What will you do to make tomorrow's world better?
SFC's Twin Faculties

The quest of a lifetime begins at Shonan Fujisawa Campus (SFC). The ultimate objective is a unique contribution to society. Start the process of discovering your true potential!

Faculty of Policy Management

The issues of the 21st century are too complex for government policy alone to handle. Successful action will involve collaboration with diverse stakeholders including corporations, nonprofits and individuals. This Faculty opens the door to a thorough understanding of social systems, economics and policies covering local, regional and global issues.

Faculty of Environment and Information Studies

This Faculty enlists cutting-edge science, technology, and design and fuses the humanities and social sciences in a flexible way. Students explore the frontiers of knowledge, learn about planet earth, nature, life, human beings and society, tackle unresolved problems and create solutions.

Applying for SFC's GIGA Program

SFC’s GIGA (Global Information and Governance Academic) Program is a four-year undergraduate program that equips students with the knowledge and skills needed in this era of rapid progress, positioning them for unmatched careers in global enterprises. The Bachelor’s degree program, taught entirely in English, welcomes resourceful, independent individuals who are motivated to explore their full potential.

NOTE: "Field" does not denote a major, department, or course. These categories were simply created to facilitate an understanding of the scope of the two faculties. Not all of the courses related to the fields above are offered in English, but more courses in English are becoming available all the time.

If their Japanese language skills allow, GIGA Program students are welcome to take non-GIGA Program courses (offered in Japanese). By studying Japanese at SFC, GIGA students are able to further expand their study and research opportunities.

Fields of study

For more details and the latest information, visit the following URL: https://www.sfc.keio.ac.jp/en/admissions/undergraduate/admissions_for_overseas.html
Engage with SFC now

Come to the campus or find out more online. There’s lots to discover!

Ways to find out more about SFC

Visit the campus

Keio University SFC welcomes visitors to the campus, but please apply online from the GIGA Program Website at least two weeks ahead of your preferred visit date. On our website you will find a “Contact Us” tab. Click on that tab, then select “Visiting SFC,” and you will see a form. Simply complete it and we will be delighted to show you around in person. You can of course take a look around on your own as well, but you may find it helpful to see the campus with someone who can answer your questions.

Attend an event

If you do plan to take a look at SFC, you might want to time your visit to coincide with an event, either on campus or in Tokyo. On the website, click on the “Campus Life” tab, then “Events,” and you will see when and where you can experience events that include festivals on campus, as well as a special academic fair held annually in Tokyo: SFC Open Research Forum (ORF). The on-campus events (July, October) will give you a great sense of the atmosphere at SFC, while ORF (November) will enable you to sample the kaleidoscopic variety of research topics available at SFC, and to discuss them directly with students and faculty members. If you can make it to ORF, allow yourself plenty of time to make the most of a very intellectually stimulating occasion!

Look for us online

Official SFC Website

http://www.sfc.keio.ac.jp/en/

The SFC website contains full information about the university and campus.

GIGA Program Information

http://ic.sfc.keio.ac.jp/en/

Detailed information about SFC’s undergraduate, English-language GIGA Program.

SFC Promotional Videos


Information on studying at SFC, as well as views of the campus, classrooms and other facilities.

SFC Faculty Search

http://vu.sfc.keio.ac.jp/faculty_profile/index_e.html

Information on fields of study, courses, and more, with keyword search.

SFC Global Campus (SFC-GC)

https://gc.sfc.keio.ac.jp/index.cgi?lang=e&term=2018s

Over 500 courses and 5,000 video lectures from SFC available free of charge.

S-face

http://sface.sfc.keio.ac.jp

In-depth, long-form English-language features and videos on researchers and their work.

FutureLearn

https://www.futurelearn.com/partners/keio-university

Free online courses. Includes English-language classes from Keio, the first Japanese university to partner with the site.

YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/user/sfcpr

Video messages from faculty and staff, plus a look at the campus, real SFC classes and more.

Facebook

https://www.facebook.com/gigaprogram/

Information about the GIGA Program with a social perspective.
Study extensively and in depth

Dive straight into a serious research environment. There’s a whole ocean of knowledge to explore.

