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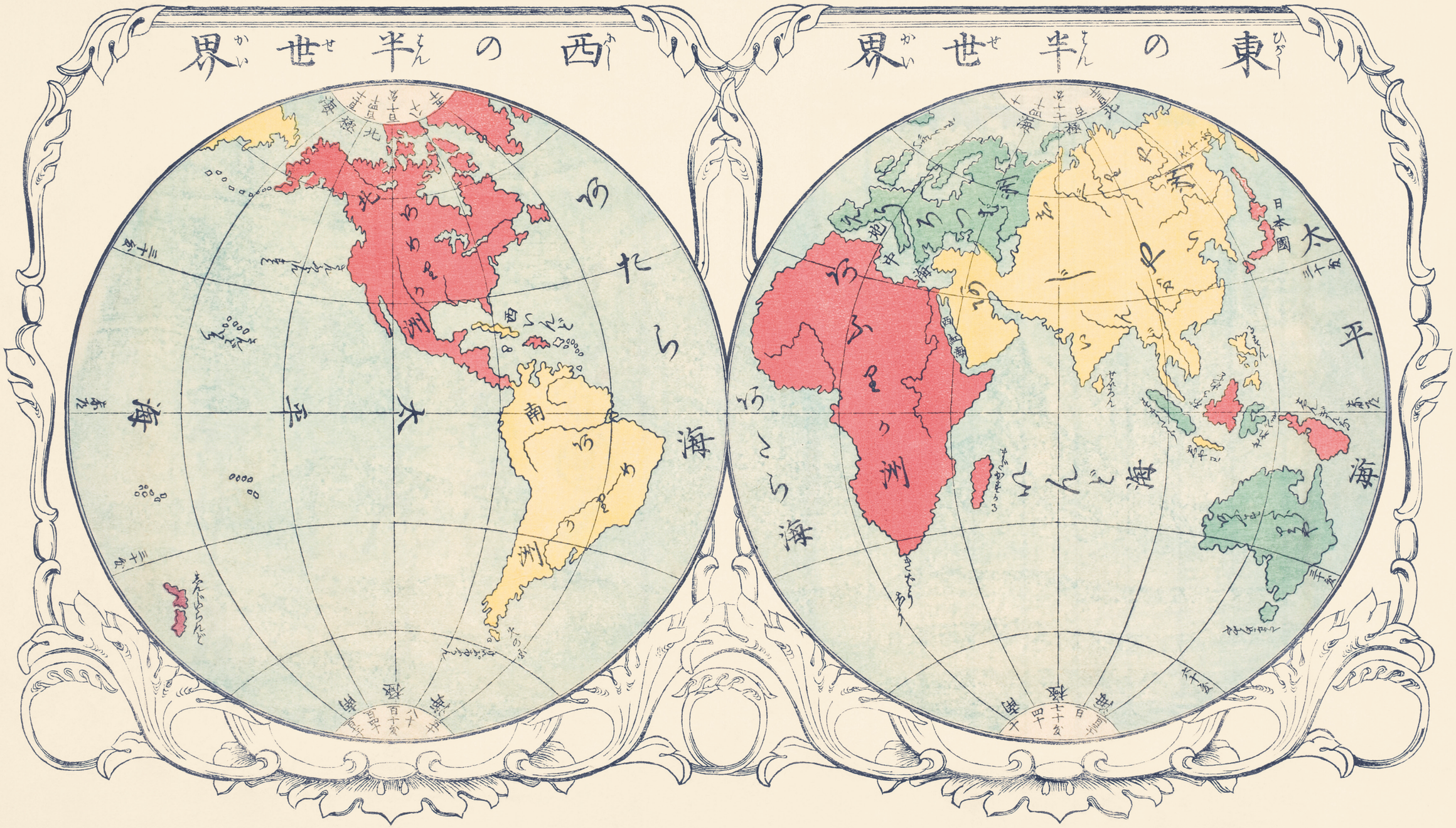

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Foreword by the Vice-President for Global Engagement



How studying abroad ought to be has changed significantly over the past several decades. In the past, students were often expected to study overseas for several years in order to obtain a degree. Today, however, university students in the 21st century are likely to have traveled abroad or spent short periods overseas from an early age. As such, foreign countries are no longer distant places of fascination. The internet has also made it possible to learn extensively about other countries and cultures, while personal travel, short-term study abroad, and overseas business trips for academic exchange have become increasingly common.

Keio University has exchange partnerships with more than 350 overseas universities. We also connect students with a range of short-term programs offered by universities abroad, while welcoming international students to short-term programs held at Keio University and providing opportunities for them to interact with Keio students on our campuses. In addition, many researchers and leaders in the political and economic spheres from around the world visit Keio, providing opportunities for dialogue with our students.

The internationalization of universities is no longer limited to traditional forms of study abroad. Instead, there is a global shift toward making international exchange a more integral part of everyday university life through a diverse range of activities. In response to these changes, Keio University will continue to place greater emphasis on fostering international exchange on our campuses, supporting not only long-term study abroad but also short- and very short-term programs, as well as research exchange opportunities.

Motohiro Tsuchiya

Policies for Internationalization

Keio University will proceed with the following three objectives in its internationalization efforts.

To expand its global presence through bilateral exchanges and its multilateral involvement through international university consortiums

- Proactively participate in higher-education consortiums, such as the U7+ Alliance of World Universities, the Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU), the Japan–UK Research and Education Network for Knowledge Economy Initiatives (RENKEI), and the Asia Pacific Association for International Education (APAIE)
- Deepen and broaden its network of partner universities and conduct mutual visit programs

To augment the level of internationalization in its education activities

- Make effective use of courses at its International Center
- Enhance and leverage short-term international exchange programs as both the host and home university
- Enrich and expand its internationalization efforts in affiliated schools

To promote international joint research in its research activities

- Enhance the quality and scope of international joint research in the context of the World Premier International Research Center Initiative (WPI) and Program for Forming Japan's Peak Research Universities (J-PEAKS)
- Promote international joint research, including co-authorship with overseas researchers—and more

Organizational Structure for Internationalization

Keio University Departments Involved in International Affairs

Administrative Departments

President

Vice-President (Global Engagement) — Global Engagement Office (GEO)
Secretariat Office: GEO

Related Departments

Office of the President

Office of Communications and Public Relations

Office of Research Development and Sponsored Projects

Admissions Center

Student and Academic Affairs Departments

International Center
Secretariat Office: Office of Student Services

International Relations Group
Student Life Services Group — Scholarships and Financial Assistance Team
International Affairs Section at Each Campus

Center for Japanese Studies — Vice-President (Academic Affairs)
Secretariat Office: Office of Student Services

Center for Global Interdisciplinary Courses — Vice-President (Hiyoshi Campus)
Secretariat Office: Hiyoshi Office of Student Services

Goal To become a research university engaged in co-creation with the rest of the world by accelerating internationalization and building on its past achievements

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Toward being a research university that engages in co-creation with the rest of the world and contributes to solving global problems

- Elevation of its global reputation
- Attraction and cultivation of competitive talent
- Establishment and strategic utilization of a diverse and sustainable financial base

2024-2028

Deepened international engagement in the post-TGU era

Reinforcing the foundation for sustainable growth, advancing internationalization in education and research

