

FY2023 Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)
Selected Project: “Inter-University Exchange Program”

International Symposium Internships as Strategy

“Practical Examples at North American Universities”

In today's era of rapid AI advancement and accelerating digital transformation, the skill sets and work styles demanded by companies are undergoing significant change. Securing and developing young talent equipped with AI literacy and adaptability to change has become critically important as a source of corporate growth and innovation. Leading companies worldwide are redefining internships not merely as work experience, but as a strategic approach to building talent pipelines for the AI era. Through these opportunities, they are driving multifaceted value creation: identifying students with digital skills, validating new ideas premised on AI utilization, and enhancing organizational diversity.

This symposium will share leading examples of internship utilization in the AI era, data-driven analysis, and models that Japanese companies can implement immediately, alongside corporate leaders and experts from educational institutions.

Date, time	Mar. 19, 2026	Language JPN, ENG (simultaneous translation)	Venue
	13:30 - 16:30 Registration from 13:00		
			International Conference Center Hiroshima (B2F, Cosmos) 1-5, Nakajima-cho, naka-ku, Hiroshima, 730-08115

13 : 30 ~ Opening Remarks

President, Hiroshima University

Mitsuo Ochi**13 : 35 ~ Presentation 1**

Interim Associate Provost, the University of Waterloo (Canada)

Judene Pretti**14 : 00 ~ Presentation 2**

Vice President (Wealth Marketing), Scotiabank (Canada)

Julie Cowan**14 : 25 ~ Presentation 3**

Director, School of Future Innovation in Society, Arizona State University

Eusebio Scornavacca**14 : 50 ~ Presentation 4**Outside Consultant from Amazon Web Service, Cloud Innovation
Center, Arizona State University**Colleen Schwab****15 : 30 ~ Panel Discussion**

Executive Vice President (Global Initiatives), Hiroshima University

Facilitator : **Shinji Kaneko**

Panelists : Presenters above and

Director-General, Chugoku Bureau of
Economy, Trade and Industry, Ministry
of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)**Yotetsu Hayashi****16 : 20 ~ Closing Remarks**

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Pre registration required

Registration
by March 10



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