**Advanced Subjects**

- **Fundamental Subjects**
  - 1st Semester: Students develop fundamental abilities that establish a solid base for future learning.
  - 2nd Semester: Students apply fundamental abilities effectively.
  - 3rd Semester: Students take Advanced Subjects and become more involved in Seminars.
  - 4th Semester: Students work on a Graduation Project, the culmination of their learning.

**Graduate School of Media and Governance**

- SFC offers seamless continuity between undergraduate and graduate programs. This makes it possible to continue and extend the work done as a four-year student in the same academic setting under the same faculty guidance.

**Seminars**

- First Year: Students develop fundamental abilities that establish a solid base for future learning.
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- Fourth Year: Students work on a Graduation Project, the culmination of their learning.
- Fifth Year and Sixth Year: First and second year Master’s student.

**Graduation Project**

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**Wellness**

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**Fundamentals of Information Technology**

Acquire the knowledge and skills needed to use IT creatively and efficiently in research and other pursuits. Mastering the fundamentals of programming will equip you with expertise of great value in the years ahead.

**Language Communication**

At SFC, students are offered a wide variety of languages to study: English, Malay-Indonesian, Arabic, Korean, Spanish, German, French, Chinese, Russian, Italian, and Japanese.

**Data Science**

These courses cover basic methods widely used across many fields. Students learn statistical data analysis methods, modeling and simulation, as well as mathematical sciences such as logic, probability theory, and algebra.

**Advanced Subjects**

**Specialized knowledge in multiple fields**

**Internship and fieldwork**

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**An international campus**

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**Flexible options for graduation and graduate study**

SFC’s Bachelor’s-Master’s Four-Year Integrated Education Program makes it possible to gain a Bachelor’s and Master’s degree together in just four years, reducing the cost of pursuing graduate education. Additionally, SFC’s 3.5-year Early Graduation System allows eligible students who enroll in September to graduate alongside their peers in April. Those early graduates may also advance to SFC’s 1.5-year Graduate School of Media and Governance, earning a Bachelor’s and Master’s in five years.

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**Aspects: helping students find hidden gems in the curriculum**

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Discovering patterns in children's books

Nur Nameerah Binti Mohd Fadzil holds a special connection with children’s books. “I spent most of my childhood reading books and being inspired by them to write my own stories,” says the fourth-year student, who originally comes from Malaysia.

To that end, Nameerah decided to make children’s books the focus of her individual research at Keio SFC. With guidance from seminar professor Takashi Iba, she applied to the task a method called pattern language, which helped her discover the elements common in typical children’s books, and why “such stories are essential for children’s development.” But she didn’t face all the challenges alone. Nameerah credits those in the lab with her, as well as weekly progress report sessions with fellow students, as essential to the project’s success.

Nameerah originally came to SFC with the intention to study in a very different area: programming. But the university’s flexible curriculum allowed her to try a range of fields and eventually discover her true calling.

Since completing her project, Nameerah has presented her findings at a student conference, and next plans to create a version for use in elementary schools in which teachers and children “choose their favorite elements to create their own stories.”

At SFC, research projects don’t end in the theoretical stage: students have the chance to try them out in real life. Research from this SFC student may end up inspiring the next generation of children’s book authors.

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During a research trip to Cusco, Peru, Ami had an interdisciplinary eureka moment. She and other students arrived during a period of heavy rainfall, which was causing frequent mudslides. In the midst of this situation, the local Japanese language school asked Ami to deliver a lecture about disaster prevention. With support from Professor Oki, in touch via text message, Ami put together a lecture that both delivered valuable information and helped break down cultural barriers, bringing her closer to the people of the city.

“At that moment, my two study areas enhanced each other.”

That unexpected confluence is just one example of the advantages SFC’s curriculum, wide fields of study and interdisciplinary approach have to offer.
Before entering SFC, Bryan Masaki Ikeda attended a school for those with hearing loss, where he became acutely aware of a gap in athletic ability between his deaf peers and those with full hearing. That gap, he notes, is largely due to the extra time required for learning sign language, which gives students fewer opportunities to attend physical education classes.