- Deeper and broader global partnerships (strengthening networks with leading universities and institutions around the world)
- Further internationalization in education (boosting student mobility and reforming education for an AI age)
- Acceleration of internationalization in research (expanding international joint research and stimulating exchange between researchers across national and disciplinary boundaries)
- Co-creation with society and industry (engaging in co-creation with a view toward solving global problems, promoting industry–government–academia collaboration, and advancing open innovation)
- Reinforcement and strategic utilization of its financial base—from sources such as endowments, donations, and external funds (e.g., the J-PEAKS project)

2009-2023

From the G30*1 Project to the TGU Project*2

Setting the foundation for internationalization, delivering a wide range of accomplishments

- Increased student mobility/study abroad
- Enriched English-language education programs (GIGA and PEARL)
- Expanded partnerships with overseas universities
- Promotion of international interdisciplinary research between the humanities and sciences
- Enhanced opportunities for students to receive mentorship from overseas researchers
- Strengthening of the university's English-language communications
- Establishment of the Global Engagement Fund to secure financial backing for self-driven internationalization initiatives beyond SGU

*1 MEXT Global 30 Project (Establishing University Network for Internationalization) *2 MEXT Top Global University Project

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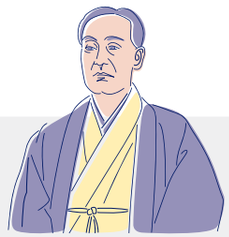
A global orientation and pioneering spirit since its founding

- Observations of founder Fukuzawa Yukichi gleaned from his journeys to Western countries
- A multifaceted approach to foreign language education
- A pioneer among private universities in internationalization (being the first in the country to establish an International Center in 1964)
- Establishment of partnerships with numerous top universities in Europe and the United States

Keio University

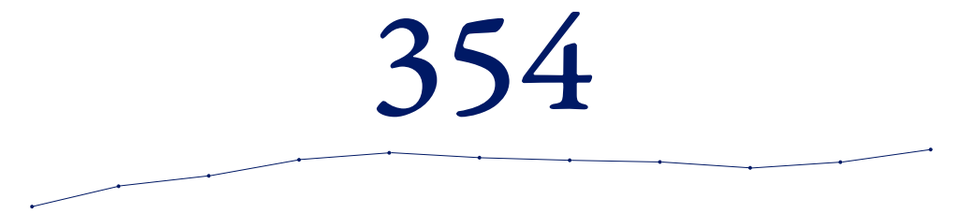


Key initiatives in Academic Year 2025

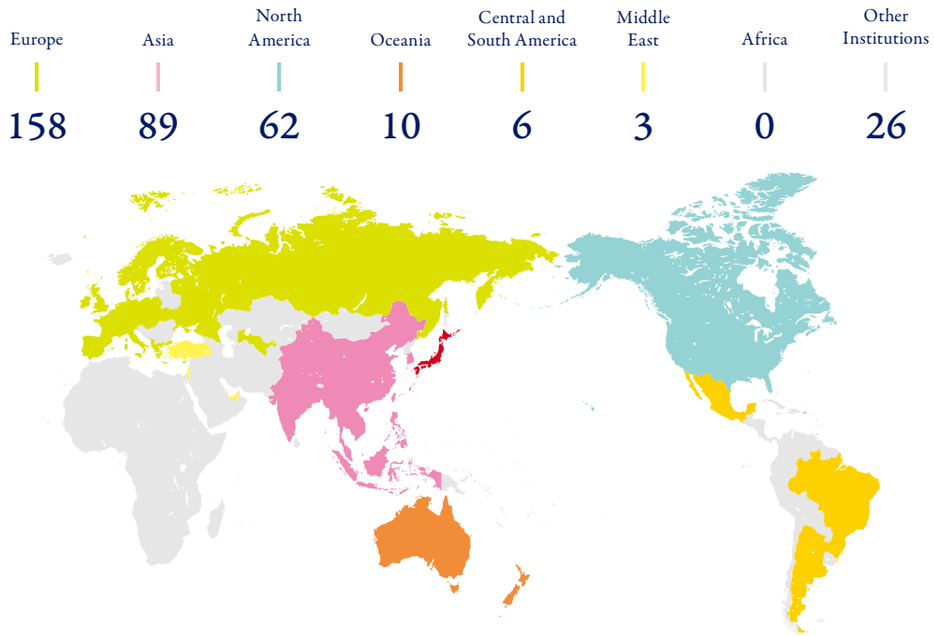
1. Global Partnerships

Founded in 1858, Keio University has placed strong emphasis on international exchange from early on in its long history, steadily building relationships with overseas partners. To date, we have entered partnership agreements with over 350 universities and institutions of higher education worldwide, expanding student exchange programs, academic interaction opportunities, and research collaborations. As a member of a number of international university consortia, Keio actively collaborates with universities overseas to contribute to various communities, both globally and regionally.

International Partner Universities and Institutions



International Partner Universities and Institutions by Region



*As of the end of each academic year (i.e., March 31 of the following year), but as of May 1 for AY 2020 and earlier.

Activities through International University Consortia

U7+ Alliance of World Universities

The U7+ Alliance of World Universities (U7+) is a global university alliance established in 2019 at the initiative of Sciences Po in Paris, France. Approximately 50 research universities from G7 and non-G7 countries are members of this consortium. At the annual U7+ Presidential Summit, university leaders engage in direct discussions on common issues and challenges faced by countries around the world. They then make recommendations to the president of the G7 Summit from a higher-education perspective. Keio University has been a member since the inception of the U7+, and President Itoh currently serves as its Chair.

Keio President Kohei Itoh Elected Chair of the U7+ Alliance

In July 2025, Keio University President Kohei Itoh was elected Chair of the U7+. This recognition reflects Keio University's longstanding commitment to international collaboration and its proactive leadership on the global stage. This is exemplified through achievements such as its role as host university for the U7+ Presidential Summit in 2023. July marks the beginning of President Itoh's three-year term as Chair. Moving forward, Keio University, as the Chair of the U7+ Alliance, will collaborate with member universities from around the world to resolve global issues.

U7+ Alliance of world universities

Joint Communiqué for G7 Summit Released at U7+ Alliance Presidential Summit

From April 22 to 23, 2025, more than 80 university leaders from 16 countries met at the University of Ottawa in Canada for the U7+ Presidential Summit. Keio University was represented by President Itoh, who attended the summit online for the Presidential Steering Committee Meeting, and Vice-President Tsuchiya, who went in-person to Ottawa as a presidential delegate. This year, the U7+ Alliance issued a Communiqué entitled "The Role of Universities in Advancing AI," which contains recommendations about how institutions of higher learning should contribute to the responsible development of artificial intelligence technologies. The presidents of 40 universities, including President Itoh, endorsed the Communiqué, which was then delivered to representatives from the Canadian government who will be chairing this year's G7 summit.



U7+ Presidential Delegates Meeting

On January 26 and 27, 2026, the U7+ Presidential Delegates Meeting was held, with President Itoh and Vice-President Tsuchiya in attendance. The meeting was hosted by Tohoku University and brought together 42 participants from 30 universities around the world. In preparation for the next U7+ Presidential Summit, scheduled to take place in Paris in April 2026 under the main theme "The Social Role of Universities in a Divided World," participants engaged in lively discussions on the current situation and challenges facing higher education in each country, against the backdrop of current international affairs.



