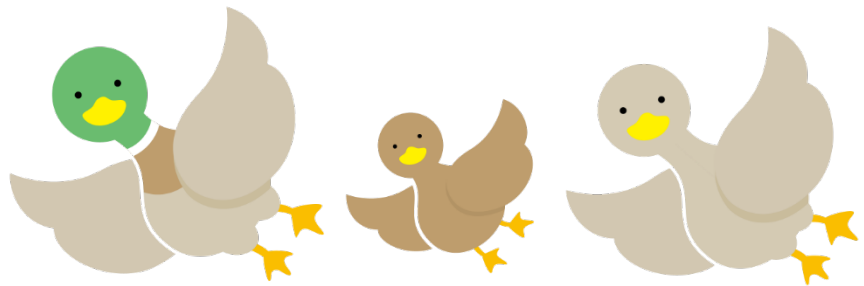


Chapter 6

Financial Aid



6 Financial Aid

Scholarship programs provide assistance to students who have difficulties in pursuing their studies for financial reasons, or those who demonstrate particular excellence in their studies.

Through the award of grants or loans, the scholarships help to foster an environment in which students can fully devote themselves to their studies, so that undergraduates may develop into successful professionals with an active role in society, and graduates may acquire a high level of expertise to enable them to contribute to society.

This chapter introduces the general application process for scholarships available after admission at Keio SFC. Details vary depending on the scholarships, so applicants should refer to the Shōgakukin Annai “奨学金案内” (Scholarship Information Guidebook) and the application guidelines to each of the scholarships.

In general, there are two types of scholarships: “**Scholarships for International Students**” (persons living in Japan under the status of residence “student”) and “**Scholarships for Japanese Students**” (Japanese citizens, persons with dual-nationality, dependents of Japanese citizens, persons with a long-term resident visa or foreign nationals living in Japan under the status “permanent residency”).

6-1 Scholarships for International Students

Scholarship Application Registration

Before being able to apply for scholarships, you have to complete Scholarship Application Registration.

Scholarship Application Registration can be made after you arrive in Japan. More information on the exact registration period will be given to you during the orientation events in your first days at SFC.

However, there are some documents you have to prepare while you are still in your home country, and since you will be very busy after your arrival, it is highly recommended that you prepare the prescribed forms before arriving to Japan.

**Procedures of
Scholarship
Application
Registration**



Undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in Keio in September 2021 may download the necessary forms from Keio University International Center webpage. The page will be ready in the end of August in 2021.

<http://www.ic.keio.ac.jp/en/life/scholarship/application.html>

Use the guidelines and the 2021 Fall Example form to confirm all the details of the registration process.

Necessary documents for Scholarship Application Registration

Undergraduate Students	Graduate Students
① Scholarship Applicant Registration Form (prescribed form: 4 pages)	① Scholarship Applicant registration Form (prescribed form: 4 pages)
② Study & Activity Plan (prescribed form)	② Research Plan & Academic Accomplishments (prescribed form)
③ Essay for Scholarship Application Registration (prescribed form)	③ Essay for Scholarship Application Registration (prescribed form)
④ Records of academic achievement (GIGA program students may confirm this point with the Student Life Section at SFC.)	④ Records of academic achievement
⑤ Documents to certify the student's income from part-time employment	⑤ Documents to certify the student's income from part-time employment
⑥ Documents to certify the income of the student's family and financial supporters	⑥ Documents to certify the income of the student's family and financial supporters
⑦ Copy of student's Residence Card (both sides) *Status of residence and expiration date must be indicated *If your status of residence is anything other than "Student," you must submit the Confirmation of Change of Status of Residence (prescribed form)	⑦ Copy of student's Residence Card (both sides) *Status of residence and expiration date must be indicated *If your status of residence is anything other than "Student," you must submit the Confirmation of Change of Status of Residence (prescribed form)
⑧ International Student Scholarship Evaluation Form or the Status of International Students Scholarship Evaluation	⑧ Calculation Sheet for Assessing Grade Point Average (prescribed form)

To complete **Scholarship Application Registration**, these documents have to be submitted to the Student Life Section (1st floor of Alpha Building at SFC) during the specific period for their acceptance. (More information on the exact registration period will be given to you during the orientation events in your first days at SFC.)

