



Internship Program

2025



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If you just take that first step,
you can find out so much
about what you want do!

Faculty of Humanities,
Department of Psychology 3rd Year

I think all that you need is
a little bit of courage to apply.
After that you just follow the
path and enjoy everything.

Faculty of Engineering, Department of Mechanical
and Electrical Systems Engineering 3rd Year

I learned so much about
myself by participating in
an internship.

Faculty of Economics and Business Administration,
Department of Economics 2nd Year

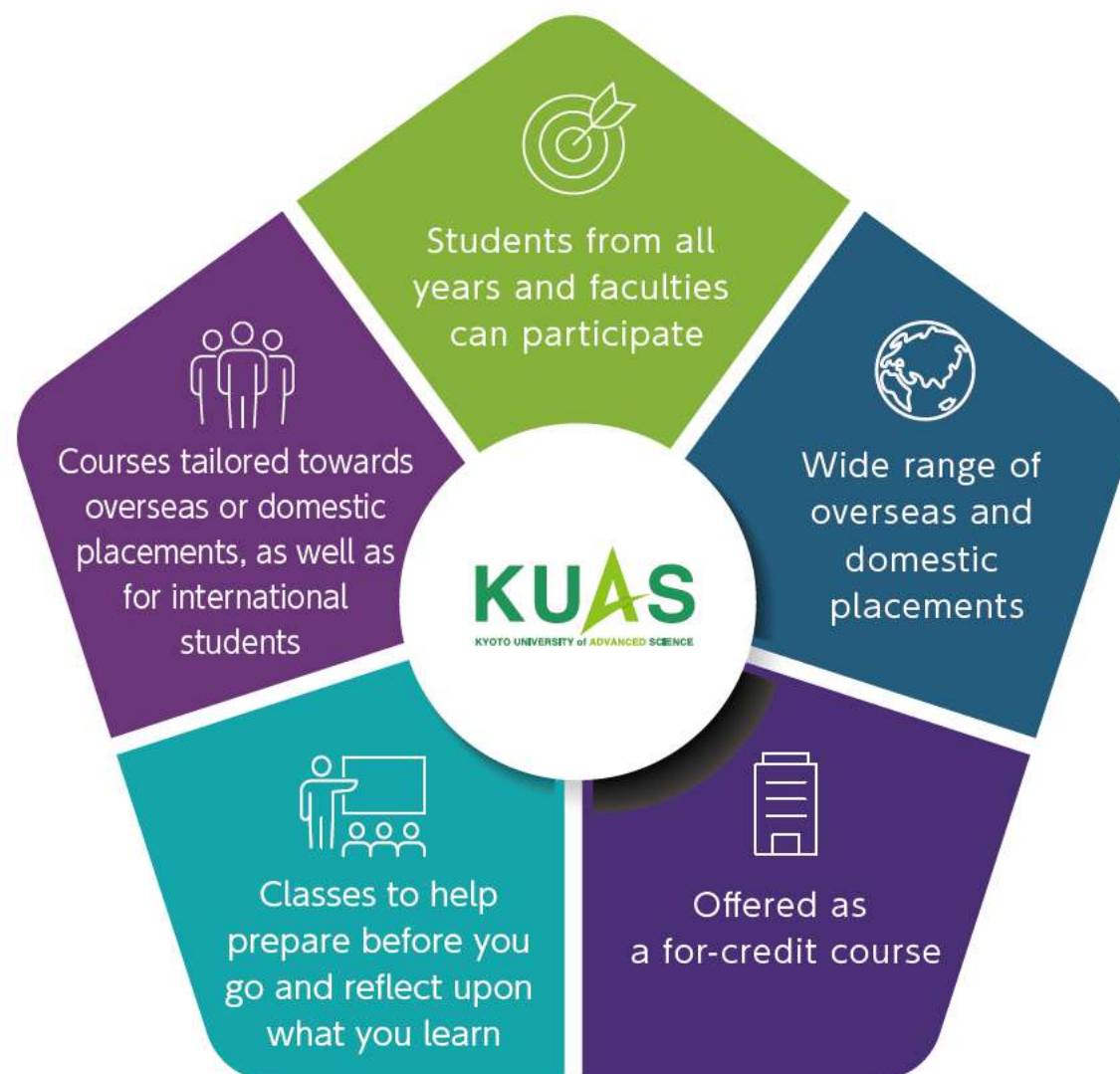
What is an internship?