APRU
(The Association of Pacific Rim Universities)

APRU is an alliance of universities comprising over 60 higher education institutions from within the Pacific Rim. It was established in 1997 with the aim of promoting the creation of cooperative systems in education, research, and corporate management in the Pacific Rim as well as contributing to economic, scientific, and cultural development across the region. Keio University has been a member since 2002 and currently participates as a Steering Committee member.

APRU Presidents' Meeting on Human Longevity and Its Challenges

From June 22 to 24, 2025, APRU's 29th Annual Presidents' Meeting was held in San Diego, USA, with President Itoh and Vice-President Tsuchiya in attendance. The meeting was attended by more than 120 participants, including presidents of APRU member universities, who engaged in lively discussions on the theme "Human Longevity in a Changing World: Innovation, Education, and Leadership for a Resilient Future." Following that, President Itoh moderated a panel discussion titled "AI and Longevity: Global Challenges and International Research Collaboration." He also discussed the various initiatives spearheaded by the Center for Supercentenarian Medical Research at the Keio University School of Medicine, an institution at the forefront of research on aging.





APWiL(Asia Pacific Women in Leadership)

APWiL is one of APRU's flagship programs aimed at driving the growth and development of the next generation of women leaders in the Asia-Pacific region. Since the inception of APWiL, Vice-President Akiyo Okuda has been active as one of its core members, while faculty members nominated by Keio participate annually in the APWiL Mentoring Program. Drawing on the program's distinctive features and the know-how accumulated, Keio has also been running its "Keio University Mentoring Program" since AY 2022, supporting the empowerment and leadership development of its female faculty members.



Students and Faculty Participate in a Range of APRU Programs

APRU offers a diverse range of programs in collaboration with its member universities, with students and faculty from Keio actively participating in these initiatives. In AY 2025, Keio students and faculty members participated in programs such as the "Certificate in Global Climate Change Leadership" and "Multi-Hazards Summer School," working together with other participants from a variety of countries and regions to address complex global challenges.



RENKEI
(Research and Education Network for Knowledge Economy Initiatives)

RENKEI is a university consortium established in 2012 focusing on research collaborations. It comprises ten institutions in Japan and the UK. RENKEI actively builds partnerships not only among universities but also with government, industry, and private non-profit organizations to promote research that addresses the challenges of global society. It also helps provide the groundwork allowing early career researchers to be active internationally. Keio University has been a member since 2023 and in AY 2025 participated as a co-chair representing the Japanese member universities.

RENKEI Climate Change and Energy Workshop

From May 6 to 9, 2025, Newcastle University and Durham University hosted a workshop by RENKEI on climate change and energy. Keio University was represented by Vice-President Tsuchiya, Associate Professor Yoshinobu Takei from the Faculty of Law, and Associate Professor Naoki Wada from the Faculty of Environment and Information Studies. The four-day workshop was conducted based on the theme "Just Transitions to a Net Zero World." Researchers in various fields from RENKEI member universities in Japan and the UK came together to learn about diverse research projects related to this theme, including case studies of collaboration between universities, government institutions, businesses, and local communities.

A group work session was also held during the workshop. During the group work, participants discussed how Japanese and British researchers could collaborate from the perspectives of just transitions in urban environments, within industries and sectors, and in policy impacts, as well as climate justice and improvement of environmental public health. They also explored possibilities for interdisciplinary collaboration.





Vice-President Tsuchiya Speaks as a Panelist at the Edward Boyle Memorial Lecture

On October 10, 2025, Vice-President Tsuchiya participated as a panelist in the Edward Boyle Memorial Lecture, "The Importance of Global Partnerships in Higher Education: Case Studies from the RENKEI Network." The event was organized together by the University of Leeds; the Royal Society of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (RSA); and RENKEI, and was held at Ritsumeikan University's Osaka Ibaraki Campus.

The lecture highlighted the importance of international cooperation in higher education, research, and innovation, and showcased RENKEI's efforts to promote exchanges among early-career researchers in Japan and the UK and create opportunities for joint research. Vice-President Tsuchiya spoke about how Yukichi Fukuzawa's visit to the UK in 1862—where he observed events such as the London International Exhibition—led to his writing of *Seiyō Jijō* ("Things Western"). Drawing from this historical example, he stressed the enduring significance of university partnerships such as RENKEI and the importance of visiting other countries and engaging with different cultures through direct, in-person exchanges.





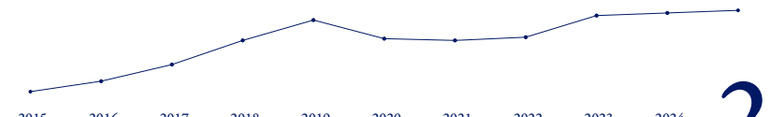
Key Initiatives in Academic Year 2025

2. Education and Research Activities

Exchanges with Global Talent

From the World to Keio

Number of International Students over Time



2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1,418	1,518	1,677	1,908	2,103	1,925	1,908	1,939	2,146	2,171

2025
2,196

*Data as of May 1 each year *Includes full-time degree students, non-degree students, Japanese Language Program (JLP) students, and short-term international students

International Students by Country and Region

China	951	Italy	35	Norway	14
Korea	367	Thailand	34	Sweden	13
France	137	Canada	26	Australia	10
Taiwan	101	United Kingdom	25	Philippines	10
United States	100	Singapore	21	Malaysia	10
Germany	48	Switzerland	18	Other	162
Indonesia	46	Spain	17		
Vietnam	36	India	15		

*As of May 1, 2025 *Includes full-time degree students, non-degree students, Japanese Language Program (JLP) students, and short-term international students

Number of Classes Conducted in English (Excluding Language Classes)

797 *As of June 2025

Degree Programs Offered in English

20 *As of June 2025

From Keio to the World

Number of Keio Students Studying Abroad over Time



2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
296	360	379	362	394	268	92	341	358	426

2025
386

*Data as of May 1 each year

Number of Keio Students Studying Abroad by Country and Region

United States	68	Netherlands	17	Singapore	5
France	67	Canada	17	Poland	4
Germany	33	Sweden	12	Austria	3
United Kingdom	30	Korea	9	New Zealand	3
Italy	22	Spain	8	Hungary	3
China	21	Taiwan	8	Other	10
Australia	18	Belgium	8		
Switzerland	18	Norway	7		

*As of May 1, 2025
*May differ from the number of Keio students studying abroad due to some programs having students sent to two countries.

