



**< Fall 2021 > Master Kong Dream Scholarship Program**

**One-Semester Study Abroad at Waseda University for Undergraduate Students of Top 5 Chinese Universities**

**1. Introduction**

Ohkuma Shigenobu, the founder of Waseda University set the university's founding principle as "become a person who contributes not only to individual, family or nation, but also to the entire world—," and this is the exact aim of this privileged program. Today, Asia is growing faster than ever and has become an integral part of the world. To nurture leadership in such rapidly-changing environment, we encourage our students to be aware of and consider their connections to the surrounding world. We believe that those who are equipped not only with academic excellence, but also with open mind and friendly attitude to understand and accept other, can be true leaders in the age of "Global Asia."

**2. Outline**

Tingyi (Cayman Islands) Holdings Corp. (also known as "Master Kong") and Waseda University have collaborated to launch the Master Kong Dream Scholarship Program since 2016, in order to help top achieving students to study abroad for one semester at Waseda University.

During a semester, a program participant belongs to one of the undergraduate schools at Waseda University and studies in the classes as an exchange student in the affiliated school. The students also have opportunities to take part in compulsory courses related to international relations, a field trip to Sukumo City (Kochi Prefecture), and special lectures by guest speakers. At the end of the program, each student writes a final research paper (5,000-6,000 words) based on a research proposal which has been submitted at the time of application. Past research subjects include environmental issues, aging society, and Belt and Road Initiative etc.

**3. Eligibility**

- (1) be enrolled in a four-year BA at one of the following universities at the time of application and continued to do so until the end of the program.

**Peking University/ Tsinghua University/ Fudan University/ Shanghai Jiaotong University/ Zhejiang University**

\*Those who are scheduled to graduate from their home university during exchange period CANNOT apply for this program.

- (2) meet the academic criteria (such as GPA and Language Proficiency) for English-based program of the school of your choice.

<Available School for the Master Kong Program Participant>

**Political Science and Economics / Commerce / SILS (School of Int'l Liberal Studies) / Social Sciences / Fundamental Science & Engineering / Creative Science & Engineering/ Advanced Science & Engineering**

\*Master Kong students CANNOT be enrolled in Center for Japanese Language (CJL) or Japanese-based programs of any schools.

\***Each school has its own requirements** of GPA and language proficiency etc. Read the requirements carefully and decide which school and department (if any) you apply.

\*Please be aware that course lists and available courses are reviewed every year and subject to change. For finalized course information of the academic year, please refer to the syllabus distributed by the affiliated school upon arrival at Waseda University.

“Application Requirements” and “Restrictions Related to Course Registration”

<https://www.waseda.jp/inst/cie/en/exchange/application>

- (3) be first nominated by home university (we encourage students with financial difficulties to apply), and then come to face-to-face interview with Master Kong and Waseda University held in early March.

- (4) once accepted, take part in the program throughout the exchange period, including pre-departure orientation in Shanghai, and not decline participation in the program after receiving the acceptance notification.

\*Students are expected to stay in Japan throughout the exchange period and cannot leave or take a break from the program due to internship, exam or job hunt etc.

#### **4. Number of Students**

Maximum of 25 students per semester

Please note that a balance in the number of students from each partner university as well as the number of applications to schools at Waseda may be taken into consideration, depending on circumstances.

#### **5. Scholarship**

The following support will be provided:

- (1) Tuition fee at Waseda University (under the scheme of student exchange program)

(2) Housing

(3) Flight tickets (from Shanghai to Tokyo, and Tokyo to either Shanghai or Beijing)

(4) Living expense (Approx. 410,000 Japanese Yen in total)

\*Payment will be processed in two installments (210,000yen during mid-October, 200,000 yen during mid-December)

\*Waseda University will occasionally review whether the student is eligible for the scholarship based on class attendance or submission of assignments etc.

## **6. Screening Process**

### **Step 1: Document Preparation and Nomination by Home University**

Before application, applicant MUST consult with staff of home university to see if participation in the program affects graduation or credit transfer, as well as which school you should apply. Please note that decision of credit transfer will be made by the home university, and there are cases where the credits earned at Waseda University may not be accredited.

Applicant submits the following documents by the designated deadline to be nominated by the home university. Additional documents may be required by the home university for their internal screening purpose. Home university nominates applicant(s) based on their eligibility to the program, academic performance, language skills, economic backgrounds, and any additional requirements that home university establishes.