Internships are broadly defined as “work experience related to one’s major or future career undertaken while still in school”. In recent years, the number of companies offering internships has been increasing, and most of them are held during long vacation periods such as summer and winter breaks.

Participants
Over 200

Partner Institutions
Over 150

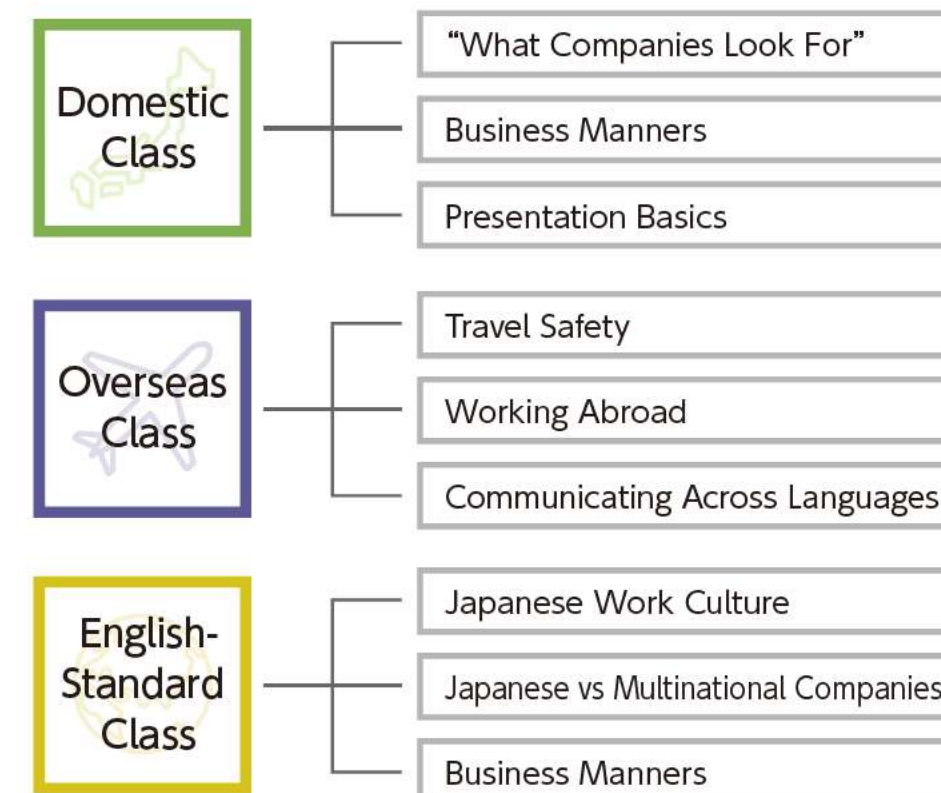
What makes the KUAS Internship Program different?



I applied to this program to broaden my horizons and figure out what kind of job I want to do in the future.
Faculty of Humanities,
Department of Japanese
History and Cultural
Studies 3rd Year

Preliminary Lessons by Class

At KUAS, preliminary lessons are divided into the Domestic Class, Overseas Class and English-Standard Class to best suit the students' needs.



I have a goal to be active on the world stage in the future, and through my internship I wanted to gain experience to know what it's like to work abroad.
Faculty of Engineering,
Department of Mechanical
and Electrical Systems
Engineering 3rd Year

Program Schedule



Application and Selection

Access the dedicated Internship Portal Site to find out more information about partner institutions, and decide on the program you would like to participate in.

Application Deadline **Sunday, May 11**



Internship

Internships are primarily held during the Summer vacation. Through domestic programs, students are given the opportunity to apply the skills gained during Preliminary Lessons and discover their strengths and areas for improvement in preparation for entering the workforce.

Overseas programs provide students a chance to travel abroad and gain further insight into work culture abroad, experiencing the differences in perspective and picking up the skills required to become a "global talent".

Period **Between August 8 ~ September 5**



Follow-up Lesson

Students share and reflect upon their internship experiences and prepare for their Final Presentations.

