

Important notice from Keio University for those who wish to receive the MEXT Scholarship

Please read the guidelines for the MEXT Scholarship carefully first and then read the important points below. Make sure to apply for the MEXT Scholarship after understanding these points.

【1】 Requirements for Academic Performance (GPA) and English Proficiency

As it is stated in 1. Eligibility and Requirements, the applicant is required to have maintained an excellent academic record in high school and after enrollment at the university. They must have also acquired a score of B2 or higher on a CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) language proficiency test at the time of enrollment.

(1) GPA requirement

The applicant must have maintained **a GPA of 2.3 or above** in the previous two years in high school, and be expected to maintain it during studies at Keio University.

(2) English Proficiency

The applicant must fulfil ANY of the following English ability requirements.

1. The applicant must have acquired a qualification or score equivalent to **level B2 or higher** on an English language proficiency test defined by the CEFR by the time of admission.
2. The applicant must have completed secondary education where the medium of instruction was English and must be qualified to enroll in a Japanese University.
3. The applicant must be recognized by the receiving university to have English language proficiency that is equivalent to or higher than the level in (2) 1. above.

【2】 Revocation of the Scholarship

The scholarship may be revoked even during enrollment if the applicant cannot maintain **a GPA of 2.3 or above** within an academic year.

In addition, be extra aware that the MEXT Scholarship may be revoked after enrollment if the recipient **does not respond promptly to contact from the university, does not submit necessary documents by the deadlines, or is found to have engaged in insufficient or inappropriate behavior.**

【3】 Declining Enrollment

If the applicant to the MEXT Scholarship is selected as a student recommended by the university, in principle, **they cannot decline enrollment to the university.** Please apply to the MEXT Scholarship only after understanding this point.

【4】 Timeline for Those Selected (Tentative)

March 19	Announcement of results (GIGA Program) ※ Check on the Online Application System.
by March 31	Informal offer from the university ※ Successful applicants who are deemed suitable to receive the MEXT Scholarship will be given an informal offer by email.
April to May	Skype interview and submission of documents ※ Students recommended by the university will take a Skype interview with faculty members and submit the required documents. Although this is not part of the screening process for the MEXT Scholarship , the scholarship may be revoked in the case that the applicant does not take the interview or provides false or incomplete information on the necessary documents. If these conditions are met, in principle, students recommended by the university will receive the MEXT Scholarship.
August	Final results from MEXT ※MEXT will notify the university of the final results, and the university will contact those recommended by the university shortly after. At this point, it will be officially confirmed whether the applicant will receive the scholarship.
September	Orientation at the university ※Those who were selected as scholarship recipients must take part in the orientation for government-financed students after their arrival to Japan. For your reference: Last year, the designated arrival date was September 5, and the orientation for government-financed students was on September 10.

【5】 Announcement of the final results

The announcement of the final results from MEXT is scheduled for around August.

Be aware that **applicants who were selected as students recommended by the university and who received the informal offer in March will, in principle, receive the MEXT Scholarship as long as they meet the below conditions without exception.**

- The applicant must meet the requirements in “eligibility and requirements” for the MEXT Scholarship.
- The applicant must have a Skype interview with the university
- The applicant must submit the necessary documents to the university without any errors or incomplete information.
- The applicant must respond promptly to contact from the university.

If the applicant cannot follow the above rules, the informal offer of the MEXT Scholarship may be revoked.