**Scholarships Now
Available**



<https://www.ic.keio.ac.jp/en/life/scholarship/available.html>

Search for scholarships

Announcements will be made sequentially on the Information on Scholarships/Financial Aid page of the Keio University Student Website (as on the left) for each campus and bulletin board in front of the Academic Affairs Office (1st floor of Alpha Building) as and when scholarships make calls for applications. Please be sure to read the scholarship outlines, application guidelines, and other relevant information.

Scholarship recruitments and applications mostly take place from April to May. If you are considering applying for a scholarship, please make sure that you do not miss the application periods.

Scholarships are categorized as

- ① **Scholarship provided by the Japanese government**
- ② **Scholarships provided by Independent Administrative Institution Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)**
- ③ **Scholarships provided by Keio University**
- ④ **Scholarships provided by private foundations/local governments**

Though the scholarship providing organization may differ, you have to apply through Keio University for any scholarship of these four categories.

Application periods/deadline dates, submission times, and places to apply differ for each scholarship. Please check the Information on each scholarship.

Applying

Applications must be made by the applicant in person. We do not accept submissions from guarantors, friends, etc., on a student's behalf.

Furthermore, under no circumstances will applications be accepted for scholarships for which the deadline (date and time) has already elapsed. If for an unavoidable reason (attending an academic conference, educational practical, etc.) the applicant cannot submit his/her application within the designated period, he/she must consult with a staff member at the service counter in advance.

The last day of the application period is always very busy. Applicants must take into consideration the times of classes, and make sure that they have sufficient time to apply. Under no circumstances will the documents that have been submitted be returned to applicants.

Selection

Because all scholarships have a quota for recommendations and the number of students accepted, not all applicants will be successful in their applications. Each scholarship has a selection process, and in some cases, students are required to submit an essay or undergo an interview. The time frame from recruitment to the selection of applicants is often quite tight, so if an application is incomplete or contains errors, it may not be considered for selection.

You will in principle be contacted regarding scholarships (recruitments, interviews, announcements of nominees and officially selected students, etc.) via the Online Scholarship Application System. Please pay due attention to the system when making an application to a scholarship.

The Online Scholarship Application System can be accessed from your keio.jp account.

Selection and Payment of Funds

The scholarship will be transferred to an account made out in the student's name. Some scholarships will require students to carry out a prescribed set of procedures after selection. Please follow the instructions that are provided.

If the scholarship recipient repeats the previous year, takes a leave of absence, studies abroad, or withdraws from the university, the provision of the scholarship or loan may be terminated, or part of the stipend already received may have to be returned. If any of the above cases apply, the student must swiftly report this to the scholarship section on his/her campus and complete the necessary procedures.

6-2 Scholarships for Japanese Students

If you have Japanese nationality (or dual-nationalities), you are a dependent of Japanese citizens or you are living in Japan under the status "permanent residency", you do not meet the conditions on scholarships aimed at privately financed international students. In this case, please refer to the annual brochures 「慶應義塾大学奨学金案内」 (Keio Gijuku Daigaku Shougakukin Annai = Keio University Scholarship Guide) and 「慶應義塾大学大学院奨学金案内」 (Keio Gijuku Daigaku Daigakuin Shougakukin Annai= Keio University Graduate School Scholarship Guide) to get precise information on the application process, financial aid and scholarship types.

Please pick them up at the Student Life Section or download them from URL on the right column. A few prescribed forms are available in Japanese only. Even if you do not speak Japanese, you have to fill them out in Japanese if necessary.

Please keep in mind that most scholarships start in April, but the application period may begin up to one semester prior to that.

In principle, you cannot apply for scholarships if you are taking a leave of absence from the university or while studying abroad, even if you are a regular student at Keio University.

Before deciding on which scholarship you want to apply for, you should inform yourself about the different conditions and types of scholarships. First of all, you have to choose whether you want to apply for financial aid or a scholarship.

Financial aid means that you have to pay the amount of money back after you graduate, and depending on what kind of financial aid package you receive, you may have to pay interest on top of the outstanding debt.