Planned Date **Late September (Saturday)**



Preliminary Lessons

Students undertaking domestic placements pick up the skills and mindset necessary for the Japanese workplace, such as industry research, what it means to be a worker, and business manners. Students participating in overseas programs additionally learn about interacting with foreign cultures and prepare for travel abroad. Students also gain an opportunity to level-up themselves in preparation for their placements through discussions with other students across year groups and faculties.

Planned Dates **June 28, July 5, July 12, July 19**
*All lessons take place on Saturday



Final Presentation Session

The culmination of the internship program, students are given the opportunity to present their experiences and reflections. It also provides a crucial opportunity to carry their experience forward, as they listen to the presentations of their fellow participants and receive feedback from both business representatives and KUAS staff.

Planned Date **Mid-October (Saturday)**



The Preliminary Lessons were very useful. By thoroughly researching our placement institutions and understanding the business before going, we were able to learn and gain more during our time in-person.

Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Department of Economics 3rd Year



By looking back on my internship in preparation for our Final Presentations, I was able to make new discoveries and grow even further.

Faculty of Engineering, Department of Mechanical and Electrical Systems Engineering 3rd Year

Domestic Program

Acquire foundational skills as a working professional!

- Test your skills in your field of expertise
- Practice business manners on-site
- Discover areas for further development

Features

- ✓ Numerous special programs, both exclusively for KUAS students and held jointly with students from other universities!
- ✓ Placements tailored to match student interests and specializations
- ✓ Over 200 participants per year in over 150 companies!
- ✓ Various locations available, primarily centered around the Kansai area



Features

- ✓ Unique programs exclusive to KUAS students
- ✓ Programs for ALL English levels, from beginners to fluent speakers
- ✓ Programs available in over 10 countries around the world
- ✓ Financial support for flights and accommodation

Overseas Program

Take your first step as a global citizen!

- Travel abroad and expand your horizons
- Experience local workplaces
- Collaborate with global-minded professionals

English-Standard Program

Gain experience at a local company and glimpse your future in Japan!

- Experience Japanese work culture
- Practice business manners on-site
- Reflect on potential careers in Japan

Features

- ✓ Choose a placement matching your Japanese level!
- ✓ Program content designed for international students
- ✓ Preliminary Lessons taught in English
- ✓ Various locations available, primarily centered around the Kansai area



Student Interviews

※Student Years are at time of placement



Domestic Program

Kodai MITSUBAYASHI

Faculty of Engineering
Department of Mechanical and Electrical Systems
Engineering 3rd Year

Q : What was the internship like?

A : My internship was divided into three parts: the first was training for operating large industrial robots, the second was actual operation of a robot, and the third was studying the motors in the arms of the robot, where we disassembled the motors and studied the characteristics inside them and how the motors work.

Q : What left the biggest impression from your internship?

A : The philosophy of "learning from the past" left the biggest impression on me. I was able to see the process of incorporating new technology into that which has already been developed to create brand new things, and I felt that this is exactly what the phrase embodies.

Q : Last year you participated in an internship overseas, and this year you participated in a domestic internship within the same group company. What did you feel after those experiences?

A : Last year I interned as a service engineer, who talks with customers and communicates their needs to technical staff, whereas at this year's internship I experienced the work of a development engineer. Although the nature of the work was different, during both placements I was reminded of the importance of communication. Additionally, it was last year's overseas internship that led me to become interested in development engineering to begin with, in order to study more specialized knowledge.

Q : You have participated in the KUAS internship program for all three years of your university life. Do you feel any growth in yourself?

A : I feel that as the breadth of my expertise has expanded over the years, I am now able to have more in-depth conversations with engineers. In this sense, I think the kinds of questions I ask and how has changed. Also, having gone through the business manners lesson each year, I feel that the repetition has helped me to become more natural at gestures such as exchanging business cards.



Internship Details

About Nidec Instruments Corporation

Nidec Instruments is a member of Nidec Group, the world's No. 1 comprehensive motor manufacturer. The company is involved in the development, manufacture and sales of motors, motor drive units, card readers, industrial robots and music boxes.

As my expertise expands, I can now have more in-depth conversations with engineers.

Q : How and why did you choose your placement?

A : I learned about Pantech through my Faculty's own internship program. I had been studying about environmental issues since my first year and wanted to think about solutions to such problems myself, so I applied to the company as it is currently developing a recycling solutions business.

Q : What was the internship like?

A : I experienced a great deal during my time in the Supply Chain Management Department and Sales Departments, as well as during compliance training. I was able to learn not only the work itself, but also different attitudes and ways of thinking.

Q : Was anything different from what you imagined before the internship?

A : The company had a more outspoken atmosphere than I had imagined, and I found it to be a very comfortable environment to work in. There was a lot of conversation among the employees, and I could tell that the employees all work together to advance projects.

Q : Did anything change in yourself after the internship?

A : Through participating in this and various other internships, I have gained an interest in sales, which was a career I had not considered before. My impression of sales changed when I was exposed to the idea of "solving customers' problems together with them". I think that is a very big change for me.

Kotaro TANIGUCHI

Faculty of Economics and Business Administration
Department of Economics 3rd Year

Internship Details

About Pantech Corporation

Since its establishment in 1996, Pantech has developed its business around providing complete-package solutions for plastic recycling. Currently, the company is engaged in four main businesses: providing recycling solutions, supplying recycled plastic material, building recycling schemes, and selling environmentally-friendly products.

Q : What did you find useful from the preliminary and follow-up classes?

A : It was very helpful to learn how to conduct research on industries and companies. I was initially hesitant about having classes on Saturday because of my club activities, but I was able to understand the content of the internship more deeply because I had the foundational knowledge necessary beforehand. The follow-up lesson and presentation session also provided an opportunity to fully internalize what I had learned during my internship.

Q : What was the most memorable part of your internship?

A : Being able to accompany a sales representative. While their discussions with customers were often specific and difficult to follow, what resonated with me was being told it was more important to focus instead on the feel and atmosphere of the company, and how they interacted with their customers.

Q : Has your attitude toward the industry and work changed?

A : I was reminded of how purchasing a home is a milestone event for many people, and how special it felt to be a part of that. I feel that the sales role is especially crucial because it is the first point of contact with the customer, and being able to see this firsthand through this internship was a big benefit for me.

Q : What is your vision for the future?

A : I was interested in real estate even before I participated in the internship, but this experience has solidified my desire to work in the field. Although the number of houses being built is decreasing due to falling birthrate and aging population, I learned that the company not only builds houses but also commercial facilities and hospitals, and broadened my perspective on the industry as a whole.

