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7th Socially Innovative Global Classroom (Online, March 2021)

Application Guidelines

- Date: March 12 (Fri), 2021 ~ March 24 (Wed), 2021
- Theme: Exploring the Feasibility of a Sustainable Society in Global Warming

1. Program Outline

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**). The university is implementing an entirely online-version of the program entitled ***Socially Innovative Global Classroom: Online (SIGLOC-online)*** in March 2021. We are recruiting students to participate in this program.

2. Purpose of the SIGLOC 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 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:

1) 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 and 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.

2) 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.

3) 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.

3. Characteristics of SIGLOC-online March 2021

- All students and faculty will participate from their own place 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

4. Recruitment Numbers: 20 (Selection will be made if there are many applicants)

5. Program Schedule:

- 1) February 26, 2021, (Mon): OCU only Orientation
- 2) March 5 (Fri) & March 6 (Sat), 2021: Pre-Course Guidance

March 5 (Fri) 9:00 am - 11:00 am (JST)

March 5 (Fri) 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm (JST)

March 6 (Sat) 1:00 am - 3:00 am (JST)

*Attend the session at one of the time slots listed above

- 3) March 12 (Fri) - March 24 (Wed), 2021: Online Program (13 days)

March 12 (Fri), 2021: Opening Session

*Attend the session at the ASSIGNED time
(depending on the participants' time zone)

6. Program Procedure: Participating online

7. Qualification Requirement for the Application: Applicants must fulfill all the qualification requirements listed below:

- 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 program
- 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.

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

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

9. Cost:

- Program Participation Fee: Free
- Participant's responsibility: Communication expenses, data collection and other expenses

10. Application Period: January 4 (Mon), 2021 ~ January 22 (Fri), 2021 ,17:00(JST)

11. How to Apply:

Please access the Application Form the following URL, fill in the required information and submit it there.

Application Form URL: <https://forms.gle/1pRzMUS7LmZX3Zje7>

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- Please scan and attach (upload) any required attachments to the form above.
- The attachments should be PDF files or photos, using either a jpeg, png, or heif format.
- Attach the complete set of documents to the Application Form in **an encrypted ZIP file** for protecting personal information.
- The code for the encrypted ZIP file should be sent **separately** by email to the following address: coil-jimu@ado.osaka-cu.ac.jp

12. Application Documents

Please pay attention to the following points when you prepare and submit your application documents. We strictly enforce cases of fraud.

A. Application Form

Use a **Gmail address** as an email address in the application form.

After deciding to participate in the SIGLOC-online, the program 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. A photocopy of a valid Student Identification Card with picture.

C. A copy of the latest proof of grades (e.g., Transcript, Grade Report)

- All of your grades including your GPA since your admission to your university must be listed.

D. A copy of the document certifying English proficiency (**unless you are a native English speaker or have a university education in English**)

- TOEIC, TOEFL, IELTS, Versant, Cambridge English Proficiency Exams, United Nations Associations Test of English, the EIKEN Test in Practical English Proficiency
- Submit only the most recent document.

13. Selection

- If there are many applicants, selection will be made by screening the submitted documents. In addition, we may interview you if necessary.
- You are comprehensively evaluated based on the selection criteria, which include your motivation, grades (GPA), English proficiency, attitude towards learning, and etc.
- 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 previous program.
- The selection results will be notified using the email stated in your application form on February 12 (Fri), 2021 (JST/estimated).

14. Other:

- The personal data in the submitted application documents will be managed properly by Osaka City University. After the completion of these program-related projects, the documents will be destroyed.
- Participants need to register in Slack (group chat application) using their Gmail address. While attending the SIGLOC-online, 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 program in order to measure the educational effects of this program.

15. Inquiries regarding the project:

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