Kingfisher Global Leadership Program 2025

The purpose of the Kingfisher program is to empower the next generation of Kyoto University students with the skills and networks they need to thrive in an increasingly globalized society. It is a highly selective, interdisciplinary program open to 10 student participants enrolled full time at Kyoto University.

Application Deadline May 7

Program Dates:

August 29 - September 13, 2025

Program Description:

Selected participants spend two weeks in the United States visiting a mix of international organizations, research institutions, and companies to learn first-hand from leaders working at each organization and to develop their own leadership skill sets.

Program Goals:

- Provide students with opportunities to have conversations with prominent leaders in their respective fields
- Learn about leaders' individual career paths and leadership styles
- Provide leadership opportunities for students
- Build confidence in business level English speaking skills
- Promote participants' desire/ability to become strong leaders who can make a measurable impact in their chosen fields
- Support students in developing a personal mission and vision for their future careers
- Expose participants to a variety of international career opportunities in different fields through visits to a variety of organizations

2025 Itinerary

Aug. 29 – Sept. 4	Washington, DC
Sept. 4–7	New York City, NY
Sept. 7–12	San Francisco, CA & San Carlos, CA to explore Silicon Valley
Sept. 12–13	Return to Japan

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The Kingfisher program is operated on an annual basis by Kyodai Collaborative in partnership with Kyoto University. Kyodai Collaborative, a 501(c)(3) non-profit is a programmatically driven organization launched by a dedicated group of Kyoto University Alumni based in the US offering opportunities to both professionals and Kyoto University students.