Upon entering SFC, Bryan, himself a deaf athlete, joined the seminar led by sports coaching expert Yuko Tokairin. His goal was to create a program that would improve the athletic level of those with hearing impairment.

As if to show them it could be done, Bryan joined Keio’s track and field team and, at the 2016 World Deaf Athletics Championships, contributed to a new Japanese record in the 4 x 400 m relay. As he works on developing his program, and gears up for 2019’s World Deaf Indoor Athletics Championships, he hopes deaf students will be inspired by his example, and realize their disability actually allows them to accomplish things others cannot.

At SFC, this student and star athlete is working to redefine the very meaning of the word disability.

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NOTE: Seminars for 2018 spring semester as of march 2018

Ayu Language and Ayu Oral Literature
Community Development in Asia; focus on environment and disaster risk reduction
American Politics and Foreign Policy
UI design in Embodied Interaction
Entrepeneurship and Management
Systems Biology in Medical, Environmental and Food Sciences
Decision Making Research & Cyber Business Development
Health Care Policy & Management
Internet Research (Prof. Murai)**
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Web Application Platform
Ecosystem-based Infrastructure
Energy Design Program**
Biotechnology and Application
Applied Wireless Laboratory
Oral History
Neuromusic: Music, Brain, and Body**
Education of Foreign Language and Imagination
Korean Study
Machine Learning and Natural Language Processing (Prof. Hagino)
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Reinventing Business Strategy
Research group of Meteorology**
The Contributions of Amartya Sen to Normative Economics
How to Realize Social Transformation through research and practice
Interdisciplinary study on modern Japan
Performance Measurement and Evaluation
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Chinese History of the 20th Century
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Management Studies: searching for the future best practice through research and practice
Research in Econometrics and Applied Statistics**
Genome Biology (Advanced Biosciences)**
Genome Designing Biology
Language, Society, and Identity**
Health Behavior and Communication
Community Health Research**
Cognitive Science: Language processing and learning
Language and Art
Mathematics in Modern Art and Koran**
Contemporary Middle East Politics & Policy
Modern Southeast Asian Studies
Contemporary Political and Moral Philosophy (Theories and Applications)
High Speed Internet Infrastructure and Applications**
A Study of "Being with the Elderly"
Coaching and life skills

International Security and Global Governance**
Topics in International Economics**
Multilateral Trading System and Mega-FTAs (TPP, Japan-EU FTA, TTP & RCEP)**
Macroeconomic Seminar
Study of the Psychological Development of Children
Imitation and Originality
Psycho-Space Project
Financial Knowledge: Theory and Practice
Introduction to Systems Biology**
Sustainable Future: SDGs and Tokyo2020**
Advanced Biosciences: Computer-Aided Diagnosis**
Physics Simulation and Visualization
Social Innovations by AI (Artificial Intelligence)
Sociolinguistics (I)
Novel Writing
Social Produce in Information Society
Cyber-Law Project
Commercial Criticism
Interdisciplinary Analysis on Post-War Japan
Human Movement Neuroscience: "Considering the Brain and Body as A System.***
Designing Life in Practice
Sports Engineering: Sports Skill Analysis by Engineering Approach and Athletes Support**
Sports Performance
Sports Business
Sports Business II
Smart Mobility (Development of Self-Driving Car)
Smart Mobility (Study on Self-Driving Car)
Political and Moral Philosophy (Introductory Seminar)
Real-world Interface Design
Social Marketing
Social Cloud Robotics**
Future of Social Sector
Second Language Acquisition, Cross-cultural Communication and Foreign Language Education
Searching for the Fusion and Dialogue between Academic Disciplines and Regional Studies
Effective Platform Design for Community Innovation
Study for the Groundtruth
Policy Innovations in Japanese Local Government
The Study of Chinese Society
Chinese Culture
Culture and Society in Korea
Data-driven Research for the Development of Smart City and Region**
Design and Geometry
Governance Structures Study
Symposium Project with Southeast Asia

