

AFLSP@KU Enrichment Program 2025

AFLSP@KU Committee

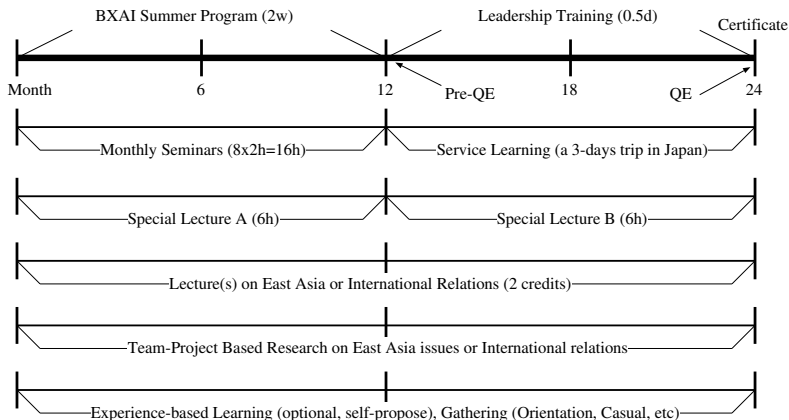
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Program at a glance



- QE = Qualification Examination
- Japanese language is optional but strongly encouraged.
- Note: BXAI Summer Program is provided by BXAI.



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Certificate of completion

- Proof of the completion of the program including
 - ① Orientation in the same year of the enrollment
 - ② Monthly Seminars (16h or more, mainly in the 1st year)
 - ③ BXAI Summer Program (provided by BXAI)
 - ④ Special Lectures (6h/y $\times$ 2y)
 - ⑤ 2-credits Lecture on intl. relations (Asia-focused) or comparative studies of cross-cultural issues in CJK
 - ⑥ Service Learning (SL)
 - ⑦ Leadership Training
 - ⑧ Team-Project Based Research (T-PBR)
 - ⑨ Pre-QE (first year) & QE (second year)
- (Optional) Experience-based learning (alternative for SL), Selected Lecture/Seminar (alternative for Special Lecture), casual gathering, Japanese language, etc



1. Orientation

- About BXAI

<https://www.bxai.org/who-we-are/about-us/about-bxai/>

- About Kyoto University

<https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/about/profile/ideals/>

- Program introduction

- Meet with committee members and alumni

- Please submit a “Commitment Plan” (A4, 1 page) to our office with the following content in one week.

- Your Name
- Why you are here with AFLSP@KU (your thinking)
- How you will commit to AFLSP@KU (in the 1st year, the 2nd year, and in the future)



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2. Monthly Seminar

- Purpose: Help understand the diversity, identify issues, communicate with others and execute
- Duty to scholars in the 1st year; recommended to 2nd year
- Eight times $\times$ 2h = 16h (Usually 10am-12pm, Sat)
- Usually each time two personal talks ($2 \times 45 = 90$ minutes) + T-PBR group reports (30 minutes in total).
- A personal talk shall consist of report on research (at least half time) and cultural/social activities.
- Others shall consider together with the speaker and discuss after the presentation (interdisciplinary study!).



3. BXA Summer Program (provided by BXA)

To be announced.



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4. Special Lectures

- Purpose: Help understand the diversity and consider issues relevant to East Asia.
- 6h/year $\times$ 2 years
- Special Lectures are lectures or seminars specially designed for scholars, thus are mandatory program.
- Who missed a Special Lecture (with a strong reason) can propose an alternative lecture/seminar (called Selected Lecture/Seminar) if it is approved by the committee.



5. 2-credits Lecture

- 2-credits Lecture(s) provided by Kyoto University
- On intl. relations (Asia-focused) or comparative studies of cross-cultural issues in East Asia (China, Japan, Korea)
- Should select one from the list provided by AFLSP@KU or propose one and get approval by the committee before the lecture registration.



6. Service Learning (SL)

- Purpose: Discover culture diversity, communicate with others, identify issues and propose appropriate solutions.
- Mainly for 2nd year scholars but 1st year scholars are also welcome.
- Submit an individual research paper on East Asia or intl. relations after the trip (can be a result of a group work).
- Who missed it (with a strong reason) can propose an Experience-Based Learning as alternative (requires the approval by the committee).



7. Leadership Training

- Purpose: Help discover and develop oneself
- Mainly for 2nd year scholars but 1st year scholars are also welcome.



8. Team-Project Based Research (T-PBR) in general

- Study social issues on East Asia and/or Intl. Relations
- Purpose: (Main) Shared Leadership practice and interdisciplinary research on solving social problems
- Topic: Will be decided at the first Monthly Seminar
- Goal: Publication (finally $\Rightarrow$ "Think Tank AFLSP@KU")
Three reports published so far on KURENAI.
- Suggest to consider to start from a previous T-PBR study
- Report length: 6–12 pages preferred (Pre-QE/QE)
- Provide financial support
- Supervisors will provide advices if asked.



Model and evaluation for T-PBR

- Model: 3Cs model for shared leadership (Xu & Zhao'22)
- Evaluation:
 - ① Appropriate organization (cleared in the team-building stage): 2–5 scholars including 1+ senior & 1+ junior, plus 1 Japanese student & 1 supervisor (professor)
 - ② Clear common goal
 - ③ Quality of the achievement
 - ④ Cohesive support: work as a cohesive team
 - ⑤ Complementary expertise: every member contributes in a unique and necessary way



9. Pre-QE & QE (Qualification Examination)

- 1st year: Pre-QE, 2nd year: QE
- Winter for April enrollment and Summer for October
- Who failed Pre-QE may lose the scholarship.
- Evaluation by annual activities with the following criteria
 - Quality of research (evaluated by supervisor)
 - Academic performance (by board members, including GPA, research achievement, presentation ability, etc)
 - Bird's view on issues in the world (Asia preferred)
 - Sociality (culture, intl. relation, communication etc)
 - Leadership (self-leadership, group leadership, etc)
- Team-Based Project Research is reported in teams.
- All scholars are required to join the event.



Experience-Based Learning (EBL)

- Optional but recommended.
- Purpose: same as SL, thus can be an alternative of SL
- Funding: TBD
(cf. from Oct 2024 to Aug 2025, 50,000 Yen for two or more nights, 25,000 Yen for at most one night)
- Submit your proposal one month before departure using the designated application form
- Can be combined with a business trip or national/oversea internship, but not home country in principle
- Submit an individual research paper on East Asia or intl. relations after the trip (can be a result of a group work).



AFLSP@KU Management and Offline Support

- Committee consists of nine members from different graduate schools including four core members.
- Office/Coordinator: TEL 075-753-5408, FAX 075-753-5680, Email AFLSP at mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp

AFLSP@KU Online Resource

WWW	www.aflsp.kyoto-u.ac.jp
Wiki	www.aflsp.kyoto-u.ac.jp/wiki/



Important information

- Schedule in 2025
 - Monthly Seminar (10am–12pm, Sat): April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, Oct 18, Nov 15, Dec 20, Jan 10.
 - QE/Pre-QE (afternoon of Sat): August 2, 2025, and Jan 24, 2026
 - Leadership training: May 24, 2025
 - Service Learning: Oct 11-13, 2025
 - Special Lectures: #1 1:30-4:30pm, May 24, 2025, and #2 afternoon, Jan 10th, 2026
 - Funding for T-PBR, EBL, and language test (for each person, once in two years).
- Username/Password for the Wiki site

