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## About Keio University

Keio University has its headquarters in Tokyo, one of the world's largest cities, with a population of around 14 million people and covering an area of approximately 2,199 km<sup>2</sup>.

It has six main campuses: Mita, Shinanomachi, and Shiba-Kyoritsu in Tokyo, and Hiyoshi, Yagami, and Shonan Fujisawa in the adjacent prefecture of Kanagawa (refer to pages 3–4).

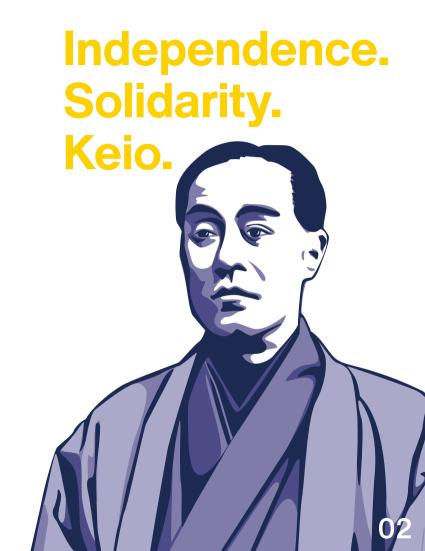
Keio University was founded in 1858 under the feudal system of Edo period Japan.

Its founder, Yukichi Fukuzawa, believed that for Japan to keep up with the Western powers of the time, it was vital to modernize not only the nation's systems but also the way its people think, leading him to establish a private school.

Keio University went on to produce many of Japan's nascent industrial leaders. True to this tradition, many of its graduates continue to play active roles in the development of industry to this day.

Keio University in its current form encompasses 10 undergraduate faculties, 14 graduate schools, and approximately 33,700 students. Although research universities around the world are often characterized by their output in the sciences, Keio University is notable for its high output of research in the humanities and social sciences. It is a comprehensive university with a highly-regarded university hospital providing advanced medical care in Tokyo.

Keio University has over 410,000 graduates and its alumni network is one of its most valuable assets. Today, they are making their presence felt as thought leaders in a variety of fields, including industry, medical care, law, education, science, politics, art, culture, and sports, both domestically and internationally.



## Campuses

Keio University has its six main campuses in the Greater Tokyo Area as well as three Town Campuses which are centers for research and innovation: in Tsuruoka (Yamagata Prefecture), Shin-Kawasaki, and Tonomachi (both in Kanagawa Prefecture).

As of May 2024

Mita	Hiyoshi	Yagami	
<b>⑤</b> 11,320 <b>⑥</b> 424	<b>⑤</b> 11,557 <b>⑤</b> 316	§ 3,736 <b>9</b> 258	
Shonan Fujisawa	Shinanomachi	Shiba-Kyoritsu	
<b>5</b> 5,002 <b>6</b> 188	§ 1,053 • 354	§ 1,073 • 78	

S: Number of undergraduate and graduate students

Keio also has nine affiliated schools providing elementary through secondary education in the Greater Tokyo Area as well as the Keio Academy of New York, a high school accredited in both the United States and Japan.

Osaka Pref. Keio Osaka



Yamagata Pref.
Tsuruoka

Saitama Pref.
Urawa-Kyoritsu

Kanagawa Pref.
Hiyoshi
Yagami
Shonan Fujisawa

Shin-Kawasaki Tonomachi Mita
Shinanomachi
Shiba-Kyoritsu
Keio Marunouchi



F: Number of full-time faculty members

## Programs and Courses

#### **Programs and Courses Taught in English**

30

20

974

Double Degree Programs Degree Programs Courses

As of June 2024

Keio University is a comprehensive university with 14 graduate schools and 10 undergraduate faculties.

Most courses in the graduate schools are offered in Japanese, but there are also programs available with coursework conducted exclusively in English. These include advanced degrees in Economics, Taxation Policy and Management, Medicine, Health Management, Science and Technology, Media and Governance, Media Design, System Design and Management, and Global Legal Practice.

Likewise, undergraduate students can also earn degrees while taking courses taught entirely in English through PEARL\*1 at the Faculty of Economics or GIGA\*2, a joint program offered by the Faculty of Policy Management and Faculty of Environment and Information Studies.

In addition, Keio offers programs such as Thesis@Keio, which allows graduate students from overseas universities to visit Keio and conduct research for their thesis. The Japanese Language Program and short-term Keio Summer Program are also available for those who wish to learn more about Japanese culture and language.