Number of Double Degree Programs

29

*2025 academic year

List of Double Degree Program Partner Universities

Faculty of Economics	Sciences Po	France	Undergraduate
Faculty of Economics	Università Bocconi	Italy	Undergraduate
Faculty of Business and Commerce	Peking University	China	Undergraduate
Graduate School of Economics	CEMS Master in International Management (CEMS MIM)*1	Multiple countries	Master's
Graduate School of Business and Commerce	CEMS Master in International Management (CEMS MIM)*1	Multiple countries	Master's
Graduate School of Media Design	CEMS Master in International Management (CEMS MIM)*1	Multiple countries	Master's
Graduate School of Economics	Brandeis University	USA	Master's
Faculty / Graduate School of Science and Technology	Groupe des Écoles Centrales *2	France	Bachelor's and Master's (Integrated)
Graduate School of Science and Technology	Université catholique de Louvain	Belgium	Master's
Graduate School of Science and Technology	Université Libre de Bruxelles	Belgium	Master's
Graduate School of Science and Technology	IMT Atlantique	France	Master's
Graduate School of Science and Technology	Mines Saint-Étienne	France	Master's
Graduate School of Science and Technology	Mines Paris – PSL	France	Master's
Graduate School of Science and Technology	Leibniz University Hannover	Germany	Master's
Graduate School of Science and Technology	RWTH Aachen University	Germany	Master's
Graduate School of Science and Technology	Technical University of Munich	Germany	Master's
Graduate School of Science and Technology	Politecnico di Milano	Italy	Master's
Graduate School of Science and Technology	Universidad Politécnica de Madrid	Spain	Master's
Graduate School of Science and Technology	KTH Royal Institute of Technology	Sweden	Master's
Graduate School of Science and Technology	Japan-Europe Master on Advanced Robotics (JEMARO) *3*4	France, Italy, Poland	Master's
Graduate School of Business Administration (Keio Business School)	ESSEC Business School	France	Master's
Graduate School of Business Administration (Keio Business School)	HEC Paris	France	Master's
Graduate School of Media and Governance	Fudan University	China	Master's
Graduate School of Media and Governance	Yonsei University GSIS	Korea	Master's
Graduate School of Media and Governance	Yonsei University	Korea	Master's
Keio University Law School	University of Washington	USA	Master's
Keio University Law School	Hanoi Law University	Vietnam	Master's
Keio University Law School	VNU-HCM University of Economics and Law	Vietnam	Master's
Keio University Law School	Thammasat University	Thailand	Master's

*1 The CEMS Global Alliance comprises 33 CEMS Member Schools (including Keio University) *2 Lille, Lyon, Centrale de Méditerranée, Nantes, CentraleSupélec *3 Partner institutions are Centrale Nantes (France), University of Genoa (Italy), and Warsaw University of Technology (Poland) *4 Outbound and inbound student exchanges concluded in AY 2026

Network of Exchanges Opening New Horizons

Overseas Partner Institutions (University-Wide Student Exchange Partner Institutions)

Europe / Middle East

Austria	WU (Vienna University of Economics and Business)
Belgium	Universiteit Antwerpen
Denmark	Aarhus University
Finland	University of Helsinki
France	École normale supérieure (ENS)
France	EDHEC Business School
France	ESSEC Business School
France	HEC Paris
France	INALCO
France	Sciences Po
France	Université Côte d'Azur
France	Université de Strasbourg
France	Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3
France	Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne
France	Université Paris Cité
France	Université Sorbonne Nouvelle
France	Université Toulouse Capitole
Germany	Freie Universität Berlin
Germany	Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf
Germany	Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg
Germany	RWTH Aachen University
Germany	Saarland University
Germany	Technische Universität Darmstadt (TU Darmstadt)
Germany	Technische Universität München (TUM)
Germany	TU Dresden
Germany	University of Bonn
Germany	University of Cologne
Germany	University of Siegen
Germany	WHU - Otto Beisheim School of Management
Greece	National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
Hungary	University of Pécs
Ireland	University College Dublin
Italy	Ca' Foscari University of Venice
Italy	"L'Orientale" University of Naples
Italy	Sapienza Università di Roma
Italy	Università Bocconi
Italy	Università degli Studi di Milano
Italy	University of Pavia
Netherlands	Erasmus University Rotterdam
Netherlands	Leiden University
Netherlands	University of Amsterdam
Netherlands	VU Amsterdam
Norway	University of Bergen
Norway	University of Oslo
Poland	University of Warsaw
Russia	Far Eastern Federal University
Russia	Lomonosov Moscow State University
Russia	Saint Petersburg State University
Spain	ESADE Business School
Spain	Pompeu Fabra University (UPF)
Spain	Universidad de Salamanca (USAL)
Spain	Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB)
Spain	University of Navarra
Sweden	KTH
Sweden	Lund University
Sweden	Örebro University
Sweden	University of Gothenburg
Sweden	Uppsala University
Switzerland	University of Bern
Switzerland	University of Geneva (UNIGE)
Switzerland	University of Lausanne (UNIL)
Switzerland	University of St. Gallen
Switzerland	University of Zurich
Turkey	Boğaziçi University
United Kingdom	Cardiff University
United Kingdom	Durham University
United Kingdom	King's College London
United Kingdom	Royal Holloway, University of London
United Kingdom	SOAS University of London
United Kingdom	The University of Cambridge Downing College
United Kingdom	The University of Edinburgh
United Kingdom	The University of Manchester
United Kingdom	The University of Sheffield
United Kingdom	The University of Warwick
United Kingdom	University of Birmingham
United Kingdom	University of Glasgow
United Kingdom	University of Southampton
United Kingdom	University of St Andrews
United Kingdom	University of York (UK)

Asia

Brunei Darussalam	Universiti Brunei Darussalam
China	Beijing Foreign Studies University
China	Beijing Normal University
China	City University of Hong Kong
China	Fudan University
China	Jilin University
China	Nanjing University
China	Nankai University
China	Peking University
China	Renmin University of China
China	Shanghai Jiao Tong University
China	The Chinese University of Hong Kong
China	The University of Hong Kong
China	Tsinghua University
China	University of Macau
China	Xi'an Jiaotong University
China	Zhejiang University
Indonesia	Universitas Indonesia
Korea	Ewha Womans University
Korea	Korea University
Korea	Pusan National University
Korea	Seoul National University
Korea	Yonsei University
Malaysia	Universiti Malaya
Philippines	University of the Philippines
Singapore	National University of Singapore
Singapore	Singapore Management University
Singapore	Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD)
Taiwan	National Chengchi University
Taiwan	National Cheng Kung University
Taiwan	National Taiwan University
Thailand	Chulalongkorn University
Viet Nam	Foreign Trade University

North America

Canada	Concordia University
Canada	McGill University
Canada	Queen's University
Canada	Simon Fraser University
Canada	The University of British Columbia
Canada	Université de Montréal
Canada	University of Calgary
Canada	University of Toronto
Canada	York University (Canada)
United States	Allegheny College
United States	American University
United States	Boston University
United States	Brandeis University
United States	Brown University
United States	Bryn Mawr College
United States	Carnegie Mellon University
United States	Dartmouth College
United States	Georgetown University
United States	Illinois Wesleyan University
United States	Manhattanville University
United States	Rice University
United States	The College of William & Mary
United States	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
United States	University of California Education Abroad Program
United States	University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
United States	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
United States	University of Maryland, College Park
United States	University of Notre Dame
United States	University of Pennsylvania
United States	University of Washington
United States	University of Wisconsin-Madison
United States	Western Michigan University

Central / South America

Argentina	Universidad Torcuato Di Tella
Mexico	Tecnológico de Monterrey

Oceania

Australia	The Australian National University
Australia	The University of Melbourne
Australia	UNSW Sydney (The University of New South Wales)
Australia	The University of Queensland
Australia	The University of Sydney
New Zealand	The University of Auckland
New Zealand	University of Otago

*As of February 2026

Initiatives at the International Center and Keio's Campuses



International Center

The International Center is Keio University's hub for international exchange, promoting the dispatch and intake of students and researchers by cooperating with higher education institutions and other organizations around the world. In addition to formulating Keio's international policies and strategies together with the Global Engagement Office, which supports the international activities of the University's executive leadership, the International Center promotes a wide range of activities in all areas of international exchange, including negotiating with partner universities, implementing international education programs and events, providing academic and daily-life assistance for international students, and supporting Keio students and researchers who wish to study or conduct research overseas.

