

Kobe University UNESCO Chair Education Program
Application Information for 2024 (This program will be held online)
Theme: “Talking about disaster –how can we make our societies safer?”

Every year, the Kobe University UNESCO Chair on Gender, Vulnerability and Well-being in Disaster Risk Reduction Support^{*1} holds an Education Program in conjunction with its partner institutions.^{*2} Each program has a theme, and about 50 students from five universities including Kobe University have an opportunity to deepen their knowledge about the topic, but also have a special chance to experience of international interaction and exchange with students from multiple countries.

The theme for the 2024 UNESCO Chair Education Program is **“Talking about disaster – how can we make our societies safer?”** Please use this Application Information to apply to participate.

^{*1} UNESCO Chairs are networks for research and education officially recognized by UNESCO. To learn more about the Kobe University UNESCO Chair, please refer to the website below.

<https://www.office.kobe-u.ac.jp/opge-kyodo-sankaku/project/unesco/en/index.html>

The Kobe University UNESCO Chair is run by the Gender Equality Office, a division of the Inclusive Campus & Healthcare Center.

^{*2} Partner institutions include Gadjah Mada University (Indonesia), Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (Malaysia), National Kaohsiung University of Science and Technology (Taiwan), Mae Fah Luang University (Thailand), and the NGO, Mercy Malaysia. In 2024, MFU will not attend, but plans include participation by students from Shifa Tameer-e-Millat University (Pakistan).

1. Eligibility

Enrolled students (graduate or undergraduate) at Kobe University. The applicant must be able to make a presentation and participate in discussions in English, attend the entire session, and should be interested in the theme and in Kobe University UNESCO Chair activities.

2. Number of students

About 10 (Kobe University undergraduate and/or graduate students)

3. Dates

(1) Education Program Conference: 2024.12.7 (Saturday) – 8 (Sunday); 10:30-16:30 (both days)

* Includes submission of a short survey and a reflection report (about 800 words) after the conference (See 12-(2) below).

(2) Pre-conference study (Preparation of a group presentation by Kobe University participants).

*Approximately three 60-minute preparatory sessions. Dates: Mid-November; the exact dates and format (online/in person) will be decided after conferring with participants.

(3) Post-conference report session: About 90 minutes on a weekday between December 2024 and February 2025. The exact date & format will be decided after conferring with participants.

4. Meeting format: Online

The Education Program Conference will be held online. The URL will be sent to participants by the Gender Equality Office/UNESCO Chair close to the starting date. The pre-conference preparatory sessions and final report session for Kobe University students will be held online or in person, according to the needs of the participants.

5. Course credit

Rules are different for each faculty/graduate school. Please inquire at your Academic Affairs Office. Regardless of credit, all students who successfully complete the program will receive a Certificate of Completion from the Kobe University UNESCO Chair

6. Program Information

Information about the program is available on GEMs.

7. Application materials

The 2024 Kobe University UNESCO Chair Education Program Application includes:

- (1) **“Why I want to participate in this Kobe University UNESCO Chair Program”** (to be written in **Japanese if possible, otherwise in English**) ,
- (2) **“What I hope to learn from participation in this Kobe University UNESCO Chair Program”** (to be written in **English**)
- (3) **“My thoughts about this year’s theme** (Talking about disaster – how can we make our societies safer?)” (to be written in **either English or Japanese**)
- (4) **Information about English competency** (test scores; optional)

****** This program will be conducted in English, but it is recommended that students whose first language is not Japanese have basic Japanese conversational skills.

8. Submitting your application

Please refer to GEMs.

9. Selection

A selection Committee will evaluate candidates according to rules established for this program,

10. Application period

2024.10.7 (Monday) ~11.5 (Tuesday) 17:00

11. Announcement of Selection Results

2024.11.14 (Thursday)

12. Responsibility of successful applicants

- (1) Once you have been selected, you may not withdraw.
- (2) Submission of a short survey and reflection report (about 800 words) after the conference.
- (3) Please plan on attending the preparatory and follow-up sessions (See 3-(2) above).

13. Additional information or questions

Contact Kobe University UNESCO Chair unesco-gnrl@office.kobe-u.ac.jp