



**Invitation to**  
**2018 Research Scholarship Program of at Yokohama City University, JAPAN**  
**“Yokohama Urban Solutions Study (YUSS)” Program**  
**We are calling for applications.**

**To University of British Columbia (UBC)**

Greetings from Yokohama City University.

It is our pleasure to send this invitation letter announcing that Yokohama City University (YCU) will host a 8-week, full scholarship research program in this autumn –called **Yokohama Urban Solutions Study (YUSS)** - designed for our partner universities.

The program is for graduate students (Masters, Ph.D, or young researchers) to learn more about the variety of issues related to sustainable urban development in Yokohama city.

YCU is now calling for applications. Throughout their stay in Yokohama, we will help them learning about the experience of Japanese cities, including how they tackled the challenges confronted during the period of economic growth. The applicants will be selected by YCU's Committee based on their research proposal.

**Yokohama City University – Yokohama Urban Solutions Study (YUSS) Program**

	Description
<b>1. Name of the program</b>	Yokohama Urban Solutions Study (YUSS)
<b>2. Field of research</b>	Areas related to sustainable urban development, such as Environment, Transportation, Business, Urban Planning, etc. For details, See <b>Attachment 1: YUSS General Information</b>
<b>3. Program length</b>	8 weeks (from October 22 to December 14, 2018)
<b>4. Number of scholars to be accepted</b>	YCU will accept up to 6 YUSS Research Students this year from partner universities.
<b>5. Language of Instruction</b>	English
<b>6. Language requirements</b>	If you are non-Canadian, please attach test score of English-language proficiency (TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS, etc.) Or, if you do not hold certificates, please provide equivalent document which proves your English ability.
<b>7. Status at YCU</b>	Research student
<b>8. Certificate</b>	A Certificate of Completion will be issued to facilitate recognition of the participants' research activities, e.g. toward the completion of the degree program at their home university.
<b>9. Application deadline</b>	<b>July 31, 2018.</b> <i>We accept scanned documents via e-mail.</i>

<b>10. Financial Support from YCU</b>	YCU will provide the following financial support during your stay in Yokohama; (a) tuition waiver in full (b) accommodation in full (designated by YCU) (c) Monthly Research Stipend of Japanese Yen 50,000/month (equivalent to USD465 under the current exchange rate)
<b>11. Application materials</b>	1. Application form (Form provided. <b>See Attachment 2: Application Form</b> )  <b><i>If selected, successful candidates will later be required the following documents subsequently.</i></b> 2. Proof of English-language proficiency 3. Copy of passport (Name page) 4. Copy of transcript of undergraduate years (if applicable, add graduate record, too.) 5. Certificate of enrollment OR Certificate of employment, if you are already working as lecturer, etc. 6. Five Photos (3 cm x 4 cm)
<b>12. Selection Process</b>	The selection committee of YCU will review all the applications and select the candidates. YCU will invite up to 6 YUSS Research students this year.
<b>13. Application documents should be sent to:</b>	Please email the application form filled in. 1) Title of E-mail: <i>Please put your e-mail title as below.</i>  "YUSS Application- (Your Name)- (University Name)"  2) Attention of E-mail: Dr. Katsuhiko Yonezaki, Assistant Professor  3) E-mail Address: <a href="mailto:kokusai@yokohama-cu.ac.jp">kokusai@yokohama-cu.ac.jp</a> (CC: kyonezak@yokohama-cu.ac.jp)  <i>Note:</i> (1) Be sure to send e-mail to <b><u>both address with cc.</u></b> (2) Please wait for <b>confirmation of receipt</b> after turning in the documents. <u>If you do not receive the receipt notice, please send inquiry to the above address again, or please call Prof. YONEZAKI at the phone number below.</u>
<b>14. Visa requirement to enter Japan</b>	Applicants may have to apply for a short-term visa (up to 90 days) before entering Japan depending on nationality and type of passport. YCU will provide support to visa application process. (You can find information about Japanese government's visa requirements at: <a href="http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/index.html">http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/index.html</a> )