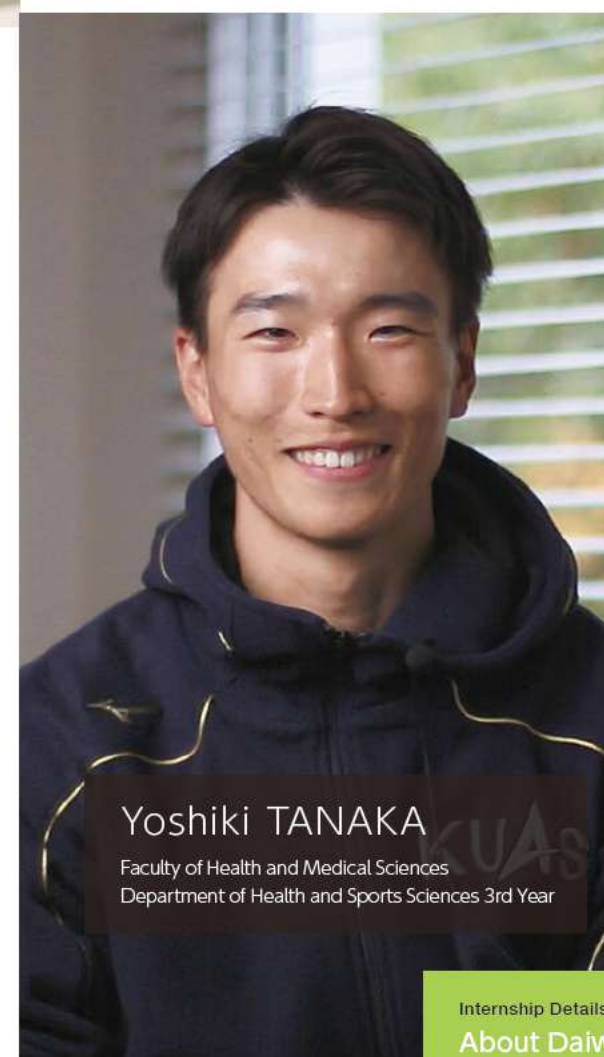
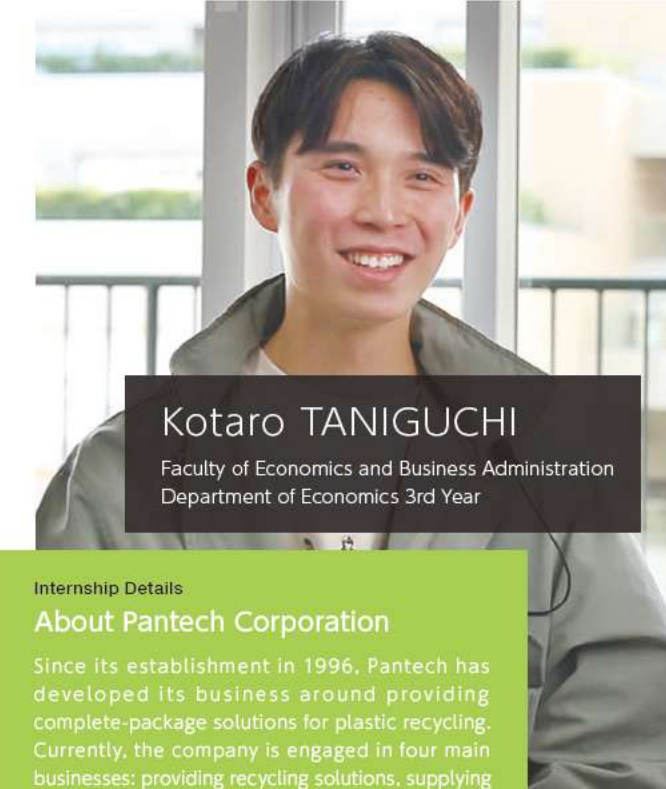
Yoshiki TANAKA

Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences
Department of Health and Sports Sciences 3rd Year

Internship Details

About Daiwa House Industry Co., Ltd.

Daiwa House Industry is active in a wide range of areas including detached housing, rental housing, commercial facilities and energy. As a "value co-creation group for people, towns, and lifestyles," they look to create new value through their group capabilities enabling comprehensive solutions from start to finish.



✈ Overseas Program

Rina AOKI

Faculty of Engineering
Department of Mechanical and
Electrical Systems Engineering 3rd Year

Ririka HANDA

Faculty of Engineering
Department of Mechanical and
Electrical Systems Engineering 3rd Year

Kai MORISHITA

Faculty of Bioenvironmental Sciences
Department of Agriculture and Food Technology
3rd Year

Q : Why did you decide to take part in the internship program?

A : (AOKI) My goal is to be an active player on the world stage, but I didn't really know how to go about it. Through my internship I wanted to gain experience to know what it's like to work abroad.

(HANDA) I felt that my skills and knowledge as an engineer were lacking, and so through this internship I wanted to learn about not only motors and engineering, but also about what it's like to work abroad.

Q : What left the biggest impression on you during your internship?

A : (HANDA) On the factory floor, we had the task of placing 1-millimeter springs into parts with a width of 1-2 centimeters. I'm a bit clumsy so it was tricky for me, however by actually performing this kind of precise task, there was a lot to learn from the point of view of an engineer.

Q : What message do you have for students who are thinking about applying for an overseas internship?

A : (AOKI) I was a bit nervous about applying for an internship overseas, however if you're interested in going abroad in the future, I think you should challenge yourself and give it a try. I think I gained a lot and grew as a person because of this internship.



Internship Details

About Nidec Vietnam Corporation

Nidec Vietnam is a member of Nidec Group, the world's No. 1 comprehensive motor manufacturer. With close association with 300 group companies across the globe, they handle "everything that spins and moves", miniature to gigantic. Nidec Vietnam Corporation specializes in the production of fan motors.

Q : What did you do during your internship?

A : My internship can be broken up into 3 main components. First was researching a variety of fungus found in grasses, which was the area that I was most interested in. Second was researching bacteria found in vegetables, and finally I also conducted DNA extraction and sequencing.

