

Five Year BA/MA Programs

Application Guidelines for PEARL students

for AY2026: Sciences Po, Bocconi, Cologne, HEC
for AY2027: Stevens Institute of Technology

1. Eligibility: Third-year students enrolled in the Faculty of Economics in AY2025
2. Maximum number of participants for each program:
 - Sciences Po: 5 (total for PEARL and Type A/B students)
 - Bocconi 5 (total for PEARL and Type A/B students)
 - Cologne: 5 (total for PEARL and Type A/B students)
 - Stevens: 5 (total for PEARL and Type A/B students)
 - HEC: 2 (PEARL students only)
3. Application period: March 10 (Tue.), 2026 – March 11 (Wed.), 2026, 4:00pm (Japan time)
4. Application documents:

Documents	Form No.*	Sciences Po, Stevens	Bocconi, Cologne	HEC	Notes
①Application Form (with a photo attached)	1	✓	✓	✓	
②CV	2	✓	✓	✓	
③Letter of Intent	3	✓	✓	✓	No more than 3 A4-sized sheets. If you check multiple universities as your preferred destinations on the “① Application Form”, please prepare and submit a separate Letter of Intent for each university.
④ Research and Study Plan	4	N/A	✓	✓	2 A4-sized sheets. If you check Bocconi, Cologne, and HEC as your preferred destinations on the “①Application Form”, please prepare and submit a separate Research and Study Plan for each university.
⑤Copy of Grade Report covering up to the fifth semester	N/A	✓	✓	✓	Please save the online Grade Report screen as a PDF and use it accordingly. Please note that the Grade Report is different from an Academic Transcript.
⑥Copy of TOEFL iBT or IELTS (Academic Module) test scores	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	TOEFL iBT: Submit a photocopy of the Test Taker Score Report. IELTS: Submit a Test Report Form. Submit scores for the test taken within the last two years. ※Applications cannot be accepted if scores are not available at the time of application. ※Fulfilling the language requirement with TOEFL iBT MyBestScores is not accepted. ※Submitting TOEFL iBT Home Edition (including Special Edition), IELTS Online, and IELTS One Skill Retake are not accepted. * For the revised TOEFL iBT effective

					January 21, 2026, the score range of “0–120” will continue to be displayed on the Test Taker Score Report alongside the newly introduced band score. Only the “0–120” score that meets the Language Requirements will be considered valid, not the newly introduced band score.
⑦ Academic research paper and its abstract in English ※If the paper is written in Japanese, submit in addition a sample of your academic writing in English.	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	Ex) A paper written for the Independent Research Project, a Mita-sai festival academic paper, or a paper submitted in a PCP course, etc. Be sure to indicate the section you have written and/or your role in the team in the case of co-authorship.
⑧ Written Oath	5	✓	✓	✓	Must be signed by the same person as the guarantor registered with the University.

* Download Forms No. 1–5 from the following webpage

<https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/econ/departament/pearl/hec5yrbama/5-yearbamaforms/>

5. Notes for preparing the required documents and your application:

(1) For ①②③④⑧, use the prescribed Forms.

(2) For the Letter of Intent (Form 3), you should write about the reasons why you are applying to this program, what you expect from this program, what you hope to achieve through this program, and anything else you consider appropriate. Fill out the Research and Study Plan (Form 4) based on your ideas about the research topic you would like to pursue for your master’s thesis.

(3) Please carefully review all the materials before submitting your application because **we do not contact applicants even if documents are incomplete.**

6. Submitted to: <https://forms.gle/k27FKoZntkB2nAFj7>

Convert all documents into a **single PDF file** and submit it via the Google Form above.

7. Screening and announcement of the results:

(1) Screening by Keio University (Document screening and interview)

① Document screening (the first screening)

② Interview: Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Applicants who have passed the first screening will be notified of the details of the interview, including its time and venue via K-Support message.

③ Announcement of Keio selection results: End of March–Early April

(2) Final Screening (Applying to the partner institution and document screening by the partner institution)

① Announcement of final results (expected):

[Bocconi] Early to Mid–April

[Sciences Po, Cologne] Early to Mid–May

[Stevens] May – June (**to be enrolled next year**)

[HEC] Late May to Early June *An online interview with HEC will be held as part of the final screening.

- ※ Screening is based on a comprehensive assessment. In addition to academic record and English ability, the evaluation criteria also include aspects such as motivation, research ability and preparation for studying abroad.
- ※ Invitation to the interview and notification of the results will be done via K-support message.

8. Notes on course registration

[Sciences Po, Bocconi, HEC]

Plan your course registration in such a way that you will be able to acquire a total of 114 credits by the end of your sixth semester. Make sure you obtain 12 Core Course credits and sufficient credits for Advanced Courses while at Keio. Of the credits earned in the first year of your master's program, no more than the equivalent of 6 Keio credits may be recognized as credits for Advanced Courses. Please also note that you cannot register for Spring-Fall set courses in your third year.

[Bocconi]

The Master's degree requirements include having an ability in Italian (A2 level). Degree candidates will sit for an exam for Italian at Bocconi University while they are enrolled there.

[Stevens]

You are required to earn the credits for four Keio courses (a total of 8 Keio credits) transferrable to Stevens with a grade of "B" or above. You may not count these credits toward your graduation requirements of 126 credits for Keio, so you should register them as Optional Courses (Courses registered using "91" in Column B). Please carefully plan your course work.

9. Contact information:

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