International Center Courses

The International Center provides courses in which international students and Japanese students can study together in English, mainly on topics relating to the culture, history, politics, and economy of Japan and East Asia. In addition to lectures, many courses include group work, and students develop an international perspective and English-language communication skills by learning alongside peers from diverse backgrounds.

Student Exchange Programs under Exchange Agreements (Outbound and Inbound)

In AY 2025, Keio sent 241 students to study abroad at 112 universities in 27 countries and regions through university-wide exchange agreements. Together with students sent under exchange agreements concluded by individual faculties and graduate schools, such as those participating in double degree programs, a total of 386 students had studied abroad as of May 1, 2025, and a cumulative total of 692 students had studied abroad by the end of AY 2025. In addition, Keio accepted a cumulative total of 594 exchange students under university-wide student exchange agreements.

International Center Short-term Study Abroad Programs (Summer and Spring)

The International Center offers short-term study abroad programs during the summer and spring breaks for students enrolled in any faculty or graduate school. In AY 2025, two programs were held in the summer and two in the spring, with 140 Keio students participating.

Summer **William & Mary Summer Program** August 4–18, 2025



Number of participants: 30

This program enables students to study history, politics, and culture at William & Mary, a public university in the United States. In addition to lectures, fieldwork, and a field trip to Washington, D.C., students deepen their learning through group work with local students. Another major feature of the program is the opportunity to interact extensively with American undergraduate and graduate peers.

Summer **Keio Summer Program at Downing College, Cambridge, UK** August 9–September 6, 2025



Number of participants: 62

This is a four-week program conducted under the longstanding partnership between Keio University and Downing College, University of Cambridge, which began in the late 1970s. In addition to deepening their learning through intensive English-language training, specialized lectures, and SDGs workshops, participants can experience a broad range of intercultural exchange through interactions with local students and students from around the world.

Spring **Sciences Po Paris Spring Program** February 28–March 21, 2026



Number of participants: 30

This program enables students to study the politics, economy, society, and culture of the European Union, as well as international relations, at Sciences Po, one of France's prestigious grandes écoles. In addition to deepening their knowledge and understanding of European society through lectures, essay writing, and field trips to EU-related institutions, participants can also experience the French language and culture through French-language study and interaction with local students.

Spring **University of Essex Spring Program** February 28–March 14, 2026



Number of participants: 18

This program enables students to further their English-language skills and intercultural understanding at the University of Essex while experiencing British culture and history. In addition to interactive classes conducted in small groups and experiential activities, students deepen their learning through a final presentation of their learning outcomes and develop practical English-language communication skills.

Thesis@Keio

This is a short-term program for international graduate students whose purpose is to conduct research for the preparation of a master's or doctoral thesis. Participants conduct research activities at Keio University for a period of at least seven and no more than 89 days and can receive research guidance and advice from their Keio University faculty supervisors. This program also accepts students enrolled at universities other than Keio's partner institutions.

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PEARL(Program in Economics for Alliances, Research, and Leadership)



Established in AY 2016 by the Faculty of Economics, PEARL is a September-entry program in which students study economics in English and can obtain a degree in four years. The program aims to produce future leaders who will play active roles on the global stage with their rigorous training in economics. Going beyond rote acquisition, this program combines a world-class liberal arts education with advanced economics training to further students' ability to think independently and help shape society and the future. Approximately 400 students from Japan and countries around the world currently study in the program.

PCP(Professional Career Program)

The Faculty of Economics established the Professional Career Program in AY 2005 with the aim of cultivating global leaders who can "design the future" and learn practical economics. The program primarily targets third- and fourth-year undergraduate students who aim to pursue graduate or professional graduate studies overseas or develop careers in international environments, such as international organizations and multinational corporations. All classes and examinations, as well as communication with faculty members, are conducted in English, enabling students to develop advanced English-language communication skills and the ability to independently conduct empirical research in the field of economics.

GPP(Global Passport Program)

In AY 2014, the Global Passport Program (GPP) was established within the Faculty of Business and Commerce to offer specialized business courses in English with an intake of approximately 40 selected third- and fourth-year undergraduate students. In "Coursework," an introductory master's-level course, participating students acquire advanced specialized knowledge in English, while in "Workshop," they work on practical problem-solving in a small group setting. In addition, the program provides opportunities to interact with global companies and overseas universities through lectures sponsored by participating companies, factory tours, and short-term study abroad programs. As many international students from overseas also take these courses, the program enables students to experience a study abroad environment while remaining on campus.

International Taxation Program (Taxation Policy and Management)

The International Taxation Program offered by the Graduate School of Business and Commerce is a master's degree program for professionals engaged in tax administration in developing countries. Students study the relationship between tax systems and economic development in English and undertake practical training at institutions such as the National Tax College. The program began in 1996 with support from the World Bank. In cooperation with Japan's National Tax Agency and National Tax College, approximately five international students each year received scholarships from the World Bank and studied under the program up through AY 2020. In September 2022, the program was reorganized as the Graduate School of Business and Commerce's own International Taxation Program and is currently operating with support from the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank. For nearly 30 years, the program has prepared generations of global professionals to play leading roles in tax administration in developing countries.

CEMS MIM (CEMS Master in International Management)



The CEMS Global Alliance is an international network consisting of world-leading universities and business schools, as well as partner global companies and NGOs. Through its double degree program, CEMS MIM (Master in International Management), students acquire knowledge and practical experience needed for international careers in business. By fulfilling the prescribed completion requirements, students can obtain both a master's degree from their home CEMS member institution and the CEMS MIM degree. CEMS MIM ranked fourth worldwide in the QS Business Master's Rankings 2026: Management and is highly regarded internationally as a program in international management. Membership in CEMS is limited to one institution in each country, and Keio University is the only member institution in Japan. At Keio, students from the Graduate School of Economics, Graduate School of Business and Commerce, and Graduate School of Media Design can participate in the CEMS MIM Program.

Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Global Legal Practice

Established alongside the Law School (Graduate School of Law) in 2017, this is a professional graduate program in which students can obtain a Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree in one year. The program provides intensive small-group instruction to a cohort of up to 30 students from around the world, who study together in classes that are all conducted in English. The program aims to cultivate actively contributing professionals equipped with advanced international legal expertise, practical skills, and a broad perspective.

Hiyoshi

GIC (Global Interdisciplinary Courses)

Established in 2016 as a hub for developing globally minded and interdisciplinary talent, the Center for Global Interdisciplinary Courses (GIC) has offered foreign-language courses available to all undergraduate students. From AY 2024, the GIC Center began offering new small-group courses jointly taught by multiple faculty members, providing a more extensive range of interdisciplinary courses. In AY 2025, the new GIC course lineup included eight courses in English, one in Spanish, and two in Korean.

