

# STEAMing into the future with global learning

Kanazawa University is working to attract more international students by offering top class research, liberal arts, and science subjects as part of a plan to produce leaders of the future.



Takashi Wada,  
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A forward-thinking university is planning to revolutionize education for the next generation by bringing the world to Japan. The ground-breaking faculty of Kanazawa University is working to improve not just the life and performance of its students, but of the

wider society and economy.

The institution not only works to attract international learners but has developed a specially designed social system to support their local integration and well-being. Now Kanazawa University President, Takashi Wada said they need to work harder to open to the wider world while strengthening ties with local society. “Being an island country is part of what makes Japan’s culture so special and inviting more international students enhances that culture, nationally and at Kanazawa University, in terms of research, the educational atmosphere, and the local community,” he said. Attracting and getting the best out of the next generation of students requires a multifaceted approach combining welfare, academics, and creative thinking.

As well as its strong commitment to life sciences research, and ICT systems that support remote learning and the web-enabled smart society of the future, the Kanazawa faculty are keen enthusiasts for STEAM

studies, the modern idea of integrating arts teaching alongside technical subjects. “The newer generation requires a higher level of resourcefulness, with a wide skill set gained from a variety of areas,” Wada said. “We ensure liberal arts are taught across a wide range of degree disciplines.” With 160 years of history, the university is proud to look back while planning forward. “The vision for the future involves ideas of what we ‘should’ be. Our first and most important mission is to foster the next generation of leaders and thinkers,” Wada said.

