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In April 2022, Osaka City University and Osaka Prefecture University united to form the Osaka Metropolitan University (OMU), which is the largest public university in Japan.

13th SIGLOC-online **Socially Innovative Global Classroom: Online** **September 2022** **Application Guidelines**

- **Theme** SDGs: Social Innovation in your local community toward solving global issues
 - **Tentative Topics**
 - Circular economy and local supply chain
 - Civic pride and local community

	13th SIGLOC-online
Program Period	September 5, Monday - September 23, Friday 2022
Gmail Registration Deadline	June 30, Thursday, 17:00 (JST)
Application Deadline	July 10th, Sunday, 23:59 (JST)
Recruitment Numbers	50 * Selection will be made based on application documents.
Registration form	https://forms.gle/ZTspxJ66MGFnt4Bf7
Estimated Selection Notice	July 19, Tuesday (JST)
Participation Fee	Free

1. Program Outline:

As a school selected for the FY2018 Inter-University Exchange Project of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan, Osaka Metropolitan University (OMU) 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 September 2022. 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 the SIGLOC-online:

- All participants will participate remotely from their own place during the entire period
- Collaborative and active learning with multi-national participants
- Interaction with other participants in every session whether synchronously or asynchronously
- Conferral of a Certificate of Completion to the participants who meet the prescribed requirements

about the program

- The program is held for three weeks in September 2022.
- The online orientation will be held in late August, prior to the official opening of the program.
- There are pre-tasks and post-tasks in addition to a three-week program.
- The program is packed with content and there is a lot of daily work.

[Notes]

- **The 13th SIGLOC-online program** requires students to study about 30 hours per week. In addition to individual study, the program is designed to be done through asynchronous pair work and group work. Students can create their own study schedule. Whenever possible, pair work and group work can be done together using Zoom etc., to ensure effective learning. It is recommended that students coordinate with their group members for such Zoom meeting(s) if necessary. Participants' commitment to complete tasks on time is one of the most crucial elements of the program.

4. Program Format: Participating online

5. Qualification Requirements for the Application:

Applicants must fulfill all the qualification requirements listed below:

- For the 13th SIGLOC-online, undergraduate or graduate students that are currently enrolled in a university except for those in Japan.
- 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 throughout the entire program.
- Those who can prepare a PC [not a mobile phone*] to work / study in this program.
*A mobile phone does not have enough capacity / functions to work collaboratively with other students.
- Those who can use an unlimited Internet network during the program, or those who can use a pre-paid Internet network and bear its cost for the program.
- Those (students) who can obtain approval to list their university's faculty member or an advisor from their university as a reference.
- A student under the legal age of his / her country (e.g., 18 years old for Japanese students) needs to obtain the consent of his / her parent(s) or legal guardian.
- Those who can sign the agreement form after carefully reading the application form and the application guidelines.

6. Rules of Compliance:

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

- Attending all of 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 and participation in synchronous

sessions (i.e., orientation, welcome session, final presentation and closing session) are required.

7. How to Apply:

SIGLOC-online uses Google services such as Google Drive. You will not be able to continue tasks for the program unless you provide a suitable Gmail address for the program.

- **Step 1: Register your Gmail address by June 30th**

- You need to register your Gmail address which will be used in SIGLOC-online.
- University email addresses that use the Gmail system CANNOT be used for registration. The mail address that you will use must end in @gmail.com.
- Your Gmail account name must be the same with the nickname(*) you use for SIGLOC-online.

[Note] (*) nickname:

- All the participants in SIGLOC-online use nicknames. You will be identified only with your nickname throughout the program and in future publications, as well as the OMU-COIL website and SNS such as Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram. The purpose of using nicknames is to make it easier for you and others from all over the world to call each other in a friendly manner, and also to protect your privacy when posted in the media mentioned above.
- If you use the existing Gmail account, please rename your account with the nickname. Otherwise, we strongly recommend that you create a new Gmail account with the nickname you use for SIGLOC-online.