Hiyoshi Communication Lounge



The Hiyoshi Communication Lounge was established on the first-floor basement in the Independence Wing of the Fourth Building to promote multicultural exchange at Hiyoshi Campus and support education and student activities by fostering flexible ideas unbound by existing frameworks. The lounge is also used as the venue for the annual Hiyoshi Study Abroad Fair and is widely utilized as a space for international exchange on campus.

Yagami



Commemorative Symposium for the 20th Anniversary of the Double Degree Program in Science and Technology

From November 5–6, 2025, the "Commemorative Symposium for the 20th Anniversary of the Double Degree Program in Keio Science and Technology—Looking Ahead to the Brain Circulation Ecosystem in 2040" was held on Mita Campus, attended by some 100 double degree program graduates and other higher education professionals. The event provided a platform to discuss the future of international education and degree programs—with perspectives from higher education, students, and society—to establish a renewed framework for nurturing global personnel.



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Double Degree Programs: Developing Global Professionals with Language Skills

Double degree programs enable students to obtain degrees from Keio University and its overseas partner universities by completing curricula developed by agreement between the two institutions. In these programs, Keio students additionally aim to obtain a degree from their host university and must fulfill the completion requirements of both institutions. Beyond simply earning two degrees, students are expected to deepen their understanding of an increasingly internationalized society through not only studies in their chosen field but also experiences navigating a different cultural environment.

The double degree program offered by Keio's Faculty of Science and Technology and the Graduate School of Science and Technology operates based on the philosophy of the T.I.M.E. Association, a network of higher education institutions in science and technology in Europe. Established to develop engineers capable of working in multicultural and multilingual environments, the association comprises 60 institutions in 27 countries. Keio became a member in 2007, alongside Tohoku University, as one of the first Japanese universities to join the association, after launching its double degree program with École Centrale in 2005. European integration has led to thinning national borders in the continent, where people and goods move freely. Developing professionals who understand different cultures and languages is an urgent task in such an environment, and the T.I.M.E. Association promotes the development of internationally minded professionals in science and technology through collaboration among higher education institutions in science and technology across different countries.

Shinanomachi



Short-Term Overseas Study Program for Medical Students

The School of Medicine actively pursues study-abroad and international-exchange initiatives to nurture internationally minded medical professionals. In the Short-Term Overseas Study Program [Clinical] for fifth-year students, students selected through document screening and interviews undergo an approximately one-month clinical clerkship at a hospital of their choice overseas. They receive clinical training from physicians alongside local peers and experience medical education and medical care in a different social and cultural environment. In AY 2025, 64 students participated in the program, bringing the total number of School of Medicine students sent overseas to 778 since the program began in 1984. The School also offers a wide range of other international exchange programs, including research study abroad programs at overseas research institutions and Columbia University's "International Collaboration and Exchange Program" (ICEP).

Shonan Fujisawa



GIGA (Global Information and Governance Academic) Program

The GIGA Program, Keio University's first English-language undergraduate program, was launched by the Faculty of Environment and Information Studies in September 2011 and has been offered by the Faculty of Policy Management since AY 2015. Students can take GIGA courses regardless of year of study or admission type, and can complete their degree entirely in English. The program aims to foster the practical skills, intellectual communication abilities, and collaboration skills needed to tackle global challenges as an active global citizen.

On-Campus International Student Residence "H (Eta) Village"

"H (Eta) Village," the only student residence at Keio University located within a campus site, is an international student residence where Japanese and international students live and study together. The residence is based on the concept of "living while learning, learning while living" and fosters global exchange by bringing together students from across Japan and around the world with diverse values, who all learn from one another and live together.

Shiba-Kyoritsu



Diverse International Learning Opportunities: How the Faculty of Pharmacy Fosters a Global Mindset, Step by Step

The Faculty of Pharmacy offers elective courses aimed at developing globally minded professionals who will lead the field of pharmacy in Japan across a broad range of areas, including clinical practice and drug discovery. For second- and third-year undergraduate students, the Faculty offers the one-week Thai Pharmacy Experience. For fifth- and sixth-year students, it provides international learning opportunities, including case-study sessions offered by faculty members from overseas partner universities. The Faculty also offers programs tailored to students' academic stage and goals, including the four- to five-week International Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (clinical training) for sixth-year undergraduate and graduate students, and the Advanced Program for International Regulatory Science, where students study the roles of government and industry in drug development alongside pharmacy students from around the world at partner institutions in the United States.

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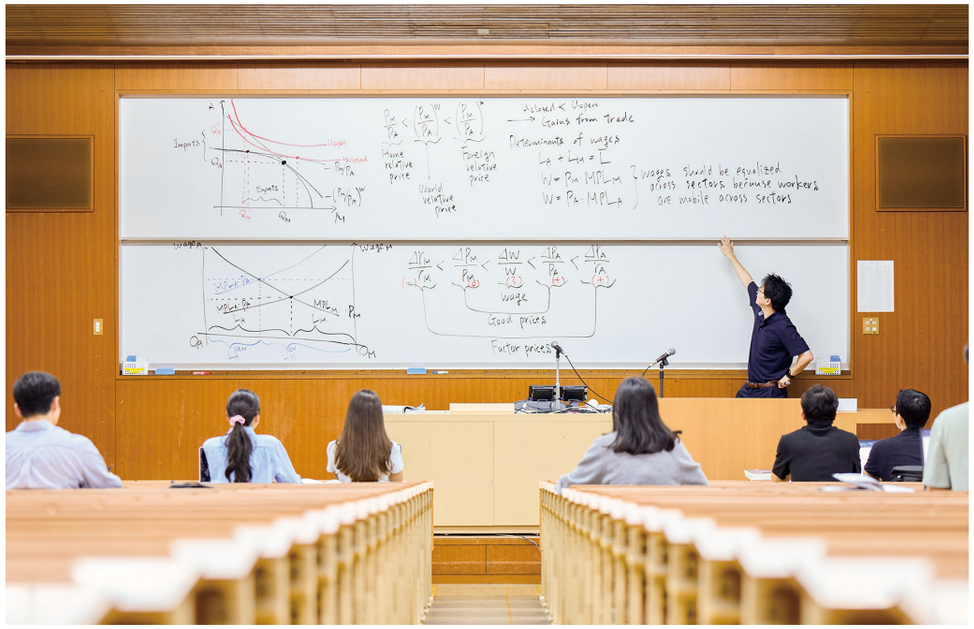
Primary Health Care Project in Laos (School of Medicine, Faculty of Nursing and Medical Care, and Faculty of Pharmacy)



In this overseas training program, students from Keio's three medical-related faculties—the School of Medicine, Faculty of Nursing and Medical Care, and Faculty of Pharmacy—form a joint healthcare team to conduct primary health care activities in Laos. The program began in 2009 as an initiative of the Faculty of Nursing and Medical Care and developed into a joint project involving the three faculties in 2011. After studying healthcare in Laos and international health activities, participating students visit organizations and healthcare institutions, including JICA, WHO, and UNICEF. Students learn about community-based health care, interact with local medical students, conduct fieldwork in rural areas, and provide health education at elementary schools. By working together across different student years and fields of specialization, students develop practical skills for team-based healthcare and gain experience in interdisciplinary collaboration. The program prepares participants to become actively contributing healthcare professionals in Japan and around the world.