Japanese and Asian Business
Japanese Language/Multilingual and Multicultural Society I
Japanese Language/Multilingual and Multicultural Society II
Politics and Diplomacy in Modern Japan
Network Operation and Real World InterNetworking
Measurement and Analysis of Neural Information
Perspective 2050
Creating a Place for the Future - Human Communication Science, Part 1
Creating a Place for the Future - Human Communication Science, Part 2
Exploring the Power of Place**
Microbial Genomics: Environmental Bioinformatics**
Human Performance
Forest Science and Engineering
Complex Systems and Natural Computing**
Distributed Storage Systems and Computer Network Architecture*
Designing for Value-based Healthcare Delivery
Health Science
Earthquake Disaster Laboratory - Social Design for Disaster Prevention
Preparing Judgments in the Future
Understanding Judicial Precedent
Hong Kong Movie (1980-1997)
Marketing Communication / Scientific and Technical Communication
City, Human, and Media**
Multimedia Database, AI and "Kansei" Databases**
Multimedia Database Systems and Data Mining**
Design Action: Self-Involvement**
Minorats Studies
Idioms y sociedades de America Latina y Península Ibérica
ME-BYO Health Design 1
ME-BYO Health Design 2
Studying on Mental Health
Introduction to Practical ICT and AI Implementations**
Aiming at Social Self-Governance - Reflections on New Publicness from the Viewpoint of the Third Sphere
Contemporary European Politics and International Security Studies
Landscape Studies
Risk Analysis, Policy and Daily Life *
Quantum Computers and Quantum Networks *
Clinical Philosophy on Education of Foreign Language
Labor Policy: Think over working environment which every person can adequately contribute their respective capabilities and enjoy their fruitful life
Algorithm - Ircomputability of architecture
Contours of American Populism*
Business Management in IT Era*

CompMusic: Comparative and computational musicology I**
CompMusic: Comparative and computational musicology II*

* Held in English
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Subjects

SFC offers a vast range of subjects to choose from, and they link up in fascinating ways.

NOTE: Subjects for 2018 spring semester as from march 2018

Full syllabus can be found at the link https://nu.sfc.ko.jp/course_u/
Making SFC work for you

Scholarships, study abroad, business innovation, mastery of Japanese: everything you need to make the most of your time at SFC.

More than just money

Second-year GIGA program student Ibolya Belakova is a recipient of the Masatada Kobayashi Scholarship for International Students, established by Masatada Kobayashi, an early graduate of SFC and one of the founding members of digital commerce company Rakuten.

Ibolya, who is from the Czech Republic, says the scholarship covers a significant portion of her expenses—but it’s about more than just money. Recipients meet regularly with Mr. Kobayashi, who offers support and guidance. "I think this is a very unique scholarship, because we have so much communication with the person who actually offers it." She adds she’s also formed a tight-knit community with fellow recipients of the scholarship.

Ibolya is focused on research into conflict prevention and management, and hopes to use the knowledge she gains at SFC to "bring some good into this world." Her scholarship has given her time to focus on her studies and participate in extracurricular activities like SFC’s orchestra and kendo club. This student’s scholarship—and the support of the people connected to it—are helping her gain knowledge and experience in order to achieve her goals.

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Students can spend a portion of their time at SFC studying abroad at a number of universities around the world. For Laura Harumi Vazquez Tirado, that meant the chance to say au revoir to Japan and bonjour to France. Laura began her studies with a focus on programming, but eventually discovered a passion for finance. Seeking ways to study it in greater depth, she found HEC Paris, a Keio University partner institution. Not only did the university offer classes in finance, living in Paris was a chance for this multilingual student to improve her French.

It seems to have been a year well spent: back in Japan, she reports her studies in France have helped her field multiple offers in her post-graduation job hunt.

Laura, who grew up outside Japan, was initially hesitant about leaving for a year—after all, SFC felt like a study abroad experience in itself! Ultimately, though, she is thankful for the fresh perspectives her year in Paris offered.

To fellow SFC students considering studying abroad, she says: “Don’t think twice. It can open many doors to your career and let you discover new hobbies and interests you never imagined.”

On-campus entrepreneurship

Many Keio SFC students are involved in entrepreneurship. That includes first-year student Manthata Thakgatso William, whose business idea was inspired by the gift of knowledge. “I received books from my seniors, and after reading them, I felt like keeping them to myself would be a betrayal of the universe!”

