

# PEARL Information Session 2025



Keio University

Saturday, August 23, 2025  
South Hall, South School Building,  
Mita Campus



# About Keio

# University



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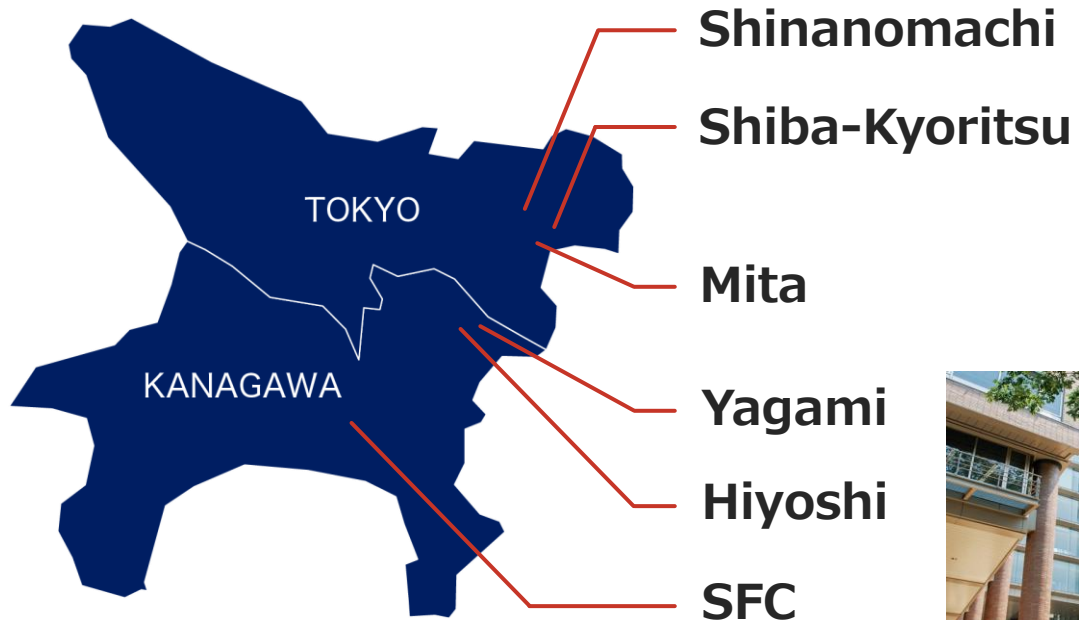
Japan's oldest private university,  
founded in 1858 by Yukichi Fukuzawa

**PEARL**  
FACULTY OF ECONOMICS, KEIO UNIVERSITY





# Campuses



**Mita**

Humanities and Sciences



**Hiyoshi**

General Education



**Yagami**

Science and Technology



**SFC**

Integration of Technology and Social Sciences/Nursing



**Shinanomachi**

Medicine



**Shiba-Kyoritsu**

Pharmacy

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# Comprehensive University



## 10 Undergraduate Faculties 14 Graduate Schools

- Letters
- Economics ————— **PEARL**
- Law
- Business & Commerce
- Medicine
- Science & Technology
- Policy Management ————— **GIGA**
- Environment & Information Studies
- Nursing and Medical Care
- Pharmacy

\*Two all-English BA programs

# 10 & 14

# People



**Students**

**33,800+**



**International students**

**2,100+**

\*1,600+ in regular programs  
\*80+ countries & regions



**Faculty members**

**2,300+**

\*Full-time, incl. non-tenured faculty

# Reputation

Ranked 1st or 2nd  
among Japanese Private  
Universities



QS World University Rankings  
2023, 2022, 2019



215th (top 15%) in the QS World  
University Rankings 2026

- Employer Reputation: 57th
- Employment Outcomes: 71st
- Academic Reputation: 153rd