Surprisingly, the DNA-related component of my internship left the biggest impression on me. Being able to take part in research that not only revisited topics studied at university but then also built on them further was a very refreshing experience. This experience fostered a newfound interest in DNA research in me, and I am grateful for the opportunity to discover a new area of interest for me to pursue further.

Q : Tell us about your homestay experience.

A : I was welcomed into the home of one of the researchers as a homestay. He was originally from Ghana and lived with his wife and 2 young children. In spite of their busy lives, they welcomed me into their home and went out of their way to take me to see the town and tourist sites. They even took me to local restaurants and parks, places they often go visit as a family, and I was really happy that they treated me like family.

Q : Please provide a message to students looking to participate in an overseas internship!

A : Even if you are worried about your skills and abilities, if you are at all interested in an internship you should just go for it! In the beginning I was hesitant about participating, but thanks to the university's support and the kindness of the people at AgResearch I was able to have a very fulfilling experience. I made so many wonderful memories and am extremely glad to have gone.



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About AgResearch

One of New Zealand's Crown Research Institutes (CRIs), AgResearch conducts research into the country's agricultural issues. Supporting New Zealand's agriculture sector, AgResearch researches solutions aimed at improving productivity, profitability and sustainability.

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from the point of view of an engineer.

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English-Standard Program



Nur AMITOV

Faculty of Engineering
Department of Mechanical and
Electrical Systems Engineering
2nd Year
Home Country: Kazakhstan

Q : What kind of company is Fukui Megane Industry?

A : Fukui Megane is located in Sabae, which is a bit north of Kyoto. It's a part of EssilorLuxottica, a global leader in eyewear production and manufacturing. I would say it's a company with a nice work culture, and it has a mix of Japanese and international employees.

Q : What did you do at your internship?

A : I was assigned to a team with a student from another university and a tutor from the company. Working together we needed to design a "spaghetti chart" that included all inputs and outputs regarding the titanium production of eyewear. Beforehand, I had no knowledge of what a spaghetti chart was or much of anything about titanium production or the eyewear industry. I was very impressed by the amount of processes used in titanium production. We had to learn how to make very simple yet effective charts for people to understand.

Q : What skills did you develop during your Internship?

A : I was able to develop my time management. Often time my mentor and others I needed to be in communication with were occupied with tasks, so when I had a chance to speak with them I needed to be clear and concise so that my mentor could know where I needed support.

Q : What advice would you give to your fellow students who are considering taking part in an internship?

A : It might sound a bit scary or difficult for someone to do an internship, but it's a good challenge to be able to test your abilities and improve them. Everyone should try to do it if they have a chance. I think everyone's image of their future will become clearer.



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About Fukui Megane part of EssilorLuxottica

Located in the heart of Japan's eyeglasses manufacturing hub in Sabae City, Fukui Prefecture, this company is part of EssilorLuxottica group - the eyewear industry's largest company. They hosted an internship with 4 KUAS international students along with students from other universities across Japan.

An internship is a good challenge to be able to test your abilities and improve them.

Q : What kind of company is Rakuyo Kasei?

A : Rakuyo Kasei is a manufacturing company that produces machine parts, specializing in super engineering plastics along with some metals and resins. About 70% of their work is plastics, which they process through CAD/CAM software to carve blocks into the desired shapes.

Q : What did you do during your internship?

A : Using designs I had created at university, I translated them into CAD/CAM software and executed them in their machine workshop to produce machine parts. While I had experience both with mechanical drawings and machine operation, translating them into 3D CAD/CAM software and programming the machines directly was a new experience and learning curve. This internship gave me the freedom and knowledge to dive deeper into the actual processes and has solidified my interest in industrial design.

Q : Do you have any advice for students considering internships?

A : Be prepared to face challenges, but see them as opportunities to grow. The internships push you to reach your potential by giving you the freedom to explore and learn independently and to apply what you have learned at university in a real-world setting.



Keshavi JOSHI

Faculty of Engineering
Department of Mechanical and
Electrical Systems Engineering
2nd Year
Home Country : India

Internship Details

About Rakuyo Kasei Co., Ltd.