慶應義塾大学奨学金案内
(Keio Gijuku Daigaku
Shougakukin Annai)
Keio University
Scholarship Guide

慶應義塾大学大学院奨
学金案内(Keio Gijuku
Daigaku Daigakuin
Shougakukin Annai)
Keio University Graduate
School Scholarship
Guide

Keio University
Scholarship Information
Guidebook



<https://www.students.keio.ac.jp/en/sfc/scholarships/unique/>

If you wish to apply for scholarships, you can choose from the following categories:

- 1) Scholarships provided by Keio University
- 2) Financial aid provided by Independent Administrative Institution Japan Student Services Organization (日本学生支援機構奨学金, JASSO)
- 3) Scholarships or financial aid provided by private foundations/local governments.

Though the scholarship providing organization may differ, you have to apply through Keio University for any scholarship in these three categories.

Also, be aware that some scholarships do not allow you to receive two or more scholarships/financial aid support at the same time.

1) **Scholarships provided by Keio University**

List of all scholarships provided by Keio University



<https://www.students.keio.ac.jp/com/scholarships/guideline/internal.html>

Scholarship Applications: Announcements of available scholarships are usually very short-noticed and application periods also tend to be short, so please make sure to check the bulletin board in front of the Academic Affairs Office (1st floor of Alpha Bldg.) continually. To get an overview of all scholarships provided by Keio University, please follow the link from the website on the left column.

Note: Information regarding the application period, application counter, and other topics, are only mentioned on the bulletin boards.

Submission of Application Forms: Submit all required documents, which are summarized in the 慶應義塾大学奨学金案内(*Keio Gijuku Daigaku Shougakukin Annai*) and the 慶應義塾大学大学院奨学金案内(*Keio Gijuku Daigaku Daigakuin Shougakukin Annai*).

First Screening: Screening of submitted documents.

Announcement of Results of the First Screening: Please check the bulletin boards for your results. For some scholarships, an interview is required after the first screening. In this case, you will receive information regarding the time and place of the interview.

Second Screening: If an interview is required to receive a scholarship and you do not show up for the interview, you will be immediately excluded from further application.

Announcement of Successful Applicants: Please check the bulletin boards for your results.

Payment: The entire amount of your scholarship will be transferred to your bank account.

2) Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)

Necessary Documents:

- JASSO Scholarship Checklist
- Scholar-net Form (prescribed form inside of JASSO Brochure)
- Copy of Scholar-net Form (filled out)
- Current Certificate of Annual Income of both parents
- Additional documents regarding income of parents and the financial situation of the household. Ex. Tax return document
- Transcript of Academic Record
- Confirmation and consent form for scholarship or financial aid)
- Copy of the student's bank book first and second pages with your name on

Application Procedure

April: Start of Application

- Submission of necessary documents
- Receiving a User ID and Password
- Enter Scholar-net with User ID and Password

June: Announcement of Recommended students by Keio

July: Official Announcement by JASSO and first payment

*This schedule does not apply in case of an emergency application.

Japan Student Services
Organization (JASSO)



<https://www.jasso.go.jp/en/>

Scholarships or
financial aid provided
by private
foundations/local
governments



<https://kif2.keio.jp/jukunai/sfc/scholarships/info.html>

3) Scholarships or financial aid provided by private foundations/local governments

Scholarship Applications: Announcements of available scholarships are usually very short-noticed and application periods also tend to be short, so please make sure to check the website as on the left column. You need a keio.jp account to be able to enter this website.

Note: Information regarding the application period, application counter, and other topics, are only mentioned on the website.

Submission of Application Forms: Please submit all documents summarized in the 慶應義塾大学奨学金案内(*Keio Gijuku Daigaku Shougakukin Annai*) and the 慶應義塾大学大学院奨学金案内 (*Keio Gijuku Daigaku Daigakuin Shougakukin Annai*).

First Screening: Screening of submitted documents.

Announcement of Results of the First Screening: Please check the bulletin boards for your results. For some scholarships, an interview is required after the first screening. In such cases, you will receive information regarding the time and place of the interview.

Note: Interviews may take place immediately after the day of the announcement, so please make sure to check your results.