# 1st/2nd



# Alumni Network

## Mita-kai in Japan

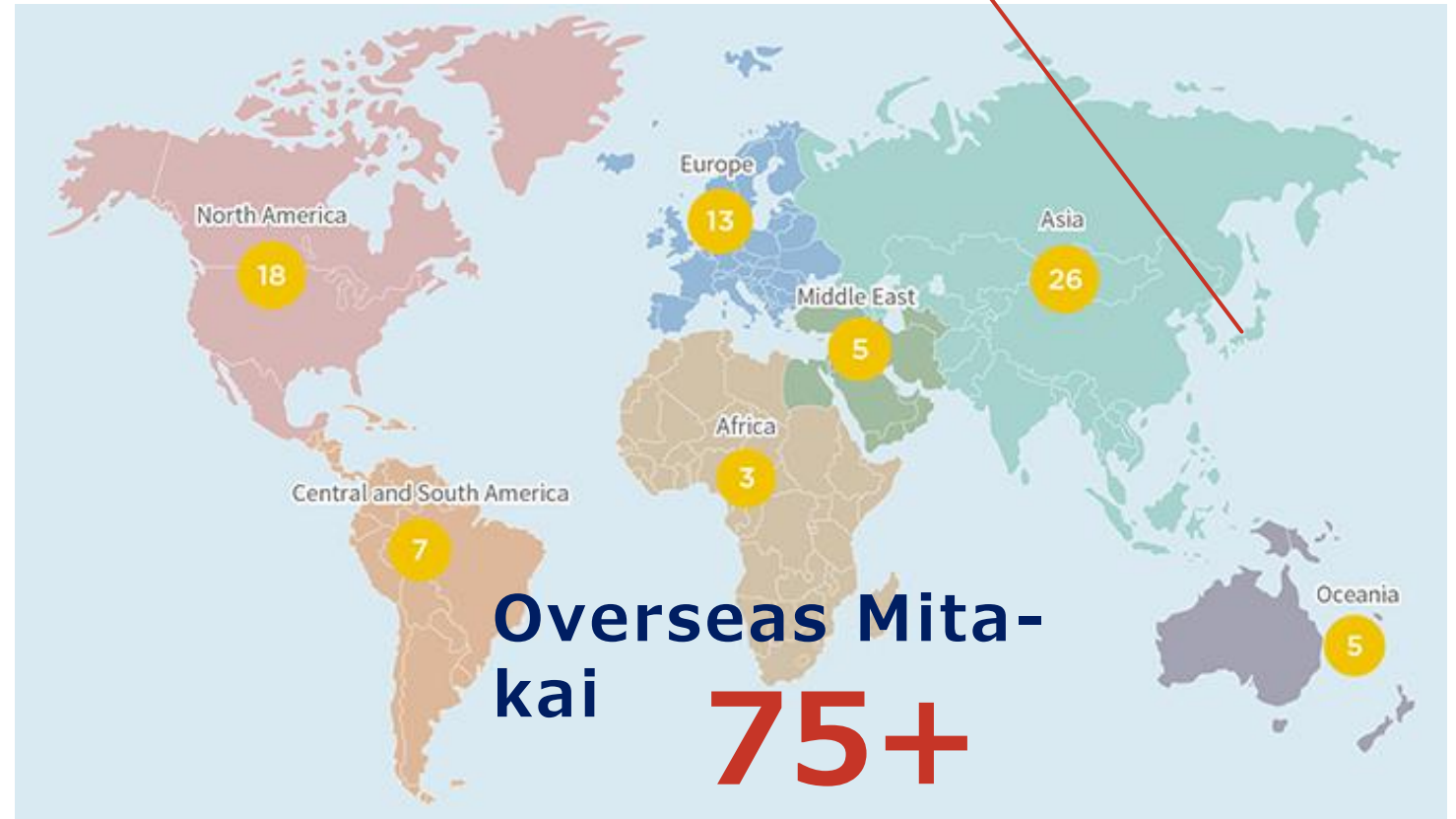
**800+**

\*PEARL Mita-kai est. 2024



**Graduates**

**410,000+**



**Overseas Mita-kai**  
**75+**





About Keio

**Economics**





# Our Tradition

