International Teaching Internship

Kansai Gaidai University, Japan

Overview

Introduction:

Kansai Gaidai seeks a new dimension of international cooperation in its effort to enhance its language education programs and to serve its local community by offering programs in English education.

Specifically,

1. Kansai Gaidai will accommodate TESOL graduate students (or other qualified students) as Teaching Interns for a single semester or one academic year
2. Joint efforts will be made to improve English education programs at Kansai Gaidai University (hereinafter referred to as KGU).
3. TESOL graduate students at US institutions will be provided opportunities to engage in internship at a Japanese university to increase understanding about teaching overseas as well as about cultural awareness.

Objectives:

1. To assist improvement of English skills of KGU students by providing tutoring
2. To develop programs for a newly completed writing center (tentative) at KGU
3. To train selected local students to become English tutors
4. To assist in developing English programs for local children as part of community services

Conditions:

1. Work/Study load: SIUC TAs will carry 1-6 credit hours of classes at SIUC. The expected number of service hours at KGU is 20 hours per week.
2. Possible assignments for TAs (in the order of priority).
   a. Tutoring in the Writing Center which was launched in the fall of 2012
      o Students will receive tutoring by referral from teachers in regular English classes, the Intensive English Studies Program, and the Asian Studies Program
      o If enough TAs are available, walk-ins will also be assisted
      o NB: KGU is seeking measures to improve its students’ academic writing skills and academic research skills, both of which are vital to study abroad
   b. Workshops for KGU students
   c. Instruction of selected local students to allow them to become tutors
   d. Collaboration with local students in the English Teacher Training Program to develop effective teaching methodology, lessons, etc.
e. Assistance in English programs for local children (to be launched).

Compensation:

1. Tuition waiver for courses enrolled at Kansai Gaidai
2. US$ allowance (contact Department of Linguistics for current compensation)
3. Free accommodations (in International Student Dormitory at Hotani Campus) for the contracted period
4. Round-trip transportation fare from/to residence in the U.S. to KGU
5. Full access to on-campus facilities
6. Reduced price for lunch meals at the Main Campus.

Orientation for SIUC students:

1. KGU will provide SIUC students with an orientation program upon their arrival at KGU.

Course Arrangements for SIUC students:

1. SIUC students will enroll in 3-6 credit hours through SIUC’s Study Abroad Program or Independent Study + Practicum (will be discussed at SIUC)
2. KGU may arrange for SIUC students to enroll in
   a. Japanese language courses taught in Asian Studies Program (Sept-Dec. or Feb-May). Students arriving in April may receive Japanese language tutoring from KGU students in the Teaching Japanese as a Second Language Program
   b. Intercultural Communication Course in the Asian Studies Program or an independent study course supervised by a professor in the ASP in the field of intercultural communication
   c. Independent Study Course might be arranged
   d. KGU will assign a daily-supervisor (from current IES teachers) and a senior supervisor from its graduate program to endorse documents necessary for credit transfer.

Visa Arrangements:

1. SIUC students may obtain student visas. Their status at KGU will be special auditor students.
2. KGU acquires the visa permits.

Screening:

SIUC will be institutionally responsible for the screening of its TA’s. The specific criteria are:

1. Applicants have an excellent command of English
2. Non-native speakers of English/non-US nationals eligible but are carefully screened by SIC faculty
3. Be enrolled in the second-semester or second year of academic study in the MA-TESOL program, the MA-Applied Linguistics program, or other appropriate academic MA program
4. Highly qualified undergraduate students are eligible but are carefully screened by SIUC in accordance with the responsibilities expected at KGU
5. Be in good academic standing
6. Have a serious interest in working in an international setting
7. Be willing to complete graduate-level work in a study-abroad type environment