Thinking about how to best get used books off shelves and into the hands of those who need them, William hit on the idea of a mobile app, where people can either buy or sell books at reasonable prices or donate them entirely.

William’s entrepreneurial skills were evident from an early age. He was already reselling sweets to his fellow students when he was at primary school! And now, at SFC, he has a study context that really lets him get down to business in earnest.

As sources of inspiration, he cites GIGA classes like Management of Emerging Businesses and also the Keio Fujisawa SFC Innovation Village (SFC-IV): “My business class is where I learn the theory, and SFC-IV is the laboratory where I put my business lessons into practice.”

William plans to put his app into action with a market test this year in South Africa, where he has even bigger plans: “My biggest goal in life is to build another Keio University there.” His loyalty is fueled by a sense that SFC is the perfect place for him to explore his true potential. “When friends and family ask about SFC, I say, it was made in heaven for me.”

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GIGA student Korry Luke says that in high school, he wasn’t a “good student”—at least, not in the traditional sense. He was less focused on grades and more on “project-based, hands-on learning.” When it came time to apply for universities, that made SFC a perfect fit. Korry, who studies cybersecurity and computer science, was also attracted by SFC’s Mentor Mitakai Scholarship for International Students, which he says covers a “significant amount” of his costs.

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But the Mentor Mitakai Scholarship is about more than just funding. Recipients gather with the donors of the scholarship, a group of Keio graduates, for regular dinners. “They’re very supportive and encourage us to form our own community.”

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Mentorship

GIGA student Hanna Kim is a global citizen might be an understatement. Originally from South Korea, she grew up in France until primary school before finally moving to Japan. After comparing several universities in Japan that featured English-language programs, Hanna eventually chose SFC and GIGA.

“There are specific fields of study, rather than a general ‘global program.’ I really liked the fact that GIGA was more specialized than other universities.” At SFC, her course of study was as diverse as her background. While studying international relations in GIGA, she also enrolled in the Global Passport Program (GPP) at the Faculty of Business and Commerce.

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Japanese immersion

For SFC student Pham Thanh Hang, the chance to immerse herself in the Japanese language was a big draw. Hang, who is from Vietnam, has been studying Japanese since high school, inspired by pop culture like anime, manga and music. At SFC, she attends both regular Japanese classes and the on-campus Japanese Lab. Visiting the lab about four days a week, Hang studies all the essential language skills plus specialized topics like academic writing and consults one-on-one with tutors.

“I’m really impressed by the Japanese Lab. The teacher asks you how you want to study,” she says. But Hang has also been practicing her Japanese by joining extracurricular clubs and programs, ranging from badminton to dance to international organizations. In one, members travel to other countries and introduce study abroad programs in Japan to students—last summer, they visited Hang’s native Vietnam.

Pham Thanh Hang

Vietnam

Second Year

Faculty

Policy Management
Contemporary architecture blends with an abundant green environment to offer a unique setting for a wealth of facilities that support cutting-edge research and everyday interaction.

Shonan Fujisawa Media Center
A state-of-the-art library that supports the research, education and learning of the campus community: the Media Center is organized around the concept of helping you find, think, and create. The center’s extensive resources are accessible through a comprehensive range of services. These include a library collection focused on practical and interdisciplinary materials aligned with SFC’s distinctive mission to cultivate daring problem-solvers, along with online databases, electronic journals and e-books that can be accessed remotely from home via the Internet by members of the campus community. As a one-stop location for all kinds of study and research activities, the Media Center is furnished with group study rooms, recording studios, AV equipment including 4K cameras and editing stations, and a Fab Space supporting maker activities. Student consultants are available to assist with the borrowing and operating of equipment, use of databases, thesis writing and other endeavors.

Miraisozojuku - SFC - Student Build Campus (SBC)
Miraisozojuku, a global gateway to Keio University, is being created by SBC (Student Build Campus), an initiative that brings together SFC students, faculty, and researchers. The East Block of Miraisozojuku currently has two residential education facilities. One can house up to 32 people, and the other up to 40. Both offer a comfortable modern environment, and you’ll also notice some of the best aspects of a traditional Japanese interior. The aim is to facilitate efficient and effective engagement with key global challenges by students, scholars and instructors representing various forms of academic experience and expertise from Japan and around the world.