Internationalization of Research



Keio University promotes cutting-edge interdisciplinary research, leveraging our unique characteristics as a comprehensive university in order to solve issues the global community is facing today. We collaborate with researchers around the world in a wide range of fields through international joint research projects with overseas universities, companies, and research institutions, and contribute to society through the positive outcomes from these initiatives. Our students benefit from an education that reflects cutting-edge research and multidisciplinary perspectives in various academic fields.

International Partnership Initiatives Under J-PEAKS

What is the Program for Forming Japan's Peak Research Universities (J-PEAKS)?

The J-PEAKS program supports initiatives by core universities, in a region or in a certain academic specialty, to create an environment in which they can strengthen their research capabilities by accelerating the internationalization and real-world application of their research; this is realized through the adoption of a dynamic management strategy that prioritizes their distinctive strengths. As a participant in the J-PEAKS program, Keio University welcomes the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology (OIST) as well as King's College London, the University of Cologne, Yonsei University, Northwestern University, Carnegie Mellon University, SOAS University of London, and United Arab Emirates University as partner institutions working together toward institution-wide collaboration. It aims to form a group of research universities that will spearhead the growth of Japan's overall research capabilities.

Collaboration with Overseas Participators



University of Cologne

In October 2025, Keio University and the University of Cologne jointly held the "DWIH Tokyo Symposium: Innovations for an Aging Society" event at Keio University's Mita Campus. Various participants—representing higher education, government, and the private sector in Germany and Japan—gathered to discuss innovative solutions and global cooperation strategies for promoting healthy aging in aging societies. The heads of both universities held informal discussions and exchanged ideas on further strengthening their partnership.



Yonsei University

In December 2025, Keio University and Yonsei University participated in the Korea-Japan Millennium Forum alongside two other major private universities in both countries, and they jointly held the Yonsei-Keio Public Seminar on the topic "Humanities at Risk?" at Keio University's Mita Campus. The participants engaged in a spirited discussion on various issues from a humanities perspective, such as challenges in teaching and research as well as the future of higher education in the age of AI.



SOAS University of London

In January 2026, Keio University's Graduate School of Letters and SOAS University of London jointly held an international symposium titled "Digital Humanities in Global Context: Critical Approaches to Data, Archives, and Identity" at Keio University's Mita Campus. Researchers and graduate students explored issues and possibilities in the digital humanities through presentations and discussions on a wide variety of research themes. They gained a deeper understanding of the latest developments in the digital humanities community, whether in their country or abroad.



Carnegie Mellon University

In April 2025, Keio University and Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) jointly held the "Keio-CMU AI Research Workshop 2025" at Keio University's Hiyoshi Campus. This event was based on the AI partnership between both universities and centered on the Keio AI Research Center, a leader in next-generation AI together with nine corporate research partners. In September that year, the president of Keio University and relevant members from the Keio AI Research Center made an on-site visit to CMU, and they updated their partners on the progress made in several research projects.



United Arab Emirates University

In August 2025, the Sheikha Fatima Arabic Learning Center (ALC), which opened in May that year, conducted an Arabic-language teacher-training course that was led by a team of lecturers sent by the United Arab Emirates University (UAEU). In February 2026, Vice-President Okuda, Vice-President Toshiharu Saiki, and Vice-President Tsuchiya visited UAEU and deepened the dialogue with their partners on their joint collaboration in research and education moving forward.

Collaboration with the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology (OIST)

OIST-Keio Showcase Talk Series Vol. 8 / Vol. 9 / Vol. 10

Keio University and the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology (OIST) have jointly held the "OIST-Keio Showcase Talk." Vol. 8 of the talk was held at Keio University's Yagami Campus in October 2025, and Vol. 9 and Vol. 10 of the talk were held at OIST's main campus in January 2026 and March 2026, respectively. The themes of these talks were "Science Meets Society: Twist, Flow, and Instability" (Vol. 8); "Proteins in Focus: Cryo-EM and Structural Frontiers" (Vol. 9); and "Diverse Approaches to Fluid Dynamics" (Vol. 10). Researchers in both universities introduced each other to cutting-edge insights from a variety of approaches, and they held discussions toward new opportunities for collaboration.



OIST-Keio International Research Summer Camp 2025

As part of both universities' partnership in education, Keio University's School of Medicine sends students to the International Research Summer Camp held annually by OIST. Launched in AY 2022, this program is primarily attended by second-year students in the School of Medicine, who pick up fundamental research skills in an environment where English is the official medium of communication on campus. This program was held from July 28 to August 6 in AY 2025, and 20 participants attended.



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OIST-Keio Research Internship Program

Since 2020, students from Keio University's School of Medicine have participated in the Research Internship Program held at OIST. "Laboratory and field studies" (a compulsory course in the School of Medicine) was incorporated into this program from AY 2023—after OIST, and Johns Hopkins University (United States), became student exchange destinations for laboratory and field studies. Over four months (July to October), third-year students obtain course credits by joining a lab at the host university, where they work one-on-one with a faculty member to gain hands-on research experience in an English-language environment. In AY 2025, six Keio students engaged in research while on exchange at OIST.

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Expanding and Developing International Research Collaborations

Global Faculty Program

The Global Faculty Program aims to promote international and cross-disciplinary research and educational activities at Keio University. To that end, the program appoints researchers affiliated with overseas research institutions as Global Faculty—also known as the "Guest Professor (Global)"—and provides subsidies for personnel expenses associated with their invitation. Global Faculty are expected to contribute to enhancing Keio University's reputation worldwide by engaging in co-authoring papers, international joint research projects, and participating in other academic activities. In the 2025 academic year, 130 researchers were appointed as Global Faculty.

World Premier International Research Center Initiative (WPI)

In fiscal 2022, Keio University's Human Biology-Microbiome-Quantum Research Center (Bio2Q) became the first research center at a private university in Japan selected for inclusion in the World Premier International Research Center Initiative (WPI). A program led by Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), WPI supports the development of globally visible research centers that combine world-class research and a highly international research environment.

Bio2Q investigates the intricate interplay between the microbiome and the body's many organs. Drawing on the latest advances in artificial intelligence (AI) and quantum computing, the center ultimately seeks to fulfill the larger aim of realizing a society where people can live longer, healthier lives. Bio2Q also partners with outstanding research institutions in Japan and abroad, fostering collaboration with leading scientists from around the world.
The program's commitment to internationalization goes beyond the research itself. Another key pillar of WPI is internationalizing the research environment, including the systems needed to support researchers. Bio2Q has assembled a multinational team to provide research support in English, helping researchers from overseas onboard into their posts, apply for grants, and settle into daily life in Japan. Together, these comprehensive services provide the groundwork for Bio2Q to thrive as a diverse, international research hub.

4th Keio University WPI-Bio2Q International Symposium

The 4th Keio University WPI-Bio2Q International Symposium, entitled "Integration of Biology, Microbiome, and Metabolomics for Healthy Longevity," was held at Shiba-Kyoritsu Campus on December 2–3, 2025. Twelve of the world's top scientists in the fields of biology, microbiome, and metabolomics presented their latest research progress and engaged in lively scientific discussions with a cumulative total of 255 people over the two days. At the end of the first day, a poster session was held by fifteen young scientists, who presented their new scientific ideas and had valuable discussions with many of the participants. At the end of the second day, awards were given to the three best poster presentations.



