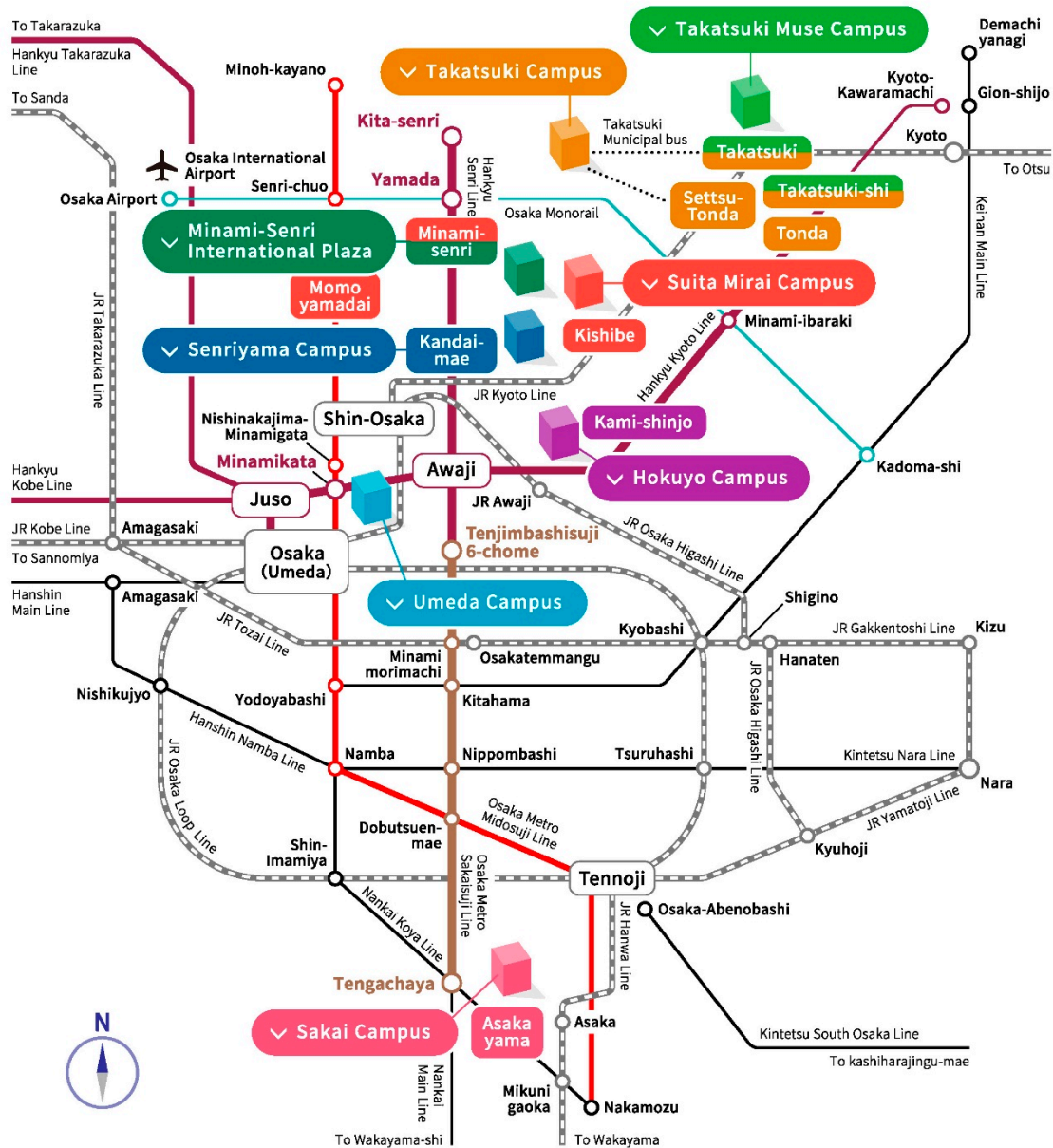
For more information about the scholarship program, please contact the following office. The office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except Saturdays, Sundays, holidays, and closure periods.