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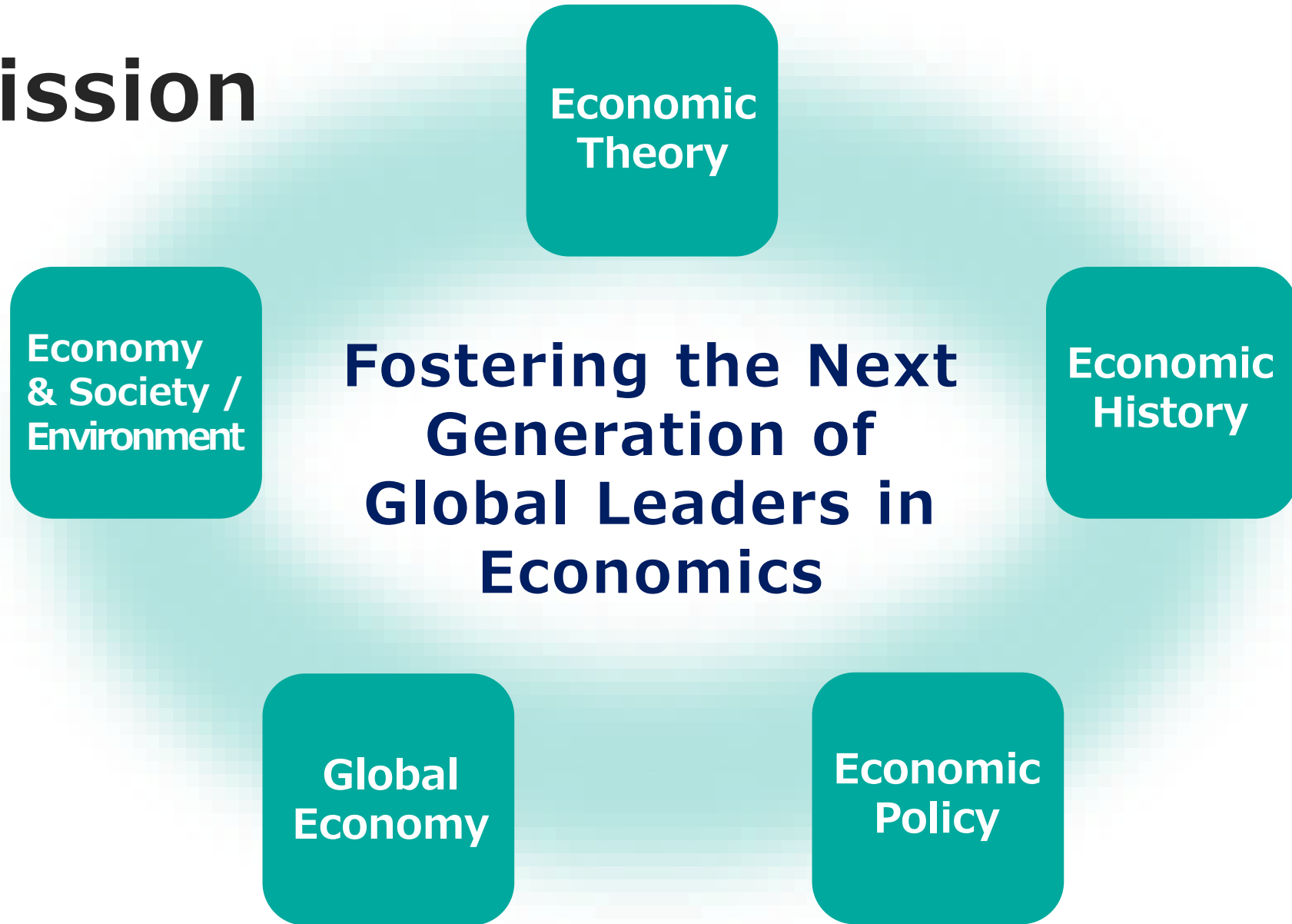
Origin 1890 — Japan's first department for economic research

One of Keio's three original faculties under Fukuzawa

Small-group education with intense communications with peers and professors, known as “半学半教”

