

AFLSP@KU Enrichment Program 2026

AFLSP@KU Committee

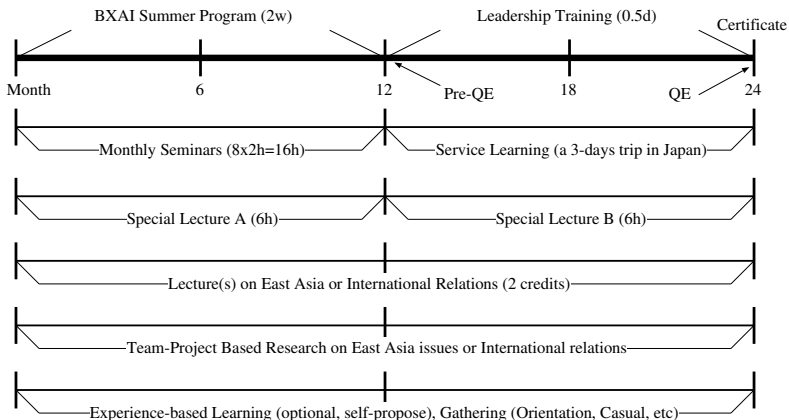
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Program at a glance



- 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 and gathering
 - ② Monthly Seminars (16h. Optional in the second year)
 - ③ BXAI Summer Program (provided by BXAI)
 - ④ Special Lectures (6h/y × 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 and gathering

- 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)



2. Monthly Seminar

- Purpose: Help understand the diversity, identify issues, communicate with others and execute
- Duty to scholars in the 1st year; optional but 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 talk shall consist of report on research (roughly half time), social studies, and other cultural/social activities.
- Others shall consider together with the speaker and discuss after the presentation (interdisciplinary study!).



3. BXAI Summer Program (provided by BXAI)

August 2nd to 19th, 2026 (Shenzhen and Hong Kong)



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4. Special Lectures

- Purpose: Help understand the diversity and consider issues relevant to East Asia.
- 6h/year × 2 years
- Special Lectures are lectures or seminars specially designed for scholars, thus are mandatory.
- 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 (if not sure, join in 1st year).
- 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 (1st year scholars are also welcome).
- In 2026, we are trying to arrange a public speaking skill development (online, June or July)
- (From Oct 2026) Duty → Optional (We may arrange one if the budget allows).



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.
- (From Oct 2026) Duty \rightarrow Optional for 2nd year scholars.



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 (From Oct 2026) 3–4 teams, each 2–3 scholars + 1 Japanese student + 1 supervisor
 - ③ Clear common goal
 - ④ Quality of the achievement
 - ⑤ Cohesive support: work as a cohesive team
 - ⑥ 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)

- Purpose: Alternative of SL
- Depending on the budget, it may also open to who has joined the SL before.
- Funding: 50,000 Yen for a field trip with two or more nights, or 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
- 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 2026
 - Monthly Seminar (10am–12pm, Sat): April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, Oct 17, Nov 14, Dec 19, Jan 9.
 - QE/Pre-QE (afternoon of Sat): July 25 and Jan 23.
 - Leadership training: TBA
 - Service Learning: Oct 10-12 (To-be-fixed)
 - Special Lectures: #1 13:30-16:30, May 16, and #2 TBA
 - Funding for T-PBR, EBL, and language test (for each person, once in two years).
- Username/Password for the Wiki site