#### Fields of Study at Keio

#### **Arts & Humanities:**

Archaeology, Architecture/Built Environment,

Art & Design, Classics & Ancient History,

English Language & Literature, History, Linguistics,

Literature (Japanese/Chinese/French/German),

Modern Languages, Philosophy

#### Engineering & Technology:

Computer Science & Information Systems,

Engineering (Chemical/Civil & Structural/Electrical &

Electronic/Mechanical/Aeronautical & Manufacturing)

#### Life Sciences & Medicine:

Anatomy & Physiology, Biological Sciences, Medicine,

Pharmacy & Pharmacology, Psychology, Nursing

#### **Natural Sciences:**

Chemistry, Geography, Materials Science, Mathematics, Physics & Astronomy

#### Social Sciences & Management:

Accounting & Finance, Anthropology,

Business & Management Studies,

Communication & Media Studies, Economics & Econometrics,

Education, Law, Library & Information Management,

Politics & International Studies, Sociology,

Statistics & Operational Research

<sup>\*1</sup> Programme in Economics for Alliances, Research and Leadership

<sup>\*2</sup> Global Information and Governance Academic Program

#### Students and Staff

Keio University has over 33,700 students. Around 85% are undergraduate students, and of these, approximately 70% are studying for degrees in the humanities and social sciences. 50% of graduate students are studying for degrees in the natural sciences, technology, and medicine.

There are over 2,100 international students from 82 countries and regions at Keio. In addition to regular degree programs, international students study through exchange programs, the Japanese Language Program, short-term programs, and specialized research programs.



Hiyoshi Commemorative Hall at Hiyoshi Campus

Keio has 2,767 faculty members, 3,158 administrative staff members, and 1,967 medical staff\* (doctors and nurses) (as of March 2024).

\*"Medical Staff" (doctors and nurses) may also be included under "Faculty."

## **Faculty**

Full-time only (tenured and non-tenured)

Professors

848

Associate Professors

367

Assistant Professors **376** 

Other

1,176

Total

2,767

#### **Number of Students**

Degree Programs	Domestic	International	Total
Undergraduate	27,996	793	28,789
Graduate (Master's Program)	2,477	563	3,040
Graduate (Doctoral Program)	1,181	251	1,432
Graduate (Professional Degree Program)	428	52	480
Total	32,082	1,659	33,741

#### Global Outlook

Keio ranked 188th in the QS World University Rankings 2025, placing it in the top 12.5% of the total 1,500 evaluated institutions. In the individual categories of the rankings, Keio placed 46th for Employer Reputation, 69th for Employment Outcomes, and 151st for Academic Reputation.

#### **QS World University Rankings 2025**



#### **QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024**

Seven Areas of Study Ranked in the World's Top 150



Keio has over 340 overseas partner institutions with which it enjoys student exchange programs and research collaborations. It is also an active member of various major international university consortiums, including RU11, a group comprised of leading Japanese research universities.

#### APAIE

Asia-Pacific Association for International Education

## **RENKEI**

Japan-UK Research and Education Network for Knowledge Economy Initiatives

## **APRU**

Association of Pacific Rim Universities

## **RU11 Japan**

Research University 11 (Consortium of top research universities in Japan)

#### **CEMS**

The Global Alliance in Management Education

#### **SDG-UP**

United Nations University SDG-Universities Platform

#### **GULF**

The Global University Leaders Forum (World Economic Forum)

## T.I.M.E.

Top International Managers in Engineering

## PRRLA

Pacific Rim Research Libraries Alliance

## U7+ Alliance of World Universities

(International alliance of research universities of the G7 and other countries)

## Educational Activism and Promoting Peace with the U7+ Alliance

Keio University is part of the U7+ Alliance of World Universities, a coalition of university presidents that defines and promotes concrete actions organizations can take to collectively address global challenges facing education and the global community.

In March 2023, Keio University hosted the fifth annual U7+ Presidential Summit. More than seventy-five presidents and vice-presidents from universities around the globe joined the summit to focus on how universities can be engines of innovation for peace and security. At the end of the two-day summit, the U7+ leaders unanimously adopted the Tokyo Statement, a call on G7 leaders to invest in education and promote peace and security. A delegation of university leaders, including President Itoh, presented the statement directly to Prime Minister Kishida in advance of the G7 Hiroshima Summit

In 2024, Keio continued its commitment to the U7+ Alliance, with President Itoh joining the annual Presidential Summit at Bocconi University in Milan, Italy. Their efforts were officially acknowledged in the G7 Ministerial Declaration released in July 2024, showing the impact these efforts have on affecting global action.



Delegates from U7+ Presenting the Tokyo Statement to Prime Minister Kishida

# **Supporting Women in Leadership and Collaborating with Universities throughout the Pacific Rim**

As part of its efforts to collaborate with international universities, Keio University plays an active role within the Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU), which is committed to strengthening bilateral cooperation in higher education and working together to address issues throughout the Pacific Rim. Another aspect of Keio's involvement with APRU is the Asia Pacific Women in Leadership Program (APWiL). This program was created to address gender equity at member universities to empower and promote opportunities for women, especially those working in research and academia.

In 2024, President Itoh and Vice-President Okuda both attended the APWiL In-Person Summit, sharing insights and best practices with other attendees on how to create meaningful change. Vice-President Okuda served as moderator and speaker in the event's keynote discussion titled "A Conversation on Driving Change Towards Gender Equality," while President Itoh was a panelist for "The Role of University Leadership in Advancing Gender Equity." This event was one of many ongoing forums in which Keio is showing its commitment to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in its community and society at large.



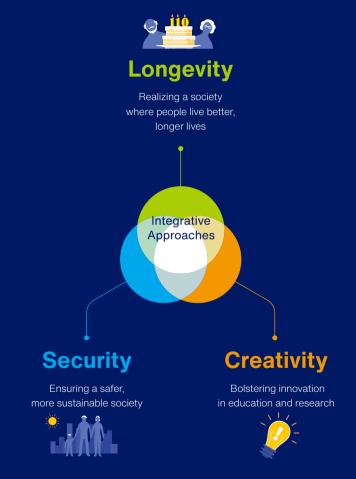
Vice-President Okuda Speaking at the APWiL In-Person Summit

## Top Global University Project

In 2014, the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) initiated the 10-year Top Global University Project. This project promoted the internationalization of higher education by supporting new initiatives, interactions, and partnerships among the world's top universities.

Under this project, Keio University was selected as a Type A University, one of the top 13 universities conducting world-leading education and research in Japan. Keio University adopted the conceptual theme of "Enhancing Sustainability of Global Society Through Jitsugaku (Science)." By prioritizing initiatives in longevity, security, and creativity through international joint research, educational programs, and academic exchange, Keio worked to solve complex problems to Realize a more sustainable society. Keio also established the Keio University Global Research Institute (KGRI) in November 2016, a core education and research center carrying out cross-disciplinary research under the three initiatives.

The Top Global University Project concluded in March 2024. To ensure the continuation of existing initiatives even after MEXT's financial support ended, Keio University established the Global Engagement Fund. With this funding, the Guest Professor (Global) Program, one of the successful initiatives borne from the project, will continue to be administered as the Global Faculty Program from the 2024 academic year onward. Keio University will continue to draw on its ten years of experience in the project to work toward enhancing the sustainability of global society.



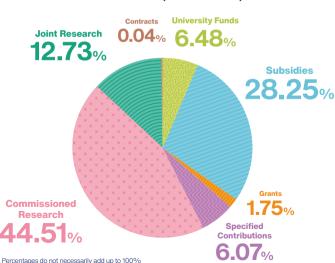
#### Research at Keio

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In 2023, Keio University allocated research funds in total of 28.8 billion yen (191 million dollars\*) of which 3.5 billion yen (23 million dollars\*) came from Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research, the largest competitive research fund provided by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS). This was the greatest amount received by a private university in Japan and the 12th highest overall.

#### **Research Funds by Type**

Total Funding: 28.8 billion yen (191 million dollars)



# Four Keio Researchers Selected to the World's Most Influential Researchers List (Highly Cited Researchers 2023)

Four Keio researchers were selected for the annual Clarivate Analytics Highly Cited Researchers (HCR) list, announced on November 15, 2023. The four Keio researchers—who all belong to the Keio University School of Medicine and WPI-Bio2Q—were Professor Kenya Honda, Professor Takanori Kanai, Professor Toshiro Sato, and Visiting Professor Koji Atarashi. The Highly Cited Researchers list recognizes outstanding scientists and social scientists who have published multiple papers landing in the top 1% of citations for research in their respective disciplines, including multidisciplinary areas that encompass 21 different fields of study. In the 2023 edition, 6,849 researchers were selected from 67 countries and regions worldwide, 90 of whom were from Japan.

Professor Honda and Visiting Professor Atarashi were chosen for their work in Immunology, Professor Kanai was chosen for Cross-Field, and Professor Sato was selected for Molecular Biology and Genetics.

