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Kyoto-Cornell International Collaborative Degree Opportunity: KC-CDO

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Program

Q: How long is the KC-CDO program?

A: The KC-CDO is a two-year program; one year at Kyoto University and one year at Cornell University. It offers two degrees: Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Kyoto University and Master of Management in Hospitality (MMH) from Cornell University.

Q: How does the MBA differ from the MMH?

A: The Master of Business Administration (MBA) is a professional degree awarded to students who have acquired the skills and advanced, coherent knowledge required for careers in business and management. The Master of Management in Hospitality (MMH) is a professional degree conferred to those who have completed a program in the services and hospitality industry. Accordingly, by obtaining both degrees, you will have credentials as a professional equipped with the strong knowledge and skills needed to apply service and hospitality expertise to business and management.

Q: When is the KC-CDO's enrollment?

A: April 1.

Q: What is the KC-CDO program schedule like?

A: KC-CDO students will study at the Graduate School of Management (GSM) at Kyoto University for two semesters (semesters 1 and 4), and at the School of Hotel Administration (SHA) at Cornell SC Johnson College of Business for the other two semesters (semesters 2 and 3), starting in late August.

Q: Can KC-CDO students take classes offered in Japanese at Kyoto University?

A: Yes. They may take classes in Japanese as long as the subjects are required for the MBA degree at Kyoto University. To take the classes, Japanese Language Proficiency Test N1 level or higher is required. Required basic subjects of the 1st semester are provided only in English.

Q: Are there any internship opportunities?

A: Since an internship is not included in the MBA degree requirement, we do not offer any internship opportunities. If you seek for an internship opportunity in Japan, KC-CDO faculty may help you to find

one. Internship opportunities in the U.S. for non-U.S. students may be limited, but Cornell's Career Management team can help you to find externships in the U.S. during the winter break between the semester 2 and 3. You would not qualify for the Optional Practical Training (OPT) after MMH degree completion.

Q: Can MEXT (Japanese government) Scholarship students participate in the KC-CDO?

A: No. MEXT students are not eligible for the program.

Admissions

Q: Do I need to apply to both Kyoto University and Cornell University to be admitted to KC-CDO?

A: Yes, you need to apply to both. Both universities select candidates independently, and only those who are selected by both universities can enroll as KC-CDO students.

Q: After being admitted to both universities, can I decline one of them and enroll either in Cornell SHA or in one of the other programs offered by Kyoto University?

A: Everyone admitted to both universities as a KC-CDO student is expected to enroll in both of them.

Q: Do applicants need to send their TOEFL or GMAT score to both universities?

A: Yes. The selection processes are run independently, so please follow each university's application guidelines.

Q: Can I submit a new TOEFL/IELTS/GMAT/GRE score to replace an earlier one that I provided in my application?

A: Yes, as long as it arrives before the application deadline. Please send it with a note explaining that is a replacement score for TOEFL/IELTS/GMAT/GRE.

Q: Do I have to submit a letter of recommendation?

A: Yes. You need to submit two or more letters of recommendation in the format you downloaded.

Q: Will Kyoto University and Cornell University separately announce the successful applicants?

A: Yes. Since we select the candidates independently, we make the announcement separately. However, both announcements will be made at the same time.

Q: What happens if I am accepted by only one of the universities?

A: Unfortunately, those who are accepted by only one of the universities cannot enroll in the KC-CDO program. However, you will be able to enroll in program of the university to which you were accepted—(MMH program of Cornell University or MBA International program of Kyoto University); after

successful completion of that program, you will be awarded the degree it offers (MMH or MBA).

Q: When I took the TOEFL test, I did not register Cornell University as a score recipient. How can I send my TOEFL score to Cornell University?

A: For a fee, you can request the testing service (ETS) to send your score to institutions that you didn't designate before the test, for up to 2 years after the test.

For further information, please refer to the site below.

<https://www.ets.org/toefl/ibt/scores/send/>

Q: Is there an interview?

A: Only if deemed necessary.

Q: Is work experience necessary?

A: Work experience is preferred, but not required.

Tuition fees and financial aid

Q: Will I need to pay the admission fee and tuition to both Kyoto and Cornell University? If so, how much would it be?

A: Yes. Students participating in this program must enroll at Kyoto University and pay all fees required by Kyoto University in order to participate in the program (for two semesters). They are also obligated to pay tuition and academic fees to Cornell University during the period of study at Cornell (for two semesters).

A notice of admission/enrollment procedures including the required fees will be sent to all successful applicants. For further information, please read each university's admission guidelines.

Tuition and financing information for Cornell University:

<https://sha.cornell.edu/admissions-programs/graduate/mmh/admissions/tuition-financing/>

The amount is subject to change. Please be sure to check the latest information about tuition and other estimated expenses before applying.

Q: When do I pay the tuition fee?

A: Payment of the 1st semester tuition to Kyoto University will be due around May. Details to be announced to successful applicants.

Q: Is financial assistance available?

A: Yes. We have specific scholarships for this program. Details will be given to admitted students after they start the first semester.

Q: Can I pay the tuition in installments?

A: The installment plan is available at Cornell to allow you make monthly installments. The information about payments can be found on their website: <https://www.dfa.cornell.edu/bursar>

At Kyoto University you will need to pay it in full for one semester.

Miscellaneous

Q: Please tell me how to obtain a visa for Japan and/or the United States.

A: You will study in both Japan and the United States. Consequently, depending on your nationality, you need to obtain a Japanese visa and/or a U.S. visa.

To apply for a U.S. visa

Please follow Cornell University's instruction.

To apply for a Japanese visa

You will need to apply for a visa by yourself. A Certificate of Eligibility and a letter of acceptance, which are required for your application, will be sent to you by Kyoto University.