#### **List of documents (in English) submitted to home university by the designated deadline**

(1) CV

(2) "Dream Plan" (Research proposal of approx. 1000-1200 words)

(3) English Test Score Sheet (TOEFL, TOEIC, or IELTS, depending on the school you apply)

(4) Transcript

#### **Details on "Dream Plan" (research proposal)**

Your Dream Plan should include all of the following components:

(1) Tentative title of research

(2) Main research question with brief background description

(3) Aims and purposes of the research

(4) Significance of the research

(5) Methodology of the research

(6) Major reference

### **Theme for Dream Plan**

Applicant can decide his/her own research subject, but it must be related to one of the following topics.

**(1) Food Security/ Food Science/ Food Crisis**

**(2) Belt and Road Initiative**

**(3) Environmental Problems**

**(4) Aging Society/ Depopulation**

**(5) Conflict Resolution/ Economic and Social Inequality**

**(6) Innovative Industry (IT industry such as IoT, Cyberattack, Alipay, etc.)**

**(7) Early Talent Development**

**(8) Corp-college Relations**

### **Step 2: Research Proposal Evaluation and Interview with Master Kong and Waseda University**

Interview by Master Kong and Waseda University will be held at either partner universities or Master Kong headquarters in Shanghai or online according to the COVID-19. Applicant is not allowed to change appointment date for interview. Evaluation will mainly focus on research proposal, but we also would like to see if applicant understands the concept of the program, is equipped with relevant knowledge, before confirming of participation.

### **Step 3: Apply for Undergraduate School at Waseda University**

Once passing the interview, each applicant must submit an **online application form to Waseda University and other required documents such as a study plan, a certificate of English score, and an application form for VISA, etc. by March 19st.**

Based on the submitted documents, internal screening will be conducted by each school before issuance of an acceptance letter. Applicant officially becomes a Master Kong student.

## 7. Schedule

### Program Schedule for Fall 2021 Admission (AS OF November 2020, SUBJECT TO CHANGE!)

Timeline	Details
Late November 2020	Program Information is released to partner universities
November-January 26	Screening & nomination by home university Submit documents by deadline set by home university: (1)CV (2)Research Proposal (3)English Test Score Sheet (4)Transcript  *Applicant who does not have passport need to apply for it after screening at home university
Late February – Early March	Interview by Master Kong and Waseda University
End of February – Early March 2021	Announcement of successful candidates
By March 19, 2021	Online application to Waseda University Submit required documents
March 20 – May 2021	Screening by schools of Waseda University
End of May 2021	Notification of acceptance by schools of Waseda University  Visa application process begins
Early September 2021	Pre-departure orientation in Shanghai (1 week)  Travel to Japan
Mid-September 2021	Program begins
Late October 2021	Field trip to Sukumo-City, Kochi Prefecture (Mandatory)
Late January 2022	Submit final research paper and presentation session at farewell party
Early February 2022	Return to China

#### Details on Pre-Departure Orientation in Shanghai

The orientation aims to create a deeper understanding and bond between participating students and Master Kong, by spreading the key goals of the Dream Scholarship, as well as Master Kong's operating vision and organizational culture. One-day visit to Master Kong headquarter is scheduled during this orientation. In the lecture by prof. Hirakawa, each student is required to give a short presentation about research proposal, while reviewing the research papers of the previous cohorts.

Master Kong alumni may also participate in the orientation to present their research accomplishment, and to give new students advices before departure.

## 8. Curriculum

Students must obtain **at least 14 credits in total (20 credits for SILS students)**. Since this is English-based program, to fulfill the required number of credit students are encouraged to take academic courses conducted in English unless otherwise instructed by the school.

### 1. Mandatory courses for the Master Kong Program (2 courses/ 6 credits in total)

(1) *“Global Asia Practicum”* <4 credits>

Workshop-style course where students can horn their academic writing and research skills through various academic manners and individual conferences with Professor Hirakawa.

\*Final research paper, field trip, and guest speaker lectures are included in this course.

(2) *“Global Asia Seminar I ~III”* <2 credits each> (choose at least one from three)

*Seminar I*: About Postwar Japan's Diplomatic History

*Seminar II*: About Japan-China Relations in the Modern Era

*Seminar III*: About China and Globalization

### 2. Courses offered by affiliated school (2 to 8 credits/ 14 credits for SILS)

\*Those who are enrolled at School of International Liberal Studies (SILS) must take 8 credits from SILS and 6 credits from Center for Japanese Language as minimum. Therefore, SILS students must take 20 credits in total as mandatory.