Second Screening and Recommendation by Keio University: After the interview, those who were successful will be recommended to the scholarship organization. In this case, it will be necessary to submit further documents to the organization.

Screening by the Organization: Most of the organizations will invite applicants to interviews. Please be aware that you are invited to these interviews as a representative of Keio University, so please wear a suit and be on time.

Announcement of successful Applicants: Please check the bulletin boards for your results.

Payment: The time period and method of payment differs depending on the organization.

To find the right scholarship for you, first make sure which of the screening criteria you fulfill best. Scholarships will mainly be awarded to students who either show academic excellence or who are in need of financial support due to their financial situation. Depending on the scholarship, there are several documents you have to submit. Please refer to the brochures mentioned above earlier for detailed information.

6-3 Student Loan

Most of the loan programs are only for Japanese students or students with visa statuses such as "permanent resident", "long-term resident", "spouse or child of Japanese national" or "spouse or child of permanent resident". Paperwork should be done in Japanese only as well.

Please try to find student loan programs in your home country.

Financial aid other than scholarships



<https://www.students.keio.ac.jp/en/com/scholarships/support/>

Japan Finance Corporation



<https://www.jfc.go.jp/n/finance/search/ippan.html>

Japan National Council of social Welfare



<http://www.shakyo.or.jp/guide/shikin/seikatsu/index.html>

Educational Loans by Keio University Partner Banks

The Educational Loans by Keio University Partner Banks are provided to students currently enrolled at the university in partnership with four financial institutions. Through this system, students are able to borrow money to cover academic fees and expenses such as tuition and admission from the partner banks.

For further details regarding this system, refer to the leaflet distributed by the scholarships section at SFC campus.

Government Educational Loans (Japan Finance Corporation)

This is an official system that provides loans to guardians for the payment of school fees (admission fees, tuition fees, facility installation costs, etc.). It is possible to use this loan in combination with JASSO's scholarship loans.

Welfare and Education Support Funds (Japan National Council of Social Welfare)

The Social Welfare Loan System provides low-income households (families not paying residence tax) with loans covering the necessary expenses to study at university.

6-4 Student Discounts

Student Travel Fare Discount (*Gakuwari*)

If you travel a long distance via JR railways (more than 101 km one way), you can get a 20% discount by showing your "Student Travel Fare Discount Certificate (*Gakuwari*)" and student ID card when purchasing railway tickets. (This does not apply to express and limited express fares.) Research students are not eligible for *Gakuwari*.

You can obtain *Gakuwari* at the Certificate Issuing Machine located near the Office of Student Services/SFC Academic Affairs Office. You will need your student ID card to obtain these certificates. It is recommended to obtain certificates as soon as possible since the machines are always very busy before a long vacation starts.

Gakuwari are valid for three months from the date of issue. *Gakuwari* will not be issued to undergraduate/graduate students who do not take an annual health checkup.

Please Note: *Gakuwari* are strictly supervised by JR railways. You will be penalized if your *Gakuwari* is used illegally, and legal action may be taken to ban all Keio University students from using the discount. Please be aware of these repercussions when using your *Gakuwari*.

Using Galleries/Museums

Keio University participates in the National Museum of Nature and Science (University Partnership) and Tokyo National Museum/National Museum of Art (Campus Members) Systems. Under these systems, entry to permanent exhibitions is free of charge and special discounts can be availed of for special exhibitions at the above art galleries and museums by Keio students on presenting their student ID card.

学割(*Gakuwari*)

Student Travel Fare
Discount

**Tokyo National
Museums**



https://www.tnm.jp/modules/r_free_page/index.php?id=167

Other Discounts / Deals

You may be able to find some other student discounts and deals. Please research what which shop can offer you the discounts beforehand. Check their conditions as well. Most of the places will ask you to show your student ID card.

- Movie theaters
- Classic music concert
- Amusement park
- Aquarium
- PC equipments, laptops
- Software and app
- Sports shoes
- Electric appliances stores
- Digital subscription
- Online shopping
- Online music service
- Karaoke
- Bowling
- Net cafe
- Hair salon
- Massage
- Restaurants