Comment from an AY 2025 Global Faculty Program appointee:

This is an excellent programme which enables international scholarly exchanges and the possibility of building lasting relationships for current and future projects. My host was impeccable and the researchers I had the pleasure to meet were highly prepared academically and internationally very competitive.

Key Initiatives in Academic Year 2025

3. Global PR Activities

The latest research achievements and news from Keio University are shared widely with audiences around the world through the university website, social media channels, and other platforms.

Keio Research Showcase Portal

In May 2025, the Keio University Global Research Institute (KGRI) launched the Keio Research Showcase website as a central digital repository that showcases the rich array of research being performed across Keio University. This web portal enables users to search for research videos and researcher profiles. The portal also offers prospective donors and research partners a way to connect with Keio.



Keio Research Highlights

The Keio Research Highlights portal publishes regular English-language updates to keep global audiences abreast of Keio's latest research innovations.



Facebook



Instagram



The Penmark

The Penmark is a monthly e-newsletter featuring the latest news and research from across Keio University.



World University Rankings

Global university rankings offer an indicator of Keio University's standing on the world stage.

QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026: Keio Ranks Among World's 100 Best Schools for Social Sciences & Management

On March 25, 2026, the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026 were released by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS). For this ranking, institutions are evaluated across 55 narrow subjects and five broad subject areas. Of the five broad subject areas, Keio ranked in the top 100 globally in Social Sciences & Management—its strongest showing in the category since 2020. Keio also ranked among the world's top 200 in 13 narrow subjects, including a top-50 ranking in Classics & Ancient History.



Top 50	Classics & Ancient History	46th	
Top 100	Modern Languages	83rd	
	Economics & Econometrics	99th	
101–150	Accounting & Finance	101–150	
	Geography	101–150	
	Law	101–150	
	Politics & International Studies	101–150	
101–200	Business & Management Studies	138th	
	Data Science and Artificial Intelligence	101–200	
151–200	Engineering – Mechanical, Aeronautical & Manufacture	151–200	
	History	151–200	
	Computer Science & Information Systems	194th	
	Medicine	194th	

Highly Cited Researchers 2025
Seven Keio Researchers Among 88 Selected from Japan

Seven researchers from Keio University were named to the annual Clarivate Highly Cited Researchers (HCR) list announced on November 12, 2025. The HCR list recognizes outstanding researchers who have published multiple papers landing in the top 1% of citations for research in their respective disciplines. The list encompasses 21 Essential Science Indicators (ESI) fields and the cross-field category, for a total of 22 categories. The 2025 list recognized 6,868 researchers from 60 countries and regions worldwide (88 researchers from Japan).

Name of researcher	Affiliation	Award category
Professor Takanori Kanai	Department of Internal Medicine (Gastroenterology), School of Medicine	Cross-Field
Professor Kenya Honda	Department of Microbiology and Immunology, School of Medicine	Immunology
Professor Toshiro Sato	Department of Biochemistry, School of Medicine	Cross-Field
Professor Emeritus Akihiko Yoshimura	Affiliated with the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at the time of research; currently a professor at the Tokyo University of Science	Cross-Field
Visiting Professor Koji Atarashi	Affiliated with the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at the time of research; currently a professor at Kyushu University	Cross-Field
Professor Koji Hase	Faculty of Pharmacy	Cross-Field
Project Professor Daniel Mende	Human Biology–Microbiome–Quantum Research Center (Bio2Q)	Biology and Biochemistry



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Study Abroad Fair 2025 Held at Hiyoshi Campus

In June 2025, Keio University's International Center hosted the 2025 Study Abroad Fair at Hiyoshi Campus. Now in its 19th year, the fair aims to foster interest in study abroad and encourage Keio students to begin planning early in their university careers by introducing the wide world of opportunities available. Events at this year's fair were primarily conducted in-person. (Some information sessions and one-on-one consultations were offered online.) Many Keio students attended information sessions on study abroad opportunities in different countries, language proficiency tests, and Keio's outbound student exchange program, while taking part in individual consultations, talking to academic advisors from different faculties, and receiving career guidance. Cumulative attendance reached approximately 1,600 people over the bustling four-day fair.





Event Calendar

2025

April

Education AY 2025 Entrance Ceremonies




Global Engagement Dialogue Between Secretary General of NATO and Keio Students




Research Yagami Innovation Laboratory Opens on Yagami Campus




Global Engagement Joint Statement for G7 Summit Released at U7+ Alliance Presidential Summit

Research Keio–CMU AI Research Workshop 2025

May

Global Engagement Book Launch Event for the Japanese Edition of Plurality by Audrey Tang and Glen Weyl




June

Education Sheikha Fatima Arabic Learning Center (ALC) Opens on Hiyoshi Campus




Research RENKEI Climate Change and Energy Workshop

Global Engagement Keio President Itoh Visits the University of Tartu (Estonia) and the University of Latvia




Education Study Abroad Fair 2025




Global Engagement APRU 29th Annual Presidents' Meeting

July

Global Engagement Honorary Doctorate Conferment Ceremony for European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen




August

Education Summer Programs at William & Mary and Downing College, University of Cambridge




Education ALC Hosts Arabic Language Instructor Training Course

September

Global Engagement Keio President Itoh Meets with Presidents of Brown, Carnegie Mellon, Harvard, and Yale





Education September 2025 Commencement Ceremonies




Research International Coffee Break Event Held at Yagami Campus




Global Engagement Keio University President Itoh Elected Chair of the U7+ Alliance

Research Vice-President Tsuchiya Meets with the Rt Hon Baroness Smith of Malvern, UK Minister for Skills and Minister for Women and Equalities

October

Education September 2025 Entrance Ceremonies




Research AY 2025 Site Visit by the J-PEAKS Support Team




Global Engagement APRU Senior International Leaders' Meeting 2025




Research DWIH Tokyo Symposium: Innovations for an Aging Society

Global Engagement The Edward Boyle Memorial Lecture

November

Research The 30th Keio Medical Science Prize: Award Ceremony and Commemorative Lectures Held




Education Honorary Doctorate Conferment Ceremony for Dr. Fouad Bennis




Global Engagement ICC Asia-Pacific Academic Forum




December

Education Commemorative Symposium for the 20th Anniversary of the Double Degree Program in Keio Science and Technology

Global Engagement The 21st Korea-Japan Millennium Forum




Education AI-Native University Initiative: Keio and OpenAI Sign MoU



Education The 41st Annual Japanese Speech Contest for International Students

Research Yonsei-Keio Public Seminar: Humanities at Risk?

Research The 4th Keio University WPI-Bio2Q International Symposium

Research OIST-Keio Showcase Talk Series Vol. 8

Education ALC Hosts Arabic Performance Contest 2025

2026

January

Research International Symposium "Digital Humanities in Global Context: Critical Approaches to Data, Archives, and Identity" with SOAS University of London

February

Global Engagement U7+ Presidential Delegates Meeting

Global Engagement World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Davos

Research Dr. Magdalena Skipper, Editor-in-Chief of *Nature*, Visits CRIK Shinanomachi

Education AI-Native University Initiative: Keio and Notion Launch Strategic Collaboration

Global Engagement Vice-Presidents Visit United Arab Emirates University

March

Education Sciences Po and University of Essex Spring Programs

Education AY 2025 Commencement Ceremonies

Research Research Roundtable with Australia's Group of Eight (Go8) Universities