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# Our Mission







# PEARL

**P**rogram in **E**conomics  
for **A**lliances, **R**esearch,  
and **L**eadership

Keio Economics' all-English BA  
program, launched in Fall 2016



# Curriculum

1st year

2nd year

3rd year

4th year

## General Education @Hiyoshi

Liberal Arts  
Foreign Languages  
Principles of Economics



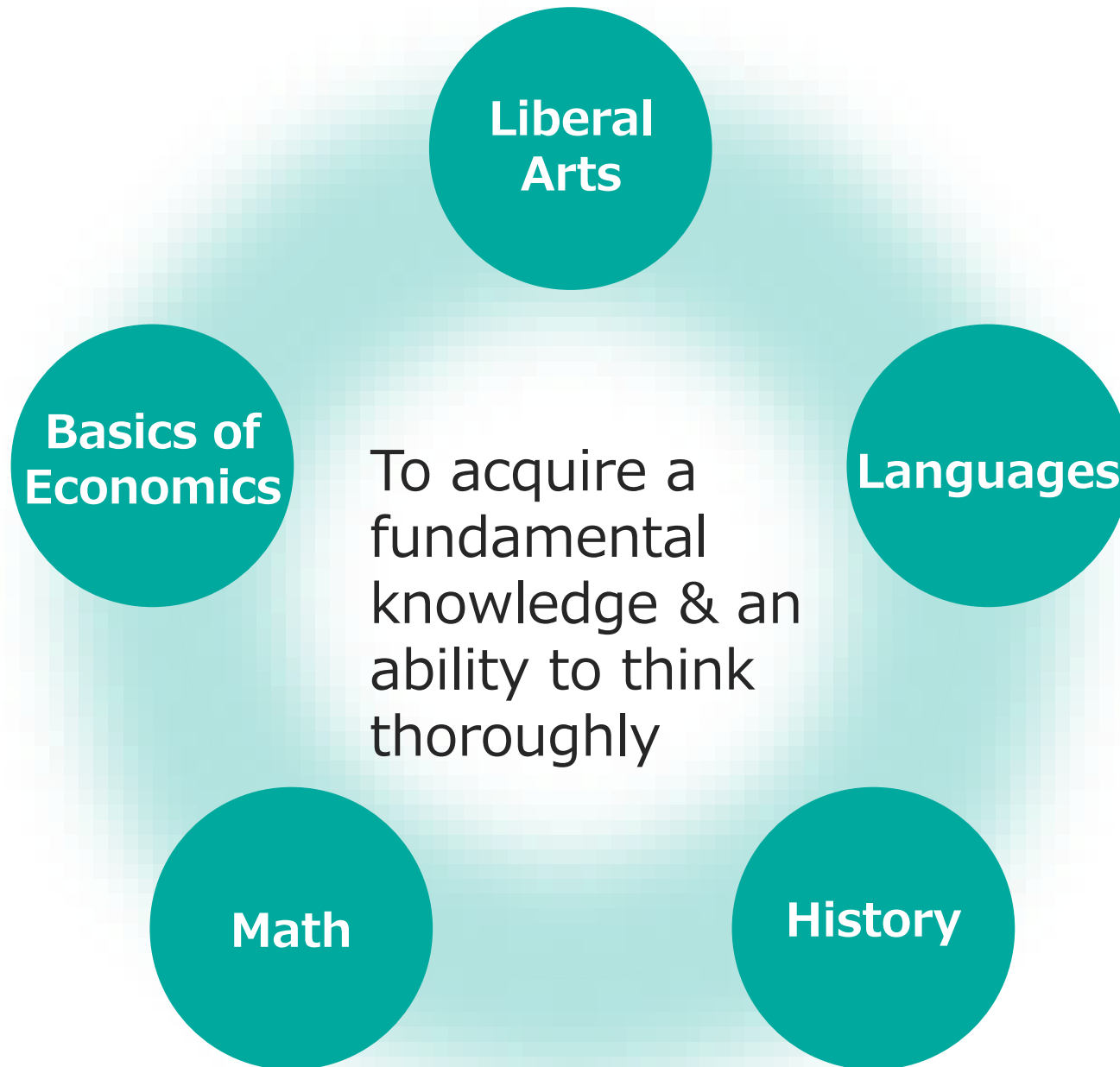
## Specialized Education @Mita

Advanced-level Economics  
Graduation Thesis or  
Research Paper



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# General Education @Hiyoshi



# Specialized Education @Mita





# Diverse Research Fields



## 10 Fields of Specialization

- Economic Theory
- Econometrics & Statistics
- History of Economic Thought
- Economic History
- Labor & Industrial Economics
- Economic Policy & Public Finance
- Modern Economic Systems
- International Economics
- Environmental & Urban Economics
- Economy & Society

# 3 Pillars of Specialized Education

## Research Seminar “Zemi”

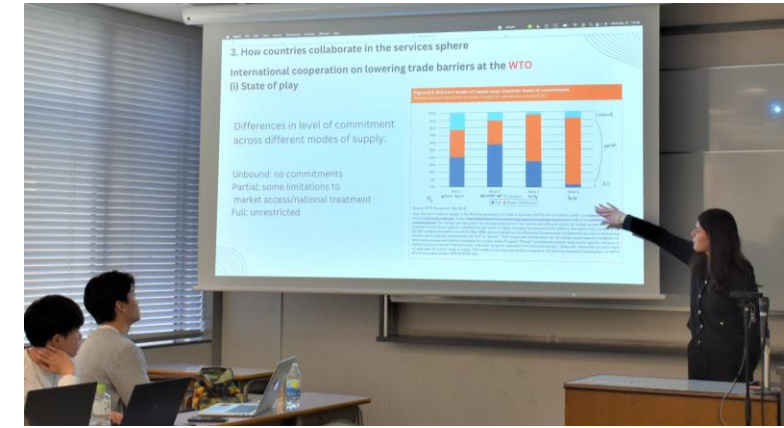
- 2-year small-group seminar
- Graduation thesis

## Independent Research Project

- 1-year solo project
- Research paper in economics or other fields

## PCP (Professional Career Program)

- 2-year honors-style program
- Group paper + individual research paper



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# Certificate Programs

## DEEP

### (Data-driven Economics and Econometrics Program)

- 4-year program of data science education

## FACTS

### (Fieldwork for Active Comprehension of Targeted Subjects)

- 4-year fieldwork-based program to develop skills in context-sensitive hypothesis building