\*\* Practical classes such as P.E. and language courses (including the courses offered by Center for Japanese Language) cannot be regarded as part of required credits. You may only be able to register these courses once you fulfill the required number of credits.

#### (1) Final Research Paper and Presentation

Each student writes a final research report at the end of the program based on their research proposal and learnings during study at Waseda. Final research papers will be edited into one booklet and distributed to Master Kong and home universities. Students also have opportunities to present their research accomplishments at events such as farewell party etc.

#### (2) Field Trips and Guest Speaker Lectures

To develop knowledge for the final report, a series of special events based on students' interests are arranged by Waseda University exclusively for the program students. These events are usually part of *“Global Asia Practicum”* or *“Global Asia Seminar I ~III,”* therefore all students are expected to participate.

### **Field Trip to Sukumo City, Kochi Prefecture (4 days)**

Kochi Prefecture is one of the rural areas in Japan and its population is aging rapidly. Sukumo city in particular, located far-west of Kochi, is trying very hard to manage its aging society. One of the main purposes of this trip is to find out the impacts the aging society causes surrounding area, and how local people cope with it. Students have a number of opportunities to visit local communities such as elementary school and nursing home to interact with the locals. In addition, students can witness primary industries thriving in Sukumo, such as fishery and forestry, and learn economic and environmental issues by experts. Also, Sukumo city happens to be a birthplace of Azusa Ono, who is known as a founding mother of Waseda University, and many other historical figures and so it is ideal place to learn modern history of Japan. Each student submits a report after the trip.

### **Special Lectures by Guest Speakers (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

Throughout the semester, we will invite a couple of guest speakers from outside the university. In the past we have invited the following speakers:

(1) Research Director at Canon Institute for Global Studies

Title: "Chinese Economy and Sino-Japan Relationship"

(2) Retired Vice Admiral, former Commander in chief of JMSDF fleet

Title: "Geopolitics and Trends in the Asia-Pacific at the Maritime Theater"

(3) Director-General, Foreign Service Training Institute (Former Consulate-General in

Shanghai), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan

Title: "History of Japan-China relations"

### **Visit to National Diet of Japan and Diet Member's Office (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

In the past, students took part in a guided tour of the National Diet building of Japan which helped them understand Japanese political system. There is a chance to visit to the office of a Diet member and discuss a variety of topics such as aging society, international relations, or environmental issues.

### **(3) Consultation & Meeting Opportunities with Internal Organization at Waseda and the Locals**

If a student seeks further opportunities to dig deeper into research topic, we may be able to offer our internal resources based on individual needs. We have arranged interviews for students of the past cohort with university's internal organization such as ICC (Intercultural

Community Center), WAVOC (WASEDA University Hirayama Ikuo Volunteer Center), Office for Student with Disabilities.

## **8. Accommodation**

Program students will stay in Rikko-Kaikan Dormitory, one of the affiliated dorms of Waseda University. Located in quiet residential area in Nerima-ku, the dorm serves a number of international students of universities around Tokyo. Travel time to Nishi-Waseda/Waseda Campus is around 30 mins via Tokyo Metro. Each student will be assigned a private furnished room besides shared kitchen and bathroom.

## **9. Program Follow-up in China**

### **(1) Internship at KSF**

After completing the program, program students can take the priority in KSF's intern.

### **(2) Alumni Association**

In collaboration with Waseda University Shanghai Alumni Association, the Master Kong Alumni Association (MKAA) seeks to stimulate communication among the program participants beyond boundaries of universities and cohorts. Through sharing of achievements and experiences with community or future participants of the program, we aim to expand the program's influence as well as provide participants a sense of belonging within the group.

## **10. Recording Activities and Sharing Achievements**

Program participants are encouraged to take photos, videos and write articles about their exchange study and campus life (including field trip in Kochi) in Japan, and share them on the social media platform such as wechat (微信) moments/ official accounts/weibo (微博) in order to enhance the influence of this scholarship program. We suggest that students should publish one item at least per week.

## **11. Inquiry**

If there are any questions, please contact GES at the following e-mail address, which Waseda University entrusts clerical work concerning the admission procedures.

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