

Spring Semester 2025 Yamagishi Student Project Support Program
<For undergraduate students in their third and fourth-year
expected to advance to the next year level or graduate in March 2026>

This support program was established with funds provided by Mr. Kotaro Yamagishi, CEO of Keio Innovation Initiative, Inc., Co-Founder of GREE, Inc. and Vice-President for Finance, Fundraising, and Entrepreneurial Education and Support of Keio University. It provides grants to undergraduate students in the Faculty of Policy Management, Faculty of Environment and Information Studies, and Faculty of Nursing and Medical Care to support their research projects. The program is aimed at supporting research that embodies the SFC spirit to impact society and reach out to the real world. Interested students should make an application by following the steps below.

1. Eligibility

Third and fourth-year undergraduate students who (1) plan to register for either Seminar A, Seminar B, or Graduation Project 2 (courses offered at the Faculty of Policy Management and the Faculty of Environment and Information Studies), or Project II (course offered at the Faculty of Nursing and Medical Care) in the 2025 Fall Semester, and (2) plan to conduct research projects throughout the 2025 academic year, are eligible to apply.

*Applications for students who are scheduled to advance or graduate in September will be accepted in the 2025 Fall Semester.

*Applicants must be full-time Keio University students.

2. Grant period

Tuesday, April 1, 2025–Monday, February 16, 2026

*Grant recipients must submit their research reports by February 16, 2026

3. Grant amounts

The amounts of the grant will be as follows:

- Maximum of JPY 300,000 for a project on a single theme (individual or group)
- Maximum of JPY 500,000 for a project with an interdisciplinary theme (group)

A total of approximately 20 projects will be selected. Only one application will be accepted per project. Applications for grants larger than the maximum amount will be deemed invalid.

4. Eligible research

- Research that embodies the SFC spirit to reach out to the real world
- Research that impacts society

5. Application procedure and submission period

Application procedure

Submit “Application documents of the Yamagishi Student Project Support Program” via the Keio University Student’s Research Grant System*. Submissions or revisions after the deadline will not be accepted. The applicant must consult with their supervising faculty member for the project and have the contents approved before submitting the application.

*Student's Research Grant System: <https://srg.sfc.keio.ac.jp/en/user>

Keio University Student Website (SFC) → Other → Research Grants → Student's Research Grant System →

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(keio.jp account is required to view this page.)

Submission period

10:00 , Monday, May 19–13:00, Monday, June 2, 2025

***Late submissions will NOT be accepted under any circumstances.**

*There have been cases where applicants filled out their applications but did not click “Submit,” failing to complete their submissions. Please confirm on My Page that your submission has been successful.

*You can edit your application anytime and as many times as you like until the submission period closes even after your application has been submitted. Be sure to click "Submit" every time you finish editing your application.

6. Selection and notification of results

Document screening will be conducted by the Student’s Research Grant Steering Committee based on the Planning Sheets and Research Plans submitted by the applicants. Applicants will be notified of the results through the Student’s Research Grant System by late July.

7. Reports on research and expenses

Grant recipients will be required to submit reports on their research and expenses. They will also deliver presentations at the joint presentation session that is tentatively scheduled for early February 2026. In addition, they are expected to present their project and an interim report through a poster presentation at the SFC Open Research Forum to be held in mid to late November. Grant recipients must attend both the joint presentation session and poster presentation in person at the venue.

See below for the submission deadlines for the reports. **Failure to attend the presentations and to submit the research report and necessary documents may result in penalties such as being forced to return the grant or being disqualified from future applications regardless of the reason.**

◆ Research report submission deadline: **16:50, Monday, February 16, 2026**

***Late submissions will NOT be accepted under any circumstances.**

* Reports will be posted on the Student’s Research Grant System and shared as research findings.

◆ Expense report submission deadline: **16:50, Monday, February 16, 2026**

***Late submissions will NOT be accepted under any circumstances.**

*Submit your expense report and original receipts (領収書; photocopies are not accepted) directly to the Career Services Section.

8. Application documents

Submit application documents A and B via the Research Grant System and register the bank account details via K-Support. Make sure to click “Submit” after filling them out.

