

Osaka City University
2020 Summer Inter-University Exchange Project
“Program to Develop Collaborative Social Innovators”
Online Pilot Program Application Guidelines

- As a school selected for the FY2018 Inter-University Exchange Project of Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan, Osaka City University is implementing a *Program to Develop Collaborative Social Innovators* that uses Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL). As a pilot program, the university is implementing an entirely online-version of the *Social Innovation Training Program* during the Summer of 2020. We are recruiting students to participate in this training program, as well as partner schools, with whom we will carry out this collaborative development.

- **Purpose of the Training Program**
 - The purpose of this program is to cultivate social innovators. Social innovation refers to solving social problems through new products, services and systems. By collaborating with students from other countries, the program will cultivate the ability to “discover issues” and the ability to “find solutions”, and train people who possess the ability to “implement those solutions”. This training program aims to yield people who are self-motivated, creative problem-solvers that find solutions to issues that involve, but are not limited to, the government, NPOs or corporations in the future. Specifically, we focus on **“three abilities”** that are as follows.

 - **Ability to Identify Social Issues**
 - When facing social problems, it is necessary to think about the problem within the context of its surroundings (i.e., the environment, social background, and social framework such as laws and customs). As one cannot see his/her own face without a mirror, the context in which a problem is occurring cannot be discovered unless it is viewed from a different angle or perspective. By studying/ discussing issues with students from other countries, participants will enhance the ability to discover the context and core of the issues faced as well as find new solutions.

 - **Ability to Find Creative Solutions**
 - Solving a problem requires creativity. Problems that could be solved without creativity, would have already been resolved. The program cultivates a variety of viewpoints by placing issues in a new context, and giving individuals the ability to find creative solutions, produce new products, services and systems.

 - **Ability to Implement a Solution**
 - Creation of products, services and systems for a new context can become socially significant when it is accepted by all stakeholders. To achieve this goal, people in various positions, such as the staff in government, NPOs, corporations and local communities, need to transcend barriers for cross-sector collaboration. The program encourages participants to acquire an ability to implement the problem’s solution regardless of their positions.

- **Characteristics of Summer 2020 Training**
 - To be implemented as a pilot program for online training (all students and faculty will participate from home during the entire period)
 - Multi-national, collaborative learning (students from two countries or more per group)
 - Teamwork within small groups
 - Conferral of a Certificate of Completion
- **Training theme and details**
 - Theme: Searching for Universal Solutions to Social Problems that Became Apparent Due to COVID-19
- **Program Schedule:**
 - PART 1 (Guided Study)
 - August 31st (Mon) Orientation
 - Greeting & Cultural Session
 - PreCamp1; Session 1 & Session 2
 - September 1st (Tue) PreCamp2
 - September 2nd (Wed) Field Research 1 (FR1)
 - interview survey/ arranged by Instructors
 - September 3rd (Thu) Interim Summary
 - Preparation for an interim presentation (for each group)
 - Interim presentations & feedback (overall)
 - Social Innovation Report (SI Report) guidance
 - PART 2 (Self-organized Study)
 - September 4th (Fri) Policy meeting for final report
 - Possibility of additional investigation or FR2
 - * [Weekend: Party session]
 - September 7th (Mon) FR2
 - Additional survey/ voluntary survey (determined by students)
 - September 8th (Tue) FR3
 - Additional investigation if needed or creating an SI Report
 - PART 3 Summary
 - September 9th (Wed) SI report preparation
 - September 10th (Thu)
 - SI report completion
 - Preparation for final debriefing session
 - September 11th (Fri)
 - Final Report Session
 - Completion Ceremony

* The schedule above is tentative and subject to change.

Application Requirements

1. Recruitment numbers: 12 people (Selection will be made if there are many applicants)
2. Implementation period: August 31st (Mon) to September 11th (Fri) 2020 [12 days]

3. Location: Online

4. Qualification requirement for the application:

- Undergraduate or graduate students that are currently enrolled in a university
- Those who understand the purpose of this program and are enthusiastic about participating
- Sufficient English communication ability is required for non-native speakers of English.
- Those who can participate during the entire training period
- Those who can sign the agreement after carefully reading the application form and the application guidelines
- You need to obtain an approval of becoming a referral from your faculty member of your university.
- Students under the legal age in their countries (e.g. 20 for Japanese students) need to obtain the consent of their parents or legal guardians.

5. Rules of Compliance: If you do not comply with all of the following, you cannot participate in the training.

- Attending all training programs.
- It is the participant's responsibility to have a personal computer with a sufficient Internet connection environment throughout the training period.
- Pre-assignments submitted prior to the training, participation in pre-briefing sessions, and attending debriefing sessions after the training are required.

6. Cost:

- Training fee: Free
- Participant's responsibility: Communication expenses, data collection and other expenses

*For Osaka City University students only: personal computers and pocket WiFi will be rented out free of charge to applicants.

7. How to apply:

- Please access the URL listed below and submit the application form there.
- Please copy and attach the other required documents to the application form.
- **The attached documents** can be PDF files or photos, using either a jpeg, png, or heif format.
- Because these documents contain personal information, please send them in an encrypted ZIP file.
- E-mail address to submit the encrypted ZIP file: coil-jimu@ado.osaka-cu.ac.jp

【Application form】

URL: <https://forms.gle/M5U82ow3CZnQaEX39>

A. Application Form

- Use a **Gmail address** as an email address in the application form.
- After deciding to participate in the training, the training will be conducted using Google Drive, so please enter an address that can be provided to other participants and related parties for communication. If you do not have a Gmail address, please create one.

B. Copy of Consent Form (Agreement)

- The consent form (Agreement) is at the end of the application form. Read its contents carefully and sign it at the bottom.

- C. A photocopy of valid Student Identification Card with picture.
- D. A copy of the latest proof of grades (e.g., Transcript, Grade Report)(not required for freshman)
 - All of your grades including your GPA since your admission to your university must be listed.
- E. A copy of the document certifying English proficiency (only for non-native English speakers)
 - TOEIC, TOEFL, IELTS, Versant, Cambridge English Proficiency Exams, the EIKEN Test in Practical English Proficiency
 - Submit only the most current document
 - We strictly enforce cases of fraud.

8. Application period: From July 13th (Mon), 2020 to July 31st (Fri), 2020 17:00 (JST: Be punctual)

9. Selection

- If there are many applicants, it will be decided by screening your submitted documents. In addition, we may interview you if necessary.
- You are comprehensively evaluated based on the selection criteria, which include your motivations, grades (GPA), English proficiency, and attitude towards learning.
- If there are students with the same level of grades and personal evaluations, the COIL Promotion Office will prioritize the students who have never participated in the training trip.
- The selection results will be notified using the email address stated in your application form on August 7th (Fri), 2020 (estimated).

10. Other:

- The personal data in the submitted application documents will be managed properly by Osaka City University. After the completion of these training-related projects, the documents will be destroyed.
- Trainees need to register in Slack (group chat application) using their Gmail address. During their training trips, they can contact the other participants and share information with them on Slack.
- We will have you take specified diagnostic tests (i.e., Versant and/or BEVI) before and after the training in order to measure the educational effects of this program.

11. Inquiries regarding the project:

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