<b>15. Contact Person at YCU</b>	<p>Should you have any questions, or if you want to take a look at the past Program Reports, please send your inquiry to:  <a href="mailto:kokusai@yokohama-cu.ac.jp">kokusai@yokohama-cu.ac.jp</a>  (CC: <a href="mailto:kyonezak@yokohama-cu.ac.jp">kyonezak@yokohama-cu.ac.jp</a>)</p>
<b>16. How to request Reference materials (YUSS Program Report in 2016 and 2017)</b>	<p>The past Program Reports written by YUSS Researchers in 2016 and 2017 are available by PDF files upon request, including Field Trip Reports. To request, please write to the same address as above:  <a href="mailto:kokusai@yokohama-cu.ac.jp">kokusai@yokohama-cu.ac.jp</a>  (CC: <a href="mailto:kyonezak@yokohama-cu.ac.jp">kyonezak@yokohama-cu.ac.jp</a>)</p> <p>For any other inquiry, please contact:</p> <p>Dr. Katsuhiko Yonezaki, Assistant Professor  Global Cooperation Institute for Sustainable Cities (GCI)  Yokohama City University  Phone: +81-45-787-8945  E-mail: <a href="mailto:kyonezak@yokohama-cu.ac.jp">kyonezak@yokohama-cu.ac.jp</a></p>

We look forward to welcoming your students to YCU.

Sincerely yours,

Hidefumi Imura  
Head of YUSS Program  
Professor, Global Cooperation Institute for Sustainable Cities  
Yokohama City University

***Attachment 1: YUSS General Information***

***Attachment 2: Application Form***

# **Attachment 1: Yokohama Urban Solutions Study (YUSS) Program General Information**

## **1. Background**

Most Southeast Asian countries are enjoying industrial expansion and economic growth, improving the lives of millions. However, these economic changes often result in a variety of environmental problems due to lack of adequate infrastructure and institutions. The supply of safe water, waste water treatment, transportation networks, and solid waste management are key elements to support this economic development.

Yokohama City has been aware of these problems as it had to solve them in the past when the city was facing a similar situation during the post-war economic boom after 1960s. Yokohama City has accumulated experience of urban management and has learned to develop partnerships with key stakeholders from citizens, land owners and private businesses to the central government. The city has implemented various projects that have made the city safer, more dynamic, and more sustainable.

These projects include environmental infrastructures for water and solid waste, and urban development projects in transport, reform of hospital systems, improvement of health and welfare, medical system, etc. Especially in public health field, we are in the era of longevity (aging-society), and Yokohama has long experienced aging problems and is struggling to make society better by transforming social system and improving people's quality of life (QOL).

As an educational institution founded by Yokohama City, YCU is in full cooperation with the City to provide YUSS Research Students with opportunities to interview people, make field visits and obtain information and materials needed for your study.

## **2. Concept of the Yokohama Urban Solutions Study (YUSS) Program**

YCU implemented the first Yokohama Urban Solutions Study (YUSS) Program from October to December 2016, for 6 graduate students and young researchers from Vietnam and Malaysia. They came to Yokohama and studied about the measures that Yokohama has taken to cope with its urban challenges.

The Program included class lectures and on-site fieldworks under the supervision of YCU faculty. YUSS intends to provide researchers with the knowledge needed to adapt these urban solutions to rapidly growing cities of Southeast Asia, thereby making them the active and innovative leaders for the 21st century.

In 2017, the second years YUSS Program was conducted with graduate students from University of the Philippines(UP Manila, UP Los Banos), Universiti Sains Malaysia and Hasanuddin University.

This time, YCU is calling for applicants for the third year to invite YUSS students from Asia, Canada and the Czech Republic.

## **3. Examples of research areas in YUSS Program (key words)**

Environment, public health and welfare, urban development, transportation, climate change, city management, public finance (or management of public corporations or government enterprises), urban economy, investment, etc.