Courses associated with SBC encourage students to take an active role in the design and educational content of Miraisozojuku. With their sights set on the university of tomorrow, these students are exploring a practical vision of the future of higher education as they shape the actual evolution of SFC.

Institute for Advanced Biosciences (IAB): innovation takes flight from Tsuruoka to the world
The Institute for Advanced Biosciences (IAB) is a bioscience research institute that was established in 2001 at TTCK, the Tsuruoka Town Campus of Keio University in Tsuruoka, a city in Yamagata Prefecture, northeast Japan. IAB is a pioneer of Integrated Systems Biology, a new life sciences paradigm driven by IT. Innovative research undertaken here includes developing technologies to detect cancer from saliva swabs, studying cancer cell metabolism, and metabolomics of agricultural products. Volume synthesis of spider silk was first achieved in the laboratory at IAB, leading to the spinout startup Spiber Inc., a global pacesetter. SFC students can stay at TTOK for one to two semesters, where they can participate in “biocamps” to study the fundamentals of bioscience while using state-of-the-art equipment for experiments. IAB also holds a research contest and conference for high school students: the High School Students Bio-Summit in Tsuruoka. It also holds the Keio Astrobiology Camp, which features experts from organizations such as JAMSTEC and Tokyo Institute of Technology.


Fab Campus: bridging the digital and physical worlds
SFC is home to a wide variety of facilities for creating things, giving users the freedom to select the most appropriate fabrication method for their projects. Facilities around the campus offer various types of fab equipment for introductory, advanced and large-scale initiatives. SFC’s in-house ICT system supports various facets of an iterative fab process including making, using, dismantling and rebuilding. SFC is in the process of becoming a testbed for smart, sustainable fabrication systems.

- Media Center Fab Space (3D Printer, Laser Cutter, Digital Embroidery Machine, etc.)
- Zeta Building: DFF-M (Metal shop)
- Omicron Building: Architecture Studio, IoT Device Studio (electronics & robotics), other studios
- Miraisozojuku East Block: DFF-W (Wood shop)

http://fabcampus.sfc.keio.ac.jp/index_e.html
Contemporary buildings in a peaceful, green setting

The tranquil, modern SFC campus was designed by one of Japan's leading architects, Fumihiko Maki. He took inspiration from Zen temples, which historically doubled as academic buildings in Japan. The year-round natural beauty of this part of Japan makes SFC an attractive base for learning and research.

Gulliver Pond (Kamoike)

Officially named Gulliver Pond, students just call it the duck pond ("Kamoike" in Japanese). They even have slang for lounging by the duck pond between or after classes: "ducking" ("kamoru" in Japanese).

Research and lecture buildings: frontline of teaching and learning

The Kappa, Epsilon, Iota, Omicron and Lambda research and lecture halls have been specifically designed and arranged for small class sizes that facilitate maximum interaction. These buildings house the individual laboratories of principal researchers as well as shared laboratory spaces for various scientific fields. Students are often found here, engaged in coursework for their Seminar classes. SFC is a 24-hour campus where you can immerse yourself in study and research at any time of the day or night.

Gymnasium and fitness center: body and mind in balance

The first floor features various training rooms, mainly for weight training (weight machines, free weights, stationary bikes), as well as judo and kendo dojos. The second floor has an arena (volleyball, basketball, badminton, futsal) and fitness rooms (dance, table tennis). The gym also has showers.

Keio Co-Evolving House: everyday life with minimized environmental impact

The Keio Co-Evolving House, "Co-Evo House" for short, is a testing ground for collecting and analyzing information on environmental performance in a real-world, everyday life setting. The data gathered from residential technologies can contribute to an understanding of how to reduce burdens on the environment. Co-Evo House is a collaboration with Kanagawa Prefecture’s ME-BYO House Project. This project revolves around a preventive health concept derived from traditional Eastern medicine.