- Division of International Affairs 【Scholarships for Privately-funded International Students】
3-3-35, Yamate-cho Suita-shi, OSAKA 564-8680 JAPAN TEL : +81-6-6368-1121



Division of International Affairs
Web site

Getting to Kansai University



[Senriyama Campus]

■ Access from Osaka-umeda

Take the Hankyu Railway bound from Osaka-umeda station bound for Kita-Senri and get off at Kandai-mae station (about 20 mins.). Or, take the train from Osaka-umeda bound for Kyoto Kawaramachi and get off at Awaji station. At Awaji station, transfer to the line bound for Kita-senri and get off at Kandai-mae station (about 15 mins.). In either case, it is a 5-minute walk from the station.

■ Access from Kyoto Kawaramachi

Take the Hankyu Railway bound for Osaka-umeda and get off at Awaji station. At Awaji station, transfer to the line bound for Kita-senri and get off at Kandai-mae station (about 15 mins.), then walk about 5 mins.

■ Access by Osaka Metro

Take the Osaka Metro Sakaisuji Line (through services with the Hankyu Senri Line) bound for Kita-Senri, pass Awaji station and get off at Kandai-mae station.

■ Access from Shin-Osaka station by JR Shinkansen

Take the JR Shinkansen from Shin-Osaka station bound for Nakamozu on the Subway Midosuji Line and get off at Nishinakajima-Minamigata station. Transfer at the Hankyu Railway Minamikata station to the train bound for Kita-senri. Pass Awaji station and get off at Kandai-mae station (about 30 mins.), then walk about 5 mins.

■ Access from Osaka International Airport (Itami Airport)

From Osaka Airport station, take the Osaka Monorail bound for Kadoma-shi and get off at Yamada station. Transfer at the Hankyu Railway Yamada station and get off at Kandai-mae station (about 30 mins.), then walk about 5 mins.

(Note) When asking directions for taking an entrance examination at the Kansai University Senriyama Campus or giving your destination to a taxi driver, clearly state that you are going to "Senriyama no Kansai Daigaku." Kansai University has multiple campuses (Senriyama, Takatsuki, Takatsuki Muse and Sakai). Also, a simple "Kandai" may be mistaken for "Handai" - the shortened name for Osaka University in Suita and the neighboring Toyonaka. Arriving at the wrong location may prevent you from taking the examination.

List of Supervising Professors of Ph.D. of Global Data Science Program for 2026 Academic Year

Supervising Professors			Code Number
Katsutoshi Yada	Professor	Doctor of Business Administration (Kobe University of Commerce)	60401
E-mail: yada@kansai-u.ac.jp			
Theme	Data Science and Business Application		
<p>In light of the increasing availability of big data, the applications of artificial intelligence (AI) and data science in a business context are becoming increasingly significant. This course will enable students to comprehend both the most recent theories and methodologies pertaining to artificial intelligence and data science. Additionally, they will be able to ascertain the knowledge base and data processing techniques essential for the effective handling of authentic data. It is anticipated that students will investigate the ways in which novel data and theoretical frameworks can be integrated in practical settings to create new value and address specific challenges.</p>			
Lecture	Data Science for Business		
<p>The course will require students to read representative academic papers in the field in order to gain an understanding of the latest research results. Following this, the class will consider big data from a variety of businesses, and discuss approaches to developing conventional theories. The aim of the course is to drive innovation through the fusion of new data and new technologies.</p>			
Research Works			
<p>Zhao, L., Zuo, Y. & Yada, K (2023) Sequential classification of customer behavior based on sequence-to-sequence learning with gated-attention neural networks. <i>Advances in Data Analysis and Classification</i>, 17, 549–581.</p> <p>Kaneko, Y & Yada, K. (2016) A Deep Learning Approach for the Prediction of Retail Store Sales, <i>Proc. of 2016 IEEE 16th International Conference on Data Mining Workshops (ICDMW)</i>, pp. 531-537.</p> <p>Nakahara, T., Yada, K. (2012) Analyzing consumers' shopping behavior using RFID data and pattern mining. <i>Advances in Data Analysis and Classification</i>, 6, 355–365.</p> <p>Yada, K. (2011) String analysis technique for shopping path in a supermarket. <i>Journal of Intelligent Information Systems</i>, 36, 385–402.</p>			

