

Geiko Winter School 2025

This year's Winter School brought together 17 highly qualified prospective graduate students (master's and doctoral level) from Germany, India, Indonesia, the Netherlands, and Taiwan for a weeklong academic program at the Faculty of Design.

A key feature of Winter School 2025 was that, for the first time, the program was conducted on a self-funded basis with a participation fee, marking a significant step toward sustainable program operation. Thanks to the generous guidance, instruction, and mentorship provided by faculty members, the program achieved outcomes exceeding initial expectations.

Participants consistently identified direct interaction with faculty members—both during lectures and research advising sessions—as the most valuable aspect of the program. All participants reported that their interest in pursuing studies at our graduate school increased as a result of attending Winter School, indicating strong potential for future enrollment.

Objectives

- To provide international students with opportunities to deepen their understanding of the Graduate School of Design
- To facilitate matching between prospective students and potential faculty advisors
- To promote international knowledge exchange through mutual sharing of ideas between participants, faculty members, and current students

Period: November 10–14, 2025

Venue: Kyushu University, Ohashi Campus

Language: English

Number of Participants: 17 (5 prospective doctoral and 12 prospective master's students)

Faculty Advisors

Professor Kenichi Tanoue

Professor Melanie Sarantou

Professor Ryoichi Tamura

Professor Satoshi Muraki

Associate Professor Tomo Inoue

Associate Professor Masaaki Iwamoto

Associate Professor Kazuya Saito

Associate Professor Madoka Yuki

Associate Professor Kohei Inoue

Associate Professor Kazuhiro Jo

Lecturer Ariane Beyn

Assistant Professor Yasuyuki Hayama

Assistant Professor Martins Zarins



Lecturers

Professor Melanie Sarantou

Associate Professor Masaaki Iwamoto

Associate Professor Kazuya Saito

Associate Professor Madoka Yuki

Associate Professor Hsin-Ni Ho

Associate Professor Kazuhiro Jo

Assistant Professor Yasuyuki Hayama

Assistant Professor Tomoko Hojo

Program Activities

Opening Session

Campus Tour

Networking Session with Current Graduate Students

Lectures

Laboratory Visits and Research Sessions

Final Presentations by Participants