Founded in 1984, Rakuyo Kasei is a manufacturing company that produces high-precision parts, using 3D CAD/CAM to perform precision cutting, 3D machining and small-diameter high-speed drilling of super engineering plastics, resins, and metals. Their products are utilized in a wide range of fields, including semiconductor-related parts, vehicle equipment, and medical equipment, creating high-precision products that guarantee a machining accuracy within 10 microns.

Q : Why did you apply to Okimiya Kogyo?

A : I wanted to work with machines during my internship and looked at companies focused in that area. While I was searching I discovered Okimiya Kogyo had equipment similar to what we have at KUAS' own workshops. As I was nervous with the idea of participating in an internship in Japanese, being able to work with equipment I was familiar with helped me feel more comfortable about going.

Q : How was the language barrier during the internship?

A : It was honestly a lot smoother than I thought it would be. During the Preliminary Lessons we were advised to be proactive in communicating with the company, so I reached out to them introducing myself in Japanese. While they initially had requested an N3-N2 level of Japanese, they were much more accommodating while I was there and I think being proactive and showing that you are trying really helps with that.

Q : Do you have any advice for students considering internships?

A : Don't be afraid to communicate; if you don't understand something, ask. My boss noticed when I was struggling and encouraged me to ask questions. Even if your Japanese isn't perfect, they appreciate your effort and will help you.



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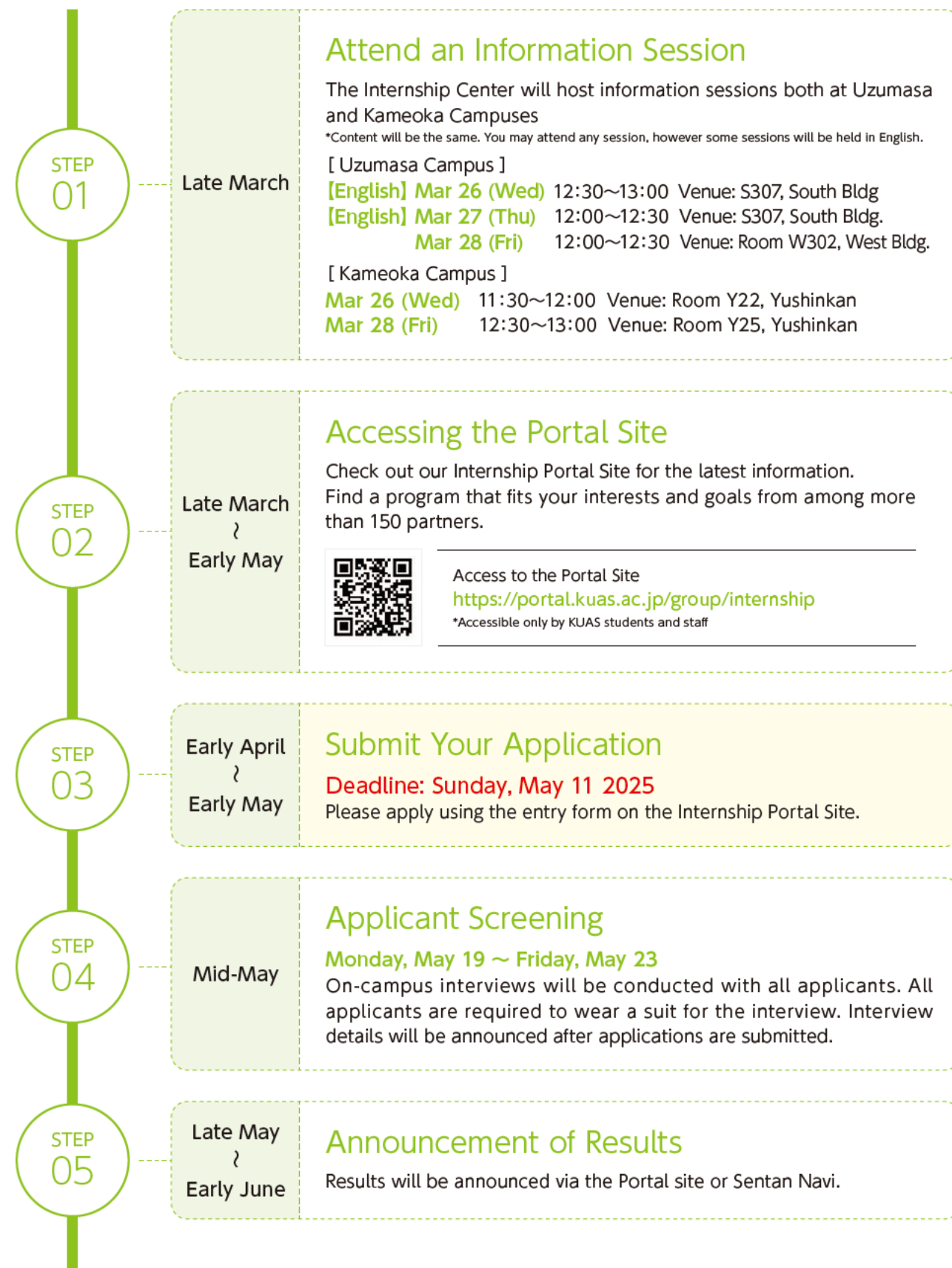
Faculty of Engineering
Department of Mechanical and
Electrical Systems Engineering
2nd Year
Home Country: Angola