Keio Fujisawa SFC Innovation Village (SFC-IV)

SME Support JAPAN (Organization for Small & Medium Enterprises and Regional Innovation, JAPAN) has partnered with Keio University and regional governments to operate this center for fostering entrepreneurship. The Village is a source of support for SFC students, graduates and researchers who are creating and launching new businesses, with a special focus on those commercializing discoveries made at the university.
Life in Japan

Why Japan? Why Shonan?

When you know what SFC offers, maybe the better question is: why choose anywhere else?

You know Japan
The world’s third-largest economy hardly needs an introduction. From samurai and sushi to games and gadgets, Japan has something for everyone. But what are the key points when it comes to living and studying here?

Safety
Japan is one of the safest countries in the world—the safest, actually, according to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Infrastructure
Japan’s on-time, high-speed trains are emblematic of the country’s superior infrastructure, which manifests itself in even the tiniest details.

Service
Japan prides itself on its hospitality, and you’ll be served with a smile whether you visit a giant retail complex or a family-owned eatery.

But do you know Shonan?
Shonan, the home of SFC, is located in Kanagawa, just south of Tokyo. Situated along the coast, Shonan is known for water sports like surfing and sail boating, and as the home of sightseeing destinations like Enoshima and the ancient capital of Kamakura. And with easy access to Tokyo, Yokohama, Hakone and more, Shonan has something for everyone.

Kamakura
The capital of Japan from 1192 to 1333, the city of Kamakura is filled with some of the country’s most iconic historical monuments, including a giant bronze Buddha statue built in 1252. It also has great beaches, woodland walks, and excellent shopping.

Yokohama
Voted the most desirable place to live in the greater Tokyo area in 2018, Yokohama is known for its sophisticated vibe and great public facilities. Museums, malls, movie theaters, theme parks, professional baseball and soccer, seaside attractions. All this and Chinatown, too.

Hakone
The Tokyo area may be known for its skyscrapers and busy lifestyle, but a short train ride brings you to Hakone, a resort area with hot springs, mountains, a shimmering lake and historical sites—plus great views of Mt. Fuji.

Tokyo
With nearly 13 million residents, Tokyo is the most populous city in the world. It may come as a bit of a surprise, then, that it’s also been voted the world’s most livable, safest, and one of the best cities for university students. Around an hour from SFC, this amazing city is among the most stimulating places on the planet.
Your own path to the future

If you study in Japan, you might also consider working there. Meet two students who chose that option.

Insights into Working Life

Jinvara Vesvijak’s path to employment started long before graduation. Vesvijak, who goes by the name Fai, focused on IT security during her time in the GIGA program. Hailing from Thailand, she was interested in Japan due to its standing as ‘the main hub in Asia when it comes to technology.’ While studying at SFC, Fai interned at several IT companies, including her current employer. By getting her foot in the door early, she says, Fai was able to ‘show the company my ambition and make contributions,’ which led to full employment after graduation. Fai says SFC prepared her for the workplace by improving her abilities in both programming and language.

“I’m really grateful for the programming skills I acquired in my university years,” she says, “and the diversity at SFC helped me improve my language skills, especially English.” Fai encourages SFC students to experience a range of working environments via internships and part-time work to find the perfect fit—and start early. “Whatever opportunity you get, just take it. Regardless of the job content, you’ll gain insights into working life in Japan.”

Howe Lim is living his dream. Upon graduating from SFC, Howe, who hails from the UK, was able to successfully land a job as a software engineer at a Japanese firm. Howe says SFC helped him launch his career by both imparting the skills he uses every day and guiding him through the stressful job application process. “I can apply a lot of what I learned at SFC to my everyday work. SFC offers a lot of opportunities for students to experience high-end technologies.” Howe says finding a job after graduation presents many challenges, especially for someone from outside the country. But, he says, ‘with the help and advice from SFC, I was able to overcome various difficulties.’

In particular, Howe credits the Career Development Program (CDP) office, the on-campus office involved in job hunting and career development, and advice from his graduation project mentor. For those who want to start a career in Japan, Howe says: “By selecting SFC, you can enjoy Japanese culture, lifestyle, and prepare yourself to get a job in Japan while studying.”

Howe Lim
UK
Graduate (2017)
Faculty
Environment and Information Studies

Post-SFC, a Career in Japan

SFC graduates move out into society with countless well-known employers representing