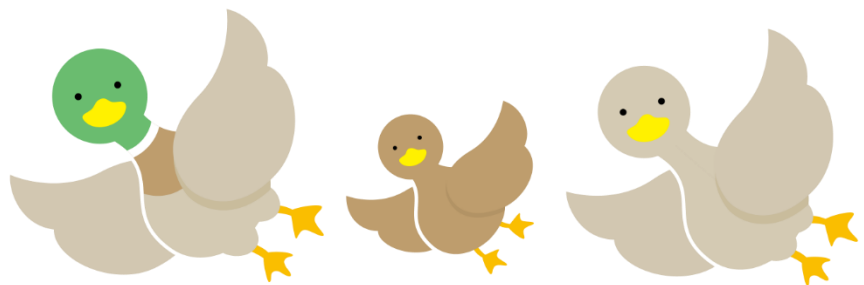


# Chapter 6

## 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, 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 graduate students 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 enrollment at Keio SFC. Details vary depending on the scholarships, so applicants should refer to the Scholarship Information Guidebook (奨学金案内 / *Shōgakukin Annai*) and the application guidelines for each of the scholarships.

In general, there are two types of scholarships:

1. Scholarships for International Students (persons living in Japan under the status of residence "student")
2. Scholarships for Japanese Students and international students whose status of residence is either "Permanent resident", "Statutory Special Permanent resident", "Long-term resident", "Dependent", or "Child or spouse of Japanese national (permanent resident)".

## 6-1 Scholarships for International Students

### **Scholarship Registration**

Before being able to apply for scholarships, you will have to complete the Scholarship Registration at the beginning of each semester.

Scholarship Registration can be completed online. More information on the exact registration period will be announced on the Keio University International Center's webpage.

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 in Japan.

Undergraduate and graduate students entering Keio University in September 2025 will be able to download the necessary forms from the Keio University International Center webpage on the right column.

The list of necessary documents for the 2025 Fall Semester Scholarship Registration can also be found on the same webpage. The required documents must be submitted to the Student Life Section through online form during the designated period.

Information for the 2026 Spring Semester Scholarship Registration will be announced on the same webpage around late January to early February 2026.

### **Procedures of Scholarship Registration**



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

**Scholarships Now Available (Keio.jp) (for current students (privately financed international students))**



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

## Search for scholarships

Announcements will be made sequentially on the Information on Scholarships page of the Keio University International Center 's Website (as on the left) for each campus when scholarships make calls for applications. Please be sure to read the scholarship outlines, application guidelines, and other relevant information.

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

Scholarships are categorized as

- ① **Scholarship provided by the Japanese government**
- ② **Scholarships provided by the 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 for Scholarships**

Applications must be made by the applicant through the designated online form. 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, teaching practice, etc.) the applicant cannot submit their application within the designated period, they must consult with the Student Life Section 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 (interviews, announcements of nominees and officially selected students, etc.) via email or K-Support "Message". Please pay due attention to a message from the SFC office when making an application for a scholarship.

## **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 temporary 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 their campus and complete the necessary procedures.

## 6-2 Scholarships for Japanese Students

If you are Japanese students or international students whose status of residence is either "Permanent resident," "Statutory Special Permanent resident," "Long-term resident," "Dependent," or "Child or spouse of Japanese national (permanent resident), you do not meet the conditions on scholarships aimed at privately financed international students. In this case, please refer to the 「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 download them from the 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 temporary leave of absence from the university 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 a benefit type or loan type of scholarship.

Loan type means that you will have to pay the amount of money back after you graduate and depending on what kind of loan type scholarship you receive, you may have to pay interest on top of the debt.

### Scholarships Information



<https://www.students.keio.ac.jp/en/sfc/scholarships/unique/pmei-gsmg.html>

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/com/scholarships/apply/form.html#anchor01>

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**

Scholarship Applications: Announcements of available scholarships are usually very short notice and application periods also tend to be short, so please make sure to check the Keio University Student Website. To get an overview of all scholarships provided by Keio University, please follow the link from the website on the left column.

List of all scholarships  
provided by Keio  
University



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

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 Online Scholarship Application System and K-Support “Message” 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 Online Scholarship Application System and K-Support “Message” for your results.

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

## 2) Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)

Please follow the link from the website on the right column.

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

Scholarship Applications: Announcements of available scholarships are usually very short notice and application periods also tend to be short, so please make sure to check the website as on the right 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*).

Japan Student Services  
Organization (JASSO)



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

Scholarship  
Information for SFC  
students



<https://www.students.keio.ac.jp/en/sfc/scholarships/unique/pmei-gsmg.html>

First Screening: Screening of submitted documents.

Announcement of Results of the First Screening: Please check the Online Scholarship Application System and K-Support “Message” 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 e-mail from the organization or the university for your results.

Payment: The time period and method of payment differ 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. Required documents vary depending on the scholarship. Please refer to the brochures mentioned above 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.

### **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 costs from the partner banks.

For further details regarding this system, refer to the webpage on the left column.

### **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.

#### **Financial aid other than scholarships**



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

#### **Japan Finance Corporation**



<https://www.jfc.go.jp/n/english/>

#### **Japan National Council of Social Welfare**



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

(Japanese Only)

## 6-4 Student Discounts

学割(*Gakuwari*)

Student Travel Fare  
Discount

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*.

Tokyo National  
Museums



[https://www.tnm.jp/modules/r\\_free\\_page/index.php?id=167](https://www.tnm.jp/modules/r_free_page/index.php?id=167)

### Student Travel Fare Discount (*Gakuwari*)

If you are planning to 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.) When boarding, you have to carry your student ID card. Research/Non-degree Students are not eligible for *Gakuwari*.

You can obtain *Gakuwari* at the Certificate Issuing Machines. The machine at SFC is located in front of the Academic Affairs Office on the first floor of the Alpha Building. To obtain *Gakuwari*, you must log in to the online certificate issuance service and complete the application in advance. It is recommended to obtain certificates as soon as the schedule is finalized since more students will use the machines as the vacation season approaches.

*Gakuwari* are valid for three months.

### 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 applied for special exhibitions at the above art galleries and museums by Keio students on presenting their student ID card.

### Other Discounts / Deals

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