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About Okimiya Co., Ltd.

Okimiya is a manufacturing company that handles all aspects of industrial machinery, from initial design through to delivery and maintenance. They meet diversifying needs thanks to extensive facilities including cutting-edge NC lathes and machining centers in pursuit of "speed and high precision". Acting as their customers' "second factory", Okimiya contributes to a wide range of industries and fields as professionals in industrial machinery.

How to Apply



FAQs

Overall Program

- Q Who can participate?**
 Students from all grades and faculties are eligible, including master's and International students. Please check Internship placement language requirements on the Internship Portal Site.
- Q I have participated in this program before; can I participate again?**
 There is no limit to the number of times you can participate in the program, however there are restrictions on receiving credits.
- Q Can I get credit for participation?**
 This is a regular course, so it is eligible for credit, however the amount of credits received varies by Faculty. For details, please refer to the course outline and syllabus.
- Q Can I participate in just the internship component?**
It is not possible to only participate in the Internship itself.
 Attendance at the preliminary and follow-up lessons are required, as well as the submission of assignments. Participation in the Internship component may be revoked based on completion of the preliminary lessons and assignments.
- Q I have a part-time job; can I still participate?**
 Yes, but please schedule accordingly so that it does not interfere with the program.

Application & Lessons

- Q I would like to participate in the program, but I am not sure which company to apply to.**
 You can book a consultation with the Internship Division for advice. Details on how to make a booking will be sent via Sentan Navi and the Internship Portal Site. Walk-in consultations will also be permitted depending on staff availability.
- Q How do I apply?**
 Please apply through the Internship Portal Site. To access the Portal Site, please use the link or QR Code on page 16.
- Q What should I be careful of before applying?**
 Please be sure that the dates of the Internship component do not overlap with any intensive courses during the summer.
- Q How is the selection process conducted?**
 We will provide detailed information after the submission of applications, however a group interview is planned.
- Q What is taught in the preliminary classes?**
 Students will learn necessary skills such as business manners and techniques for researching companies before embarking on their Internship.

Internship Period

- Q What are the dates for the internship component?**
 The dates and duration vary depending on company. Please check the information posted by each company on the Portal Site. (Some partner institutions will confirm the specific period at a later date)
- Q How much does it cost to participate?**
 The following fees are to be borne by the participant
 Overseas: Airfare to the destination, accommodation, travel insurance (costs vary depending on location, however the university plans to offer financial support)
 Domestic: Transportation, meals, and possibly accommodation (in far distant placements)
 Some costs may be compensated depending on the company.
- Q What can I do to start preparing for the Overseas Internship Program?**
- ① **Passport application or renewal**
 To travel abroad, you must possess a valid passport. Students that do not yet have a passport, as well as those with less than 1-year of validity remaining, are advised to apply for one as soon as possible.
 - ② **Prepare a credit card in your own name**
 A credit card is often required on some overseas placements, and students are requested to prepare a valid VISA or Mastercard before departing on the program.
 - ③ **Research immigration requirements**
 In preparation for travel abroad, research any immigration requirements such as visas and entry permits.

Please contact the Internship Division if you have any further questions or concerns.