



Gonzaga University - Mukogawa Women's University Visiting Professor Application 2026-2027

The Visiting Professor Exchange Program in partnership with Mukogawa Women's University (MWU), in Nishinomiya, Hyogo, Japan was initiated by President McCulloh in 2015 with the goal to provide a unique opportunity for faculty members to engage with MWU colleagues, enhance their teaching and research, and contribute to a shared academic mission. In this exchange Gonzaga may send a visiting faculty member to MWU, but MWU may not necessarily send a visiting faculty member from the same department in return. The focus is on fostering collaboration and knowledge-sharing across disciplines, rather than maintaining a strict reciprocal arrangement. This program allows Gonzaga faculty to teach, collaborate, and/or research in an international environment, gaining valuable insights into global educational practices and methodologies. By participating in this opportunity, faculty not only advance their professional development goals but also strengthen the ties between institutions, enriching both the academic community and student learning experiences.

Depending on the needs of the School/College, and approval from their Dean and the Provost, Gonzaga faculty may stay for one academic year or one academic semester.

Visiting Professor activities include, but are not limited to:

- Teach one or two classes, determined by MWU, dependent on length of stay.
- Research/collaborate with MWU faculty.
- Cultural online exchange program with GU and MWU students.
- Additional responsibilities that GU and MWU may agree to that the candidate can carry out while in Japan.

Available spots: up to two visiting professor faculty appointments for the periods outlined below. Available time periods:

- September 2026 to January 2027 (fall semester, arrival early-September)
- September 2026 to July 2027 (one academic year, arrival early-September)

Expectations for housing, utilities, insurance, etc.

- The faculty member is responsible for the cost of transportation to and from MWU.
- Housing for the faculty member will be provided by MWU.
- Utilities, wifi, internet, telephone, and meals are the responsible of the faculty member.
- Japanese health insurance is the responsibility of the faculty member – the MWU International Center is available to help fill out the paperwork.

Timeline for 2026-27 Visiting Professor Application Process

March 17, 2025: Applications Open

May 19, 2025: Application Deadline

June 2025: Application Review and Selection by MWU Board of Directors

July 2025: Interviews with MWU Faculty Department Hosts.

End of July 2025: MWU will share the decision with Gonzaga

September 2025: Visiting Faculty Professor Selection Notification to Applicant

Eligibility for the Visiting Professor Opportunity

To be eligible to apply for the MWU Visiting Professor opportunity, candidates must:

- Be full-time faculty members at Gonzaga University.
- Be tenured or on a long-term non-tenure track faculty contract with at least a master's degree.
- **Disciplinary training and expertise are open to all fields**, preference is in one of the following fields:
 - Business fields (marketing, business management, etc.)
 - Sports fields (sports management, sports sciences, etc.)
 - Pharmacy fields
 - Proposals with a focus on global development and peace, with a good balance of social, economic, and environmental sustainability by appropriate transfer of knowledge and technology through the exchange program will be given priority.
- Be teaching at their home university the semester prior to their Visiting Professorship with plans to return to Gonzaga as a ranked faculty member.
- Have engaged relevant stakeholders regarding operational aspects of the proposed absence from campus and include a summary of these conversations in the proposal. This aims to ensure that due diligence has been carried out before submission to verify the feasibility and viability (e.g., projected cost calculation, coverage for faculty absence, Dean and the academic program's ability to cover the cost, if any).
- Excellent teaching abilities reflected in student evaluation summaries.
- Flexibility regarding international living and working conditions, especially with teaching technology and schedules.
- Japanese language proficiency is desired but not required.

Application Instructions

- Complete the following application (send only pages 3 and 4, attach additional pages if necessary).
- Attach a 2–4-page CV that focuses on teaching experience and previously taught courses.
- Attach a summary of recent (2 semesters) student course evaluations.
- By **May 19, 2025** email single PDF to cge@gonzaga.edu, Center for Global Engagement.
- Direct any questions to Christina Isabelli, Associate Provost for Global Engagement (isabelli@gonzaga.edu).

2026-2027 Visiting Professor Application
Mukogawa Women's University – Nishinomiya, Japan

Full Name:

Title(s):

Department and/or Program:

College or School:

Campus Office and AD Box:

Office phone:

Email:

Name and email of Dean:

Name and email of Supervisor if not a Dean:

1. Indicate whether you are applying for Fall 2026 or Academic Year 2026-2027.
2. Explain your interest in applying to teach at MWU. (100 words or less).
3. Describe any significant professional experiences directly relevant to the role of the Visiting Professor for this program. (100 words or less).
4. Briefly describe how this Visiting Professor opportunity will enhance the internationalization of the Gonzaga campus via the Commitments and Goals of Gonzaga's 2023 Strategic Plan. (100 words or less).
5. Summary of conversations with relevant stakeholders that addresses the feasibility and viability of your temporary leave from your program (e.g., projected cost calculation, Dean and the academic program's ability to cover the cost, how your teaching obligations will be covered, if any).
6. Provide a brief biography that summarizes any of your awards, accomplishments, credentials, proud moments, and/or international experience. If selected, this will be published in CGE materials. (100 words or less).
7. 1-2 Course Proposal(s)

Title:

Department (Subject):

Level: Lower (100-200), Upper (300-400):

Number of hours per week:

Course Description (maximum 100 words):

Student Learning Outcomes (3-4): Measurable outcomes for students after the completion of the class.

*If this course is currently offered at Gonzaga University, please list the title, department, college/school, number of credits, and course number.

_____ has applied to be a Visiting Professor at MWU for the Fall 2026 semester or 2026-2027 academic year (select one). Your signature below indicates that this applicant meets the following criteria:

- This faculty member is a member of your Department/School/College/Department/Program that meets the Visiting Professor eligibility criteria.
- This faculty member will continue to have a contract as a full-time faculty member (as tenured or long-term non-tenure track) at Gonzaga University in your program following the term abroad.
- This faculty member's application and the terms for participation have your support and approval.

Dept/Program Chair (Supervisor) Signature:

Print Name:

Date:

Dean Signature:

Print Name:

Date:

Provost Signature:

Date: