

Double-Degree and Exchange Program for Fall Application Guidelines

October 7, 2026

1. **Purpose:** The Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies (GSICS) invites applications from students who wish to participate in the Double-Degree or Exchange Program beginning in September 2027.
2. **Double-Degree Program (Fall 2027, Spring 2028, and Fall 2028)**
 - ◆ School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh
3. **Exchange Program (Fall 2027)**
 - ◆ School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh
4. **Eligibility:** Applicants must be currently enrolled in a Master's Program at GSICS.

5. Requirements

School of Public and International Affairs, The University of Pittsburgh	
GPA	3.2/4.0 or above (as a general guideline)
English Language Requirements	TOEFL iBT 90 or above; IELTS 6.5 or above, with a minimum score of 6.5 in each section; Duolingo English Test 120 or above; or the new TOEFL score of 4.0 or above, with a minimum subscore of 4.0 in each section.

6. **Number of participants:** Up to 3 students
7. **Fees and Expenses:** Students participating in the Double-Degree Program are responsible for paying tuition and any required fees to the host institution (USD 49,272 for a year). Students participating in the Exchange Program are exempt from tuition at the host institution, provided that they continue to pay tuition to Kobe University. All other expenses, including travel, living expenses, and insurance, are the responsibility of the student.
8. **Required documents for Internal Selection**
 - ◆ Application Form (GSICS designated form)*
 - ◆ Letter of Commitment (GSICS designated form)*
 - ◆ English Score (TOEFL, IELTS, etc.)
 - ◆ GSICS academic transcript or course registration record

*Please contact the Internationalization Acceleration Office to obtain the designated forms.

9. Application procedure

- ◆ First, notify program coordinator Tatsuya Maisawa at the International Liaison Office by email of your intention to apply.
- ◆ Submit all the documents listed in Section 8 by email to Tatsuya Maisawa no later than **Friday, November 13, 2026 at** (maisawa@people.kobe-u.ac.jp)
- ◆ Internal selection will be conducted based on the submitted documents. An interview in English may be conducted if necessary.