- **Gmail Registration Form for the 13th SIGLOC-online**

<https://forms.gle/ZTspxJ66MGFNt4Bf7>

- **Step 2: Receive an Application Form via email**

- After registering your Gmail address from the form, we will send an email to the registered Gmail address, which explains the application procedure for SIGLOC-online.
- If you don't receive such an email, check your inbox and/or trash of the Gmail account.
- If you cannot find any messages, register your Gmail account once again.

- **Step 3: Submit an Application Form by July 10th**

- You need to fill all the information required(*) in the Application Form.

[Note] (*) information required:

- The application must include a minimum 150-word statement of purpose and a minimum 300-word essay.
- Information about your "Reference Person" (e.g., a faculty member, academic advisor or staff member at the International Office at your university) is required. Please ask the reference person for permission to provide his or her email address to

the COIL Promotion Office. We will inform your reference person that you have applied.

8. Deadlines:

- Please be sure to follow the three (3) steps explained above.
- **Gmail registration deadline: Thursday, June 30, 2022 17:00 (JST)**
- **Application submission deadline: Sunday, July 10, 2022 23:59 (JST)**

9. Selection:

- Selection will be made by screening the submitted information. In addition, we may interview some of the applicants, if necessary.
- The applicants are comprehensively evaluated based on the selection criteria, which include the content of the application form that shows students' motivation, attitude towards learning; Statement of Purpose, essay, overload schedule(*), and so on.
 - (*) For those who have exams, internships or other commitments during the SIGLOC-online period, please consider applying for other SIGLOC-onlines in the future. For your information, SIGLOC-online is held three times a year.
- 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 a previous program.
- The selection results will be notified using the email stated in the application form on **Tuesday, July 19, 2022 (JST/ estimated)**

10. Fee:

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

11. Others:

- The personal data in the submitted application documents will be managed properly by Osaka Metropolitan 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.
- All Participants will take specified diagnostic tests (i.e., BEVI) before and after the program for measurement of the educational effects of this program.
- **To Educators and/or Officers of International Students Affair:**
If your school is interested in participating in SIGLOC-online as a part of class or special course, please contact us.

12. Inquiries regarding the project:

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Program Schedule: See attached table of the schedule

The program schedule is based on Japan Standard Time (JST).

The program schedule and contents are subject to change.

Schedule of 13th SIGLOC-online

Date	Day of week	Session	Contents	Format	Extra-Curricular Activities
Late Aug.		Orientation (*)	Program guidance and ICT check (sync.)	zoom	(*)TBA
		Pre-course Assignment	Research on the theme (to be instructed in the orientation)	Individual work	
5-Sep	Mon	Welcome Session (*) (sync.)		zoom	Cultural Activities: Group activities Chat and Photo channel Quiz channel
		Session 1	Asynchronous debate on "Global Supply Chain"	Individual work	
6-Sep	Tue			Pair work	
7-Sep	Wed			Individual work	
8-Sep	Thu			Pair work	
9-Sep	Fri			Feedback and reflection	
10-Sep	Sat				
11-Sep	Sun				
12-Sep	Mon	Session 2	Research and discussion of "Local Community"	Individual work	
13-Sep	Tue			Individual work	
14-Sep	Wed			Work with team members	
15-Sep	Thu			Individual work	
16-Sep	Fri	Session 3	Research and discussion of "Local and Global Sustainability"	Individual work	
17-Sep	Sat				
18-Sep	Sun				
19-Sep	Mon	Session 3	Research and discussion of "Local and Global Sustainability"	Individual work	
20-Sep	Tue			Work with team members	
21-Sep	Wed		Final Presentation (*) (sync.)	zoom	
22-Sep	Thu		Feedback and reflection	Work with others	
23-Sep	Fri	Closing Session (*) (sync.)		zoom	
		Post-course Tasks	Submit the final products (a picture book and a reflection report) Submit BEVI, questionnaire etc.	Individual work	

(*) Details will be announced. Orientation, Welcome Session, Final Presentation and Closing Session will be synchronous sessions held via Zoom. The schedule will be determined by **the participants' time zone**.