Supervising Professors			Code Number
WASHIO, Takashi	Professor	Doctor of Engineering (Tohoku University)	68439

E-mail: washio@kansai-u.ac.jp

Theme **Statistical Causal Inference**

Now a days, various large amount of data are available in many fields including companies and their business activities. Most of these data contain values of many variables and parameters describing the target objects and their activities. In many cases, statistical relations of these variables and parameters can be analyzed by commuting their correlations and/or regression models. However, such analyses do not provide any information such as change of a variable X causes change of another variable Y but not vice versa. Statistical causal inference provides measures enabling this causal analysis. In this subject, some representative modern techniques of the statistical causal inference are studied.

Lecture **Statistical Causal Inference for Business**

Students survey representative modern techniques of the statistical causal inference and explore ideas to apply them to some business data sets and understand background mechanisms of the business though the analysis.

Research Works

Patrick Blobaum, Dominik Janzing, Takashi Washio, Shohei Shimizu and Bernhard Scholkopf (2019) Analysis of cause-effect inference by comparing regression errors, *Peer Journal Computer Science*, Vol.5, Article No.e169.

Patrick Blobaum, Takashi Washio and Shohei Shimizu (2017) Error Asymmetry in Causal and Anticausal Regression, *Behaviormetrika*, Vol.44, No.2, pp.491~512.

Shohei Shimizu, Takanori Inazumi, Yasuhiro Sogawa, Aapo Hyvarinen, Yoshinobu Kawahara, Takashi Washio, Patrik O. Hoyer and Kenneth Bollen (2011) DirectLiNGAM: A Direct Method for Learning a Linear Non-Gaussian Structural Equation Model, *Journal of Machine Learning Research*, Vol.12, No., pp.1225~1248.

Supervising Professors			Code Number
Xiaokang Zhou	Associate Professor	Doctor of Human Science (Waseda University)	78953
Email: zhou@kansai-u.ac.jp			
Theme	Big Data Mining and Analytics		
<p>Due to the high development of emerging computing paradigms, such as Ubiquitous Computing, Mobile Computing, and Social Computing, modeling of heterogeneous big data has become an essential topic, especially in providing smart services in the IoT and AI era. This course focuses on fundamental theories, analytics, and state-of-the-art technologies in data-driven models and big data mining algorithms, discussing methodologies, mechanisms and implementations on big data aggregation, organization and reconstruction using machine learning/deep learning techniques. Students will be able to investigate cutting-edge and practical technologies, and learn unified modeling methods for developing intelligent recommendation and supporting systems in emerging end-edge-cloud computing environments.</p>			
Lecture	Big Data Analytics with Deep Neural Networks		
<p>This course will require students to read and investigate technical papers related to “Big Data”, “Machine Learning”, “Cyber-Physical-Social Systems”, “End-Edge-Cloud Computing”, etc., so as to learn representative data analysis methods and data modeling techniques using deep neural networks. Specifically, the class will consider the latest research topics, and discuss novel approaches in developing machine learning and deep learning models based on neural networks in fields such as “Anomaly Detection”, “Object Detection”, “HAR (Human Action Recognition)”, and “Text Mining”.</p>			
Research Works			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>X. Zhou</u>, J. Wu, W. Liang, K. Wang, Z. Yan, L. T. Yang, and Q. Jin, “Reconstructed Graph Neural Network with Knowledge Distillation for Lightweight Anomaly Detection,” IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems, vol. 35, no. 9, pp. 11817-11828, Sep. 2024. DOI: 10.1109/TNNLS.2024.3389714 2. <u>X. Zhou</u>, Q. Yang, Q. Liu, W. Liang, K. Wang, Z. Liu, J. Ma, and Q. Jin, “Spatial-Temporal Federated Transfer Learning with Multi-Sensor Data Fusion for Cooperative Positioning,” Information Fusion, vol. 105, May 2024. DOI: 10.1016/j.inffus.2023.102182 3. <u>X. Zhou</u>, Q. Yang, X. Zheng, W. Liang, K. Wang, J. Ma, Y. Pan, and Q. Jin, “Personalized Federated Learning with Model-Contrastive Learning for Multi-Modal User Modeling in Human-Centric Metaverse,” IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communications, vol. 42, no. 4, pp. 817-831, Apr. 2024. DOI: 10.1109/JSAC.2023.3345431 4. <u>X. Zhou</u>, X. Zheng, X. Cui, J. Shi, W. Liang, Z. Yan, L. T. Yang, S. Shimizu, and K. Wang, “Digital Twin Enhanced Federated Reinforcement Learning with Lightweight Knowledge Distillation in Mobile Networks,” IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communications, vol. 41, no. 10, pp. 3191-3211, Oct. 2023. DOI: 10.1109/JSAC.2023.3310046 5. <u>X. Zhou</u>, Y. Hu, W. Liang, J. Ma, and Q. Jin, “Variational LSTM Enhanced Anomaly Detection for Industrial Big Data,” IEEE Transactions on Industrial Informatics, vol. 17, no. 5, pp. 3469-3477, May 2021. DOI: 10.1109/TII.2020.3022432 			