WPI: World Premier International Research Center Initiative Bio2Q: Human Biology-Microbiome-Quantum Research Center





Professor Kenya Honda



Professor

Takanori Kanai



Professor

Toshiro Sato



Visiting Professor Koji Atarashi

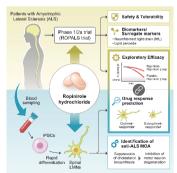
# Parkinson's Disease Drug Slows ALS Progression in Clinical Trial by Keio Researchers

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) is a neurodegenerative disease that results in respiratory failure and death. Early treatment with ropinirole, a medication used to treat Parkinson's disease, may slow disease progression in ALS patients, according to recently published data from an early clinical trial headed by researchers Assistant Professor Satoru Morimoto, Professor Hideyuki Okano, and Project Professor Shinichi Takahashi at the Keio University School of Medicine (currently at the Keio University Regenerative Medicine Research Center).

Twenty participants with sporadic ALS received ropinirole or a placebo for 24 weeks in a double-blind study followed by a 24-week open-label extension period to evaluate safety, tolerability, and therapeutic effects.

Patients given the therapy showed slower functional declines and delayed disease progression compared to those who started treatment after a six-month delay. The duration of time to specific disease progression events or death was also significantly prolonged by an additional mean of 279 weeks

However, the research team also noted factors which limited their ability to interpret the data, such as the small sample size, including participants with largely early-stage ALS, and high dropout rates in the extension phase due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This warrants more extensive trials to determine if this promising drug can yield new treatments.



Graphic from the article published in Cell Stem Cell on June 1, 2023: (https://doi.org/10.1016/j.stem.2023.04.017)

# American Literature, Japanese History, and *Shojo* Comics

American culture and iconography has had a marked impact on Japan ever since the archipelago opened its borders to trade in the mid-19th century. However, the way that American culture is portrayed in Japan has always been subject to geopolitical conditions and sociological factors. In her research paper, *American Literature in Japanese* Shojo *Comics*, Professor Hisayo Ogushi from Keio University's Faculty of Letters dives into this complex history and how the portrayal of "America" has evolved in Japanese popular culture.

The Japanese word "shojo" refers to a subculture that is focused primarily on young women and girls, whether in fashion, art, literature, or school-life. In the early 1900s, these communities often embraced fiction written by American women such as *Uncle Tom's Cabin, Little Women*, and *Little Lord Fauntleroy*, creating an idealized portrait of the "American woman." After World War II, however, this fantasy-esque understanding of American gave way to more realistic depictions of American society.

In this article, Professor Ogushi traces this change and highlights the fascinating intersections between politics and personal identity by examining different examples of American women and culture in *shojo* comics published throughout the 20th century.

This research article was originally published in the *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Literature*.



Japanese editon of Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe (translated by Michiyo Okada in 1923)



Japanese editon of Little Lord Fauntilerory by Frances Hodgson Burnett (translated by Shizuko Wakamatsu in 1897; courtesy of Kebrothian (Liniversity Library, Tokyo)



Japanese editon of Daddy-Long-Legs by Jean Webster (translated by Kenji Azuma in 1919)

## SDGs at Keio

#### **Encouraging Community through Mentorships**

In 2022, the Office for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion created a pilot version of a mentorship program for female faculty members to promote women's empowerment and professional development throughout the university. In 2023, a full version of the program was launched with eighteen pairs of mentors and mentees. This program allows for female faculty members to interact across academic disciplines, build relationships, and learn from each other's experiences.

# Fostering Future Leaders through the 2024 Student Conference

The Keio University Student Conference was first held in 2022 and has become an annual part of the university's efforts to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The conference gives undergraduate students the opportunity to engage in discussions with each other while consulting with experts to propose an overall vision, specific goals, and attainable targets for Keio University.

For the 2024 conference, students are working to construct proposals that will impact Keio, especially thinking about issues that will shape the university and what the world will look like in 2050.



Meeting for the 2023 Keio Mentoring Program



Students Working in Groups for the Keio University Student Conference

# Keio University Ranked 60th Globally for SDG 16: THE University Impact Rankings 2024

On June 12, 2024, Keio University was ranked 60th in the Times Higher Education (THE) University Impact Rankings 2024 for Sustainable Development Goal 16 (Peace, justice and strong institutions), making it 1st among Japanese universities for the second consecutive year. Furthermore, Keio University placed within the 201-300 bracket for the overall global rankings.

The Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings assess universities' societal contributions and impact against the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and rank them accordingly. 2,152 institutions from 125 countries and regions participated in the 2024 rankings, marking the sixth edition of this publication.





