



UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY



An Opportunity to Study Abroad

USIU-Africa/Kansai Gaidai University (Japan) Exchange Program

Applications are being accepted from undergraduate students desiring to study abroad at Kansai Gaidai University in Japan for **two semesters** (16 weeks each). (i) **Fall 2017 through Spring 2018** (August 2017 – May 2018) and (ii) **Spring 2018 through Fall 2018** (January 2018- December 2018). **Two (2) Students Will Be Selected (one for each duration).**

Kansai Gaidai University is devoted to the promotion of international education and recognizes the essential roles that human creativity, intelligence and initiative play in the development of increased intercultural understanding (**visit: http://www.kansaigaidai.ac.jp/asp/03_academics/02.html** for more information). Kansai Gaidai University is located in Hirakata, Japan. Hirakata is located midway between the cities of Osaka and Kyoto.

Benefits

- **An Opportunity to Broaden Your Cultural Knowledge, Experience and Education.**
- **A Living Allowance of 80,000 Japanese Yen (approx. 75,000 Kenya Shillings) as monthly stipend.**

Eligibility

Undergraduate students studying Japanese are encouraged to apply. However, all undergraduate majors are eligible to apply. (**Please note: At the moment, Finance & Accounting courses will not be offered at Kansai Gaidai University.**) Students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above (with 30 units or more) and no history of disciplinary infractions (Student Code of Conduct). Student will be responsible for the following:

1. Deposit of Kshs. **352,000 (by students from E.A.) and 398,000 (by other Int'l students)** into your USIU-Africa Student Account (2 semesters of Tuition, Fees, Room & Board, Computer Lab and 2 Official Transcripts fee)*. **Deposits to be made by Friday, June 16th, 2017.**
2. Room Security Deposit - 20,000 Japanese Yen (19,000 Kenya Shillings).
3. Food Allowance per Semester - 300,000 Japanese Yen (280,000 Kenya Shillings)*.
(Provide current Bank Statement indicating **US\$ 9500 or Kshs. 967,000** to cater for Room Security Deposit, Health Insurance, Books, Food & personal expenses for two semesters).
4. Purchase of a return airline ticket.
5. Valid Passport.

(Japanese Yen & US\$ were converted to Kenya Shillings on 14th Nov., 2016 using conversion rates at <http://www.xe.com/ucc/full.shtml>). **Please note: USIU-A Fees are subject to an annual review, which may be between 5% to 10% increase. For preparation purposes, please put this into consideration. Confirmation of the amount to be deposited into your USIU-Africa Student Account will be made by end of May, 2017.**

Application Deadline:

Interested students should send in their letter of application (along with the parental/guardian financial guarantee and copy of Passport) to Kellen Njagi, International Students Officer (Freida Brown Student Center) - by **Friday, March 10th, 2017.** (Students may select different institutions but must indicate the priorities).

Your letter of application should include the reasons why you should be selected to represent USIU-Africa at Kansai Gaidai University in Japan. Please mention participation in extra curriculum activities and community service (in USIU-Africa and off campus, if applicable). **Also, include your current email address & phone contact.** Students are expected to submit a written report on their experience upon their return to USIU-Africa (softcopy and pictures recommended).