Application Form

Program	Ph.D. of Global Data Science Program
Enrollment Period (Examination Month)	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring Semester (October Examination) <input type="checkbox"/> Spring Semester (February Examination) <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Semester (July Examination)
Name of your supervising professor at Kansai University	
Theme	

Photograph

Please affix the same
photograph that you
affixed to your statement
of reason for applying.
4 cm (H)× 3 cm (W)

Write your name on the
back of the photograph.

Name in Chinese Characters (if applicable)	Last	First	Middle (if any)
Name in English	Last	First	Middle (if any)
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of Birth	(mm/dd/yyyy)
Nationality			
Address in your home country	Postal code:		
	City / State	Country	
Mailing Address (if different from above)	Postal code:		
	City / State	Country	
Telephone Number			
E-mail Address	@		

College/University (Undergraduate Education)

Name of college or university	
Faculty	
Department	
Graduation Date	(mm/yyyy)

College/University (Graduate Education)

Name of graduate school	
Major	
(Expected)Completion Date	(mm/yyyy)

Field *	*Administrative use Same / Different	Career *	*Administrative use Yes / No	COE *	*Administrative use Yes / No
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3. Language Proficiency Native Language:

Evaluate your abilities using rate on a scale of 3 to 0. 3 = Excellent, 2 = Good, 1 = Fair, 0 = Poor

	Reading	Writing	Speaking	Listening	Qualifications (if any)
English	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Others (if any) ()	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

4. Contact person residing in your home country in case of emergency:

Full Legal Name _____

Relationship to the Applicant _____

Street Address _____

Telephone Number _____

5. Contact person residing in Japan, if any:

Full Legal Name _____

Relationship to the Applicant _____

Street Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Occupation _____

Work Address _____

Phone Number _____

6. Your plan after completing Graduate school of Business and Commerce

7. Your reason for applying to Ph.D. of Global Data Science Program at Kansai University

I hereby certify that all information submitted is true and accurate.

And, I understand and accept all the matters stated in the Application Guidelines, and hereby apply for admission to Kansai University.

Date of application: _____

Applicant's signature: _____

Please CHECK the appropriate evaluation:

	Extraordinary	Outstanding	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Cannot Judge
Academic Performance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Intellectual Potential	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Recommender's Name (in capital letters): _____

Position or Title: _____ School or Company: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



Kansai University Graduate School

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Senriyama Campus

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Graduate School of Business and Commerce Graduate School of Sociology
Graduate School of Science and Engineering Graduate School of Foreign Language Education and Research
Graduate School of Psychology Graduate School of East Asian Cultures Graduate School of Governance

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