#### Notable Alumni



Akihiko Hoshide

JAXA astronaut

Photo: JAXA/NASA



There are over 410,000 Keio alumni. The university's alumni

associations are referred to as "Mita-kai," with 885 of these currently operating, 77 of which are based overseas (as of February 2024).

Naoko Imoto

Executive Director,
SDGs in Sports, and
an Olympic Swimmer
(Atlanta '96)



Journalist Prize 1994



Toshio Suzuki
Producer, Studio Ghibli
Photo: Nobuyoshi Araki



## Career Capability

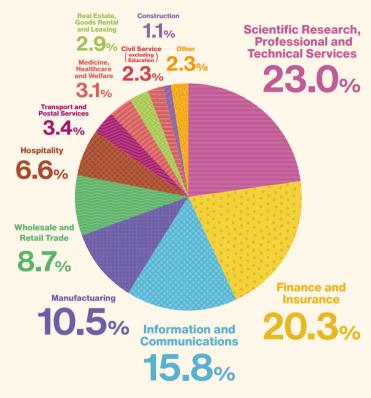
Keio University is one of Japan's best universities for producing graduates who are ready to succeed in the job market. According to the QS World University Rankings 2025, Keio placed within the top fifty universities in the world for employability.

Keio University is known for producing exceptional lawyers, certified public accountants, and doctors that employers are eager to hire. In 2023, the university was ranked first in Japan for the forty-ninth consecutive year in the number of people who passed the certified public accountant (CPA) examination. Keio also ranked third in Japan for the number of those passing the bar examination.

Keio University cultivates its students at a holistic level, encouraging them to grow as people while honing both their academic and interpersonal skills. This allows them to shine in the job market and in their professional positions. By making use of the opportunities at Keio and reaping the rewards of the time and effort invested towards their goals, alumni are able to pursue their passions and find meaningful work as they embark on the next stages of their careers.

# Keio's Graduates Are Active in Every Sector of Society

# Where AY 2023 Keio Graduates Work (Total Graduates: 4,310)



As of May 1, 2024, according to data from surveyed graduates.

"Other" includes, but is not limited to, the following industries: electricity, gas, heating and water supply, agriculture, forestry, fisheries, and mining.

Percentages do not necessarily add up to 100% as they are rounded off to one decimal place. The above data include some graduates entering further education while working.

#### Finance

For the academic year ending March 31, 2024, Keio had an annual revenue of about 189 billion yen (1.3 billion dollars). Of this total revenue, about one-third comes from tuition and other fees, another third from medical services, and the remaining third from government subsidies, gifts and donations, investments, etc., Keio has scholarship funds of approximately 24 billion yen (159 million dollars).

#### **Financial Report**

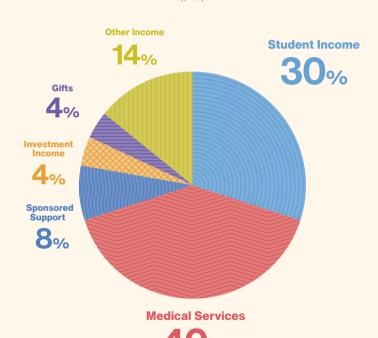
Summarized financial information for the academic year ending March 31, 2024

	In billions of Yen	In millions of Dollars (\$1=¥151)
Operating Results after Transfers	1.0	7
Transfers	(7.7)	(51)
Operating Results	8.7	57
Total Expenses	180.1	1,190
Other Expenses	106.0	700
Employee Benefits	74.1	490
Expenses	JPY	USD
Total Revenue	188.8	1,247
Other Income	25.7	170
Gifts	7.4	49
Investment Income	8.6	57
Sponsored Support	15.5	103
Student Income Medical Services	56.3 75.2	372 497
Revenue	JPY	USD

# 189 Billion Yen

1.3 Billion Dollars

(\$1=151)



#### At a Glance

As of June 2024



Japan's first modern institution of higher learning



Major campuses in the Tokyo region



Total number of university students



Total number of full-time university faculty



Total scholarship funds (yen)



Number of volumes held by the library (5th among university libraries in Japan)



QS World University Rankings 2025



Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research



Keio Medical Science Prize winners who became Nobel laureates



One of the 15 Core Clinical Research Hospital in Japan



Courses taught in English



Degree programs offered in English



Double degree programs



Countries & regions represented in student body



International partners



Total number of alumni



Total number of overseas alumni organizations



Official extracurricular clubs

and teams