

Application Guidelines for the AY 2026 Keio University Research Encouragement Scholarship for Graduate Students

The Research Encouragement Scholarship for Graduate Students was established with the objective of encouraging talented students to choose to attend graduate school, and promoting research at the graduate level. It is one aspect of Keio University's initiative to bolster its efforts to incubate future leaders in various research fields that are equipped with both a rich intellect and social skills and who are capable of making contributions to global academia through research. Students who wish to apply for the Research Encouragement Scholarship for Graduate Students are requested to follow the instructions below.

1. Application Period

Tuesday, January 6, 2026 – 23:59 on Monday, January 26, 2026

2. Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following conditions:

- (1) Those enrolled or planning to enroll in a doctoral degree program at the Graduate School of Science and Technology in April of the 2026 academic year. However, those whose enrollment in a 2026 program will exceed the standard period of study may not apply.
- (2) Of excellent academic standing and of good character
- (3) Recognized as having the potential to become an outstanding researcher in the future
- (4) Research activities conducted in pursuit of degree completion have the potential to be highly rated on the international stage

3. Funding eligibility

Receipt of another scholarship, a salary, or other financial aid may be taken into consideration during the selection process.

4. Number of nominees

Roughly 60 students

5. Scholarship amount

300,000–700,000 yen

6. Period of disbursement

1 year

April enrollees: 1 year from April 2026

September enrollees: 1 year from October 2026

Students are allowed to reapply. However, they may not continuously receive the scholarship for longer than the standard period of study for the program (including the first year of enrollment) in which they are enrolled.

7. Use

Funds received as part of this scholarship shall be used to cover academic fees and expenses, or necessary expenditures for research.

8. Items to submit

- (1) Google Form (<https://forms.gle/fiqrYRmBccHmJPjm6>)
- (2) Transcript of academic record for undergraduate and graduate degrees
- (3) List of research accomplishments

(4) Recommendation of Academic Advisor for Scholarship Application *Prescribed form to be sent to the academic advisor from the Office of Student Services

*Submit (2) as a PDF through the Google Form in (1). Only submit transcripts of academic record for doctoral programs if completed coursework falls outside of “Graduate Research 2.” (3) and (4) must be submitted through an academic advisor. Academic advisors will be contacted separately by the Office of Student Services.

9. Screening Methods

Applicants will be selected based upon the documents submitted.

10. Announcement of results

Late March 2026 (tentative)

11. Obligations of the Scholarship Recipient

- Students must submit the prescribed form to report their research activities for the academic year they receive the scholarship.
- Students must notify the Office of Student Services immediately if they take a temporary leave of absence, study abroad, or withdraw from the university in accordance with the Keio University Graduate Rules and Regulations, or if there is a change in the name, address, or other important information of the student or guarantor.
- If students are deemed ineligible and lose their entitlement to the scholarship (including in the event of temporary leave of absence, or withdrawal or suspension from the university), either one part or the total amount of the scholarship funds received must be returned.