When applying as a group, the research project leader must fill out the application documents through their keio.jp account.

Application document A: Planning Sheet

(1) Email address, name, phone number, faculty, student year

If applying as a group, enter the project leader's information. Including information of multiple students in the form may interfere the subsequent procedures.

(2) Supervising faculty member

Contact in advance a full-time faculty member who is familiar with the research topic, inform them about your intention to apply, and obtain their approval to register their name. Part-time lecturers and project faculty members are not eligible to serve as supervising faculty members.

(3) Project name

The name of your research project must be concise and within 50 characters.

(4) Description of the project (within 2,000 characters in English; approximately 400 words)

The description must be succinct and easy to understand. Expressions that are too general or abstract should be avoided.

(5) Significance of this program's support in conducting the project (within 2,000 characters in English; approximately 400 words)

Clearly describe the significance of your research project making reference to the objective of this support program (refer to "4. Eligible research.")

Applicants are required to demonstrate in their application documents that they have the expertise necessary to conduct their projects. At the same time, they are also expected to describe their projects in a way easy to understand for researchers in other areas.

(6) Project members and their tasks

When applying as a group, applicants must give a detailed description of the division of tasks among group members. Read "1. Eligibility" carefully when deciding group members. If group member(s) do not meet the eligibility requirements, the application may not be considered for selection

(7) Details of research expenses

Fill in the breakdown of expenses for this academic year based on the research plan. Check the "Research Fund Usage Guidelines" for details on the expenses that can be reimbursed.

The Committee will be evaluating not only the contents and significance of the research projects but also the proposed use of grant funds. Give due consideration on whether the expenses seem necessary for your research activities when filling out the expense breakdown.

*Your total expenses should not exceed the grant amount awarded. If they exceed the amount, the application will not be accepted.

*For overseas travel expenses, enter the dates of travel or expected number of travel days in the "Dates of travel" column. You can make changes to the travel plan after submitting your application.

(8) Other grants you have been awarded or planning to apply for

In case you are receiving or planning to apply for a grant this academic year, inform us of the name of the grant(s), project title(s), selection date(s), and grant period(s), regardless of whether the contents and members of the project are the same as for this program. False statements may result in disqualification from this program. **Note that applications for multiple research grants whereby the research plan can be considered identical are not allowed.**

Application document B: Research Plan

Upload a PDF file of the research plan of up to two pages in length (no prescribed format). Please note that a research plan exceeding the designated number of pages will not be accepted. If the applicant or project has received a grant through this program in the past, the applicant must make clear the differences between the granted project and the project they plan to work on this year.

Application document C: Bank Account Information

In order to ensure smooth procedures after the selection, please register the information for the bank account to which you wish to transfer the grant via K-Support in advance.

How to register bank account information:

- 1) Log in to keio.jp (<https://keio.jp/>) to access K-Support
- 2) Go to My Page (on a smartphone, go to My Page from the menu on the upper right; on a computer, go to My Page on the upper right)
- 3) Scroll down the screen to the “Student’s Own Bank Account Information” section. Select the appropriate bank and branch.
- 4) After confirming that you selected the right bank and branch, enter the account number and account holder name and save the information.

***Make sure to enter the research project leader’s bank account details.**

9. Important notes when traveling abroad for research

When traveling abroad to conduct research under this grant program, you need to comprehensively judge the circumstances including safety measures in the country or region where the research is to take place. For details, please read the notification in the link below.

https://www.students.keio.ac.jp/en/sfc/pmei/class/registration/files/00_criteria_en_1.pdf

Please also note that all students participating in activities overseas must enroll in the “Overseas Students Safety Management Assistance Service” designated by the Keio University Faculty of Policy Management, Faculty of Environment and Information Studies, and Graduate School of Media and Governance, as well as a comprehensive overseas travel insurance policy that meets the requirements of the aforementioned undergraduate faculties and graduate school.

An overview of overseas travel insurance and emergency assistance can be found in the following link. The details of the procedures will be provided individually to grant recipients.

<https://www.students.keio.ac.jp/en/sfc/pmei/procedure/overseas-assistance/>

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