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10th Socially Innovative Global Classroom **Online, March 2022**

Application Guidelines

Theme SDGs: Social Innovation in your local community toward solving global issues

Tentative Topics

Circular economy and local supply chain

Civic pride and local community

	10th SIGLOC
Program Period	March 10, Thursday - March 25, Friday
Application Deadline	January 7, Friday February 4, Friday 17:00 (JST)
Recruitment Numbers	65 Selection will be made if there are many applicants
Application form	https://forms.gle/7CcgSDXNBmJFqfwf7
Estimated Selection Notice	January 13, Thursday February 10, Thursday (JST)
Participation Fee	Free

1. Program Outline:

As a school selected for the FY2018 Inter-University Exchange Project of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan, Osaka City University (OCU) is implementing a *Program to Develop Collaborative Social Innovators* that uses Collaborative Online International Learning (**COIL**). The university is implementing an entirely online-version of the program entitled ***Socially Innovative Global Classroom: Online (SIGLOC-online)*** in March 2022. We are recruiting students to participate in this program.

2. Purpose of the SIGLOC Program:

The purpose of this program is to cultivate social innovators. Social innovation refers to solving social problems through new products, services, and systems. By collaborating with students from other countries, the program will cultivate the ability to “discover issues” and the ability to “find solutions”, and train people who possess the ability to “implement those solutions”.

This program aims to yield people who are self-motivated, creative problem-solvers that find

work and group work. Students can create their own study schedule. Whenever possible, pair work and group work can be done together using Zoom etc., to ensure effective learning. It is recommended that students coordinate with their group members for such Zoom meeting(s) if necessary.

4. Program Format: Participating online

5. Qualification Requirements for the Application: Applicants must fulfill all the qualification requirements listed below:

- For the 10th SIGLOCs, undergraduate or graduate students that are currently enrolled in a university except for those in Japan.

However, students that are enrolled in the following Japanese institutions are eligible to apply:

- Undergraduate: Osaka Prefecture University and Osaka Prefecture University College of Technology
- Graduate: Osaka City University and Osaka Prefecture University

Those who understand the purpose of this program and are enthusiastic about participating
Sufficient English communication ability is required for non-native speakers of English.

Those who can participate throughout the entire program

Those who can prepare a PC [not a mobile phone*] to work / study in this program

*A mobile phone does not have enough capacity / functions to work collaboratively with other students.

Those who can use an unlimited Internet network during the program, or those who can use a pre-paid Internet network and bear its cost for the program

Those (students) who can obtain approval to list their university's faculty member or an advisor from their university as a reference.

A student under the legal age of his / her country (e.g., 20 years old for Japanese students) needs to obtain the consent of his / her parent(s) or legal guardian.

Those who can sign the agreement form after carefully reading the application form and the application guidelines.

6. Rules of Compliance: If you do not comply with all of the following, you cannot participate in the program.

- Attending all of the SIGLOC-online sessions
- It is the participant's responsibility to have a personal computer with a sufficient Internet connection environment throughout the program.
- Pre-assignments submitted prior to the program, participation in pre-briefing sessions, and attending debriefing sessions after the program are required.

7. How to Apply:

Please access the following URL, fill in the required information and submit the corresponding application form. Please be sure to use a **Gmail address** as your email address in the application form.

Application Form for the 10th SIGLOC

<https://forms.gle/7CcqSDXNBmJFqfwf7>

[Notes]

The application must include a minimum 150-word statement of purpose, a minimum 300-word essay, and information about your academic advisor(i.e., a faculty member at your university). Please prepare these documents and complete the application form.

Use a **Gmail address** as your email address in the application form.

After deciding to participate in the SIGLOC-online, the program will be conducted using Google Drive, so please enter an address that can be provided to other participants and related parties for communication. If you do not have a Gmail address, please create one.

8. Application Deadline: ~~Friday, January 7th~~, ~~Friday, February 4th 2022~~ 17:00 (JST)

9. Selection:

If there are many applicants, selection will be made by screening the submitted documents. In addition, we may interview some of the applicants, if necessary.

The applicants are comprehensively evaluated based on the selection criteria, which include the content of the application form (e.g., Statement of Purpose, essay) that shows students' motivation, attitude towards learning, etc.

If there are students with the same level of grades and personal evaluations, the COIL Promotion Office will prioritize the students who have never participated in a previous program.

The selection results will be notified using the email stated in the application form on ~~Thursday, January 13~~, ~~Thursday, February 10th 2022~~ (JST/estimated)

10. Fee:

- Program Participation Fee: Free
- Participant's responsibility: Communication expenses, data collection and other expenses

11. Others:

The personal data in the submitted application documents will be managed properly by Osaka City University. After the completion of these program-related projects, the documents will be destroyed.

Participants need to register in Slack (group chat application) using their Gmail address. While attending the SIGLOC-online, they can contact the other participants and share information with them on Slack.

All Participants will take specified diagnostic tests (i.e., Versant and/or BEVI) before and after the program for measurement of the educational effects of this program.

12. Inquiries regarding the project:

Osaka City University, COIL Promotion Office

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SIGLOC Website: <http://www.coil.osaka-cu.ac.jp/en/training/>

Program Schedule: See attached table of the schedule

The program schedule is based on Japan Standard Time (JST).

The program schedule and contents are subject to change.

Schedule of 10th SIGLOC						
Date	Day of week	Session	Contents	Format	Sync / Async	Extra-Curricular Activities
Mar. 1 (Tue)		Orientation (*)	Program guidance and ICT check			
Mar. 1 (Tue) – Mar.9 (Wed)		Pre-course Assignment	Research on the Theme (To be instructed in the orientation)	Individual work	Async.	
Mar -10	Thur	Session 1	Opening Session (**) Asynchronous debate on global supply chain	Individual work Pair work	Opening (Sync.) Async.	Cultural Activities: Team activity Chat and Photo channel Quiz channel

***Closing Session (tentative schedule)

- March 25, Fri. 10:00 - 12:00 (JST)
- March 25, Fri. 22:00 - 24:00 (JST)

Attend the session at the ASSIGNED time depending on the participants' time zone.

- In Session 2 and Session 3, group members are free to arrange synchronous sessions by themselves.
- Each team can freely arrange the schedules of these extracurricular interactive cultural events at their convenience.