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# Linking Undergraduate and Graduate Studies

## Taking Master's Courses as a 4th-year Student

- Prior to joining Keio Graduate School of Economics

## 3.5-year Early Graduation System

- Enable an internal 5-year BA/MA track (3.5 + 1.5 years)
- Encourage PEARL students to seek employment in Japan

## Double Degree (MA) Program

- Brandeis University
- CEMS



# Studying Abroad

## Student Exchange Programs

- University-wide program  
1 year; 150+ partner universities
- Faculty-wide program  
1 or 2 semesters; 32 partner universities

## Double Degree (BA) Program

- Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po)
- Bocconi University



# Double BA Program

1st year	2nd year	3rd year	4th year
✈ Study at Sciences Po	Mita	* Will automatically be entitled to be admitted to Sciences Po Master's Program	
Hiyoshi	✈ Study at Bocconi	Mita	

# BA/MA 5-year Program

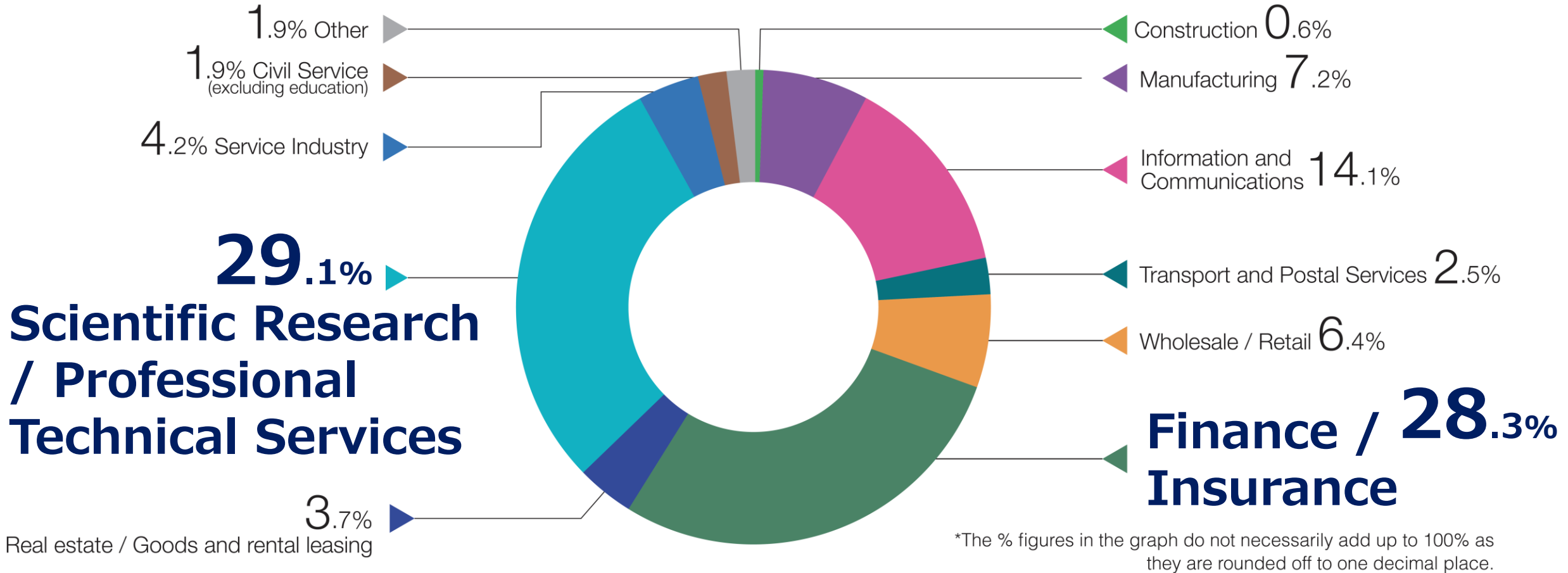
1st year	2nd year	3rd year	4th year	5th year
Hiyoshi		Mita	✈ Study at Partner University	

## BA in Economics from Keio + Master's degree from a partner university

- Bocconi University
- Brandeis University
- HEC (PEARL students only)
- Sciences Po
- Stevens Institute of Technology
- University of Cologne



# Career Path after Graduation



\*Data based on all Keio Economics graduates, not limited to PEARL



# About PEARL Application

# Application Overview

Application period:

**3 Application Periods**

from October to April

Entry timing:

**September only**

Capacity:

Approx.

**100 Students**

Admitted

Standardized test score:

**IB, SAT, or ACT**

\*No cut-off

\*From the 2027 intake onward, ACT will not be accepted.

English proficiency:

**TOEFL iBT or IELTS**

\*No cut-off

Supporting documents:

**Written Statement**

**Two-minute Video**

**Recommendation Letters**

**Transcripts**

[For Details] <https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/admissions/undergraduate/pearl/>



# Application Timeline

## For 2026 Intake

\*All dates and times are in JST

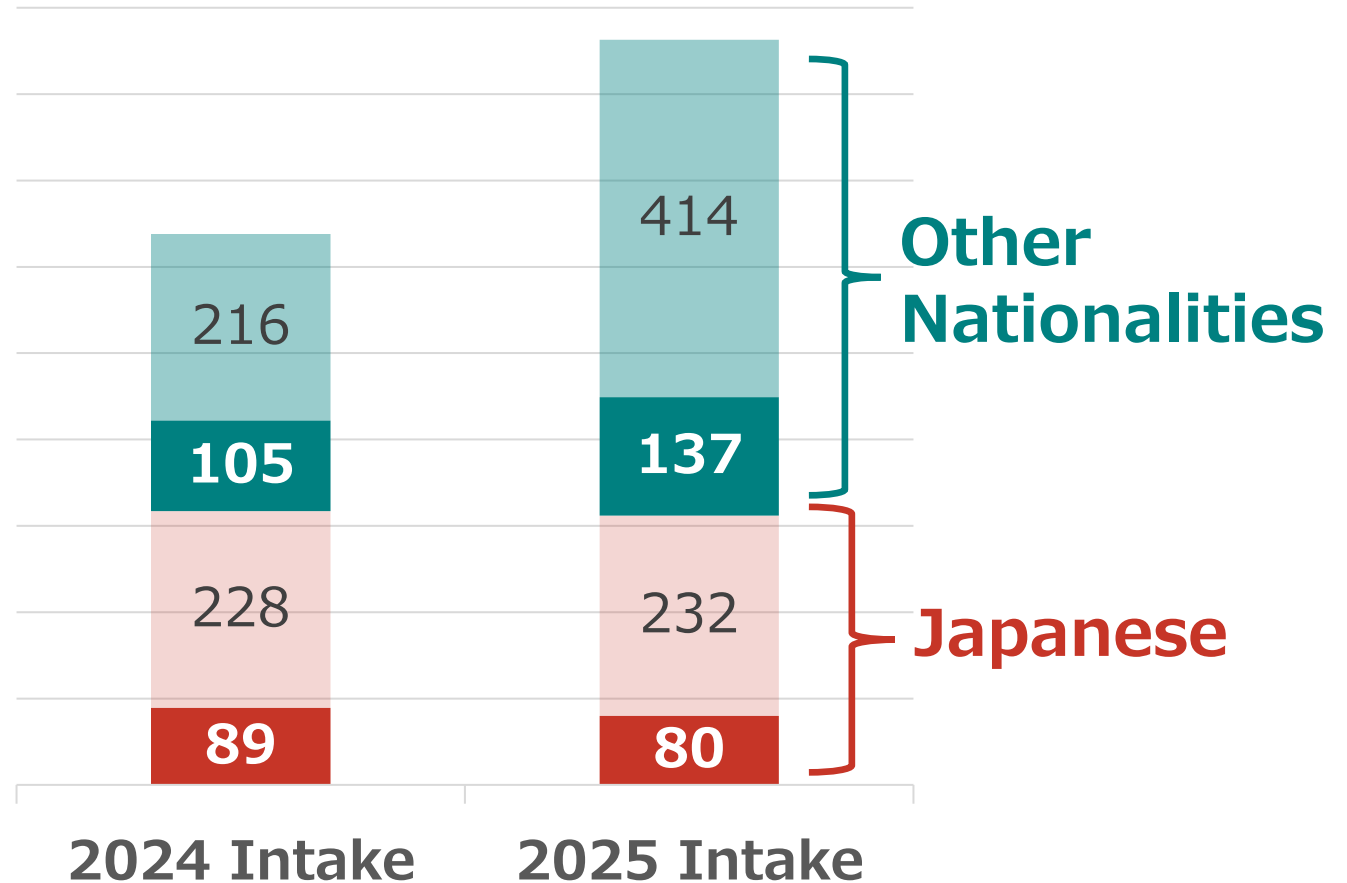
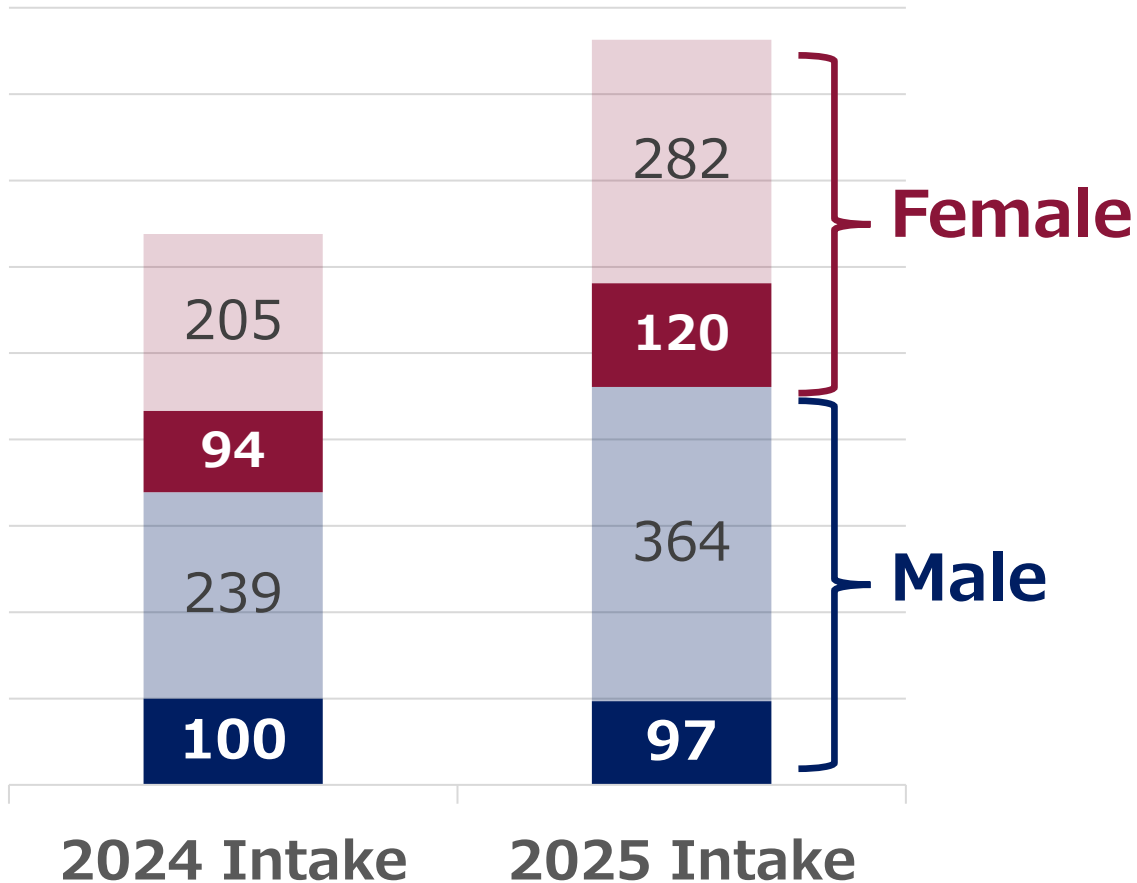
	Application Period	Announcement of Results
<b>I</b>	10:00 am, October 22, 2025 – 3:00 pm, December 3, 2025	10:00 am, January 26, 2026
<b>II</b>	10:00 am, December 5, 2025 – 3:00 pm, January 28, 2026	10:00 am, February 26, 2026
<b>III</b>	10:00 am, February 27, 2026 – 3:00 pm, April 10, 2026	10:00 am, May 25, 2026

\*Sciences Po Double BA Program applicants must apply in Period I or II

# Applicant Base

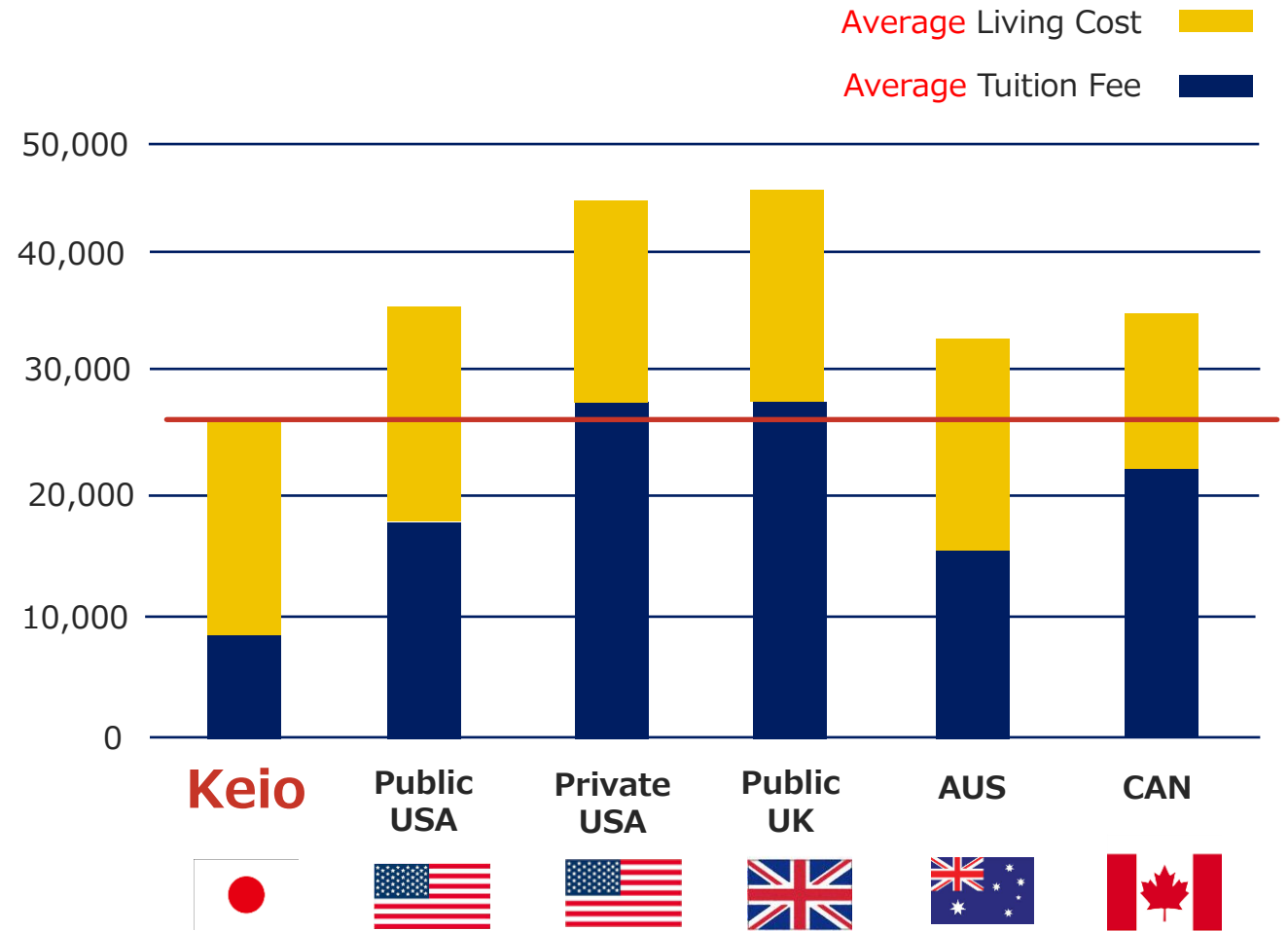
\*Bars show total applicants

\*Numbers in white = successful applicants



# Annual Tuition

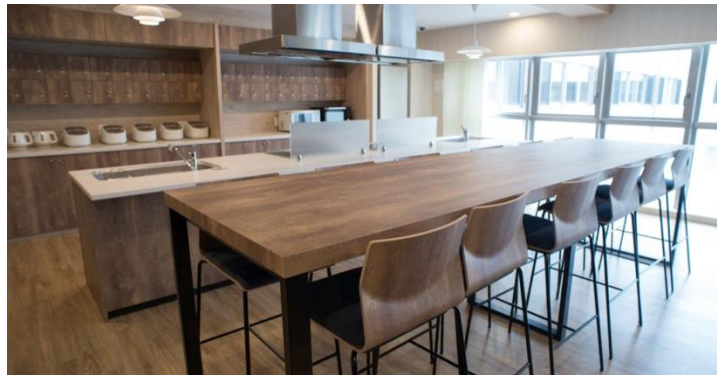
Approx.  
**8,500**  
**USD**  
 \*1USD=150JPY



- \* Annual academic fees and expenses for AY 2025 (2 semesters) = 1,268,350 JPY
- \* Admission fee = 200,000 JPY



# Dormitories near Hiyoshi



## Hiyoshi International Dormitory

- Unit style: 4 single rooms per unit  
(2 Japanese + 2 international students)
- Designed to promote daily intercultural exchange

## Motosumiyoshi International Dormitory

- Breakfast & dinner provided (meal ticket system)
- Separate bath/toilet



# Scholarships

Available to apply  
after entering Keio

Keio  
University

Faculty-wide  
Hyde  
Scholarship

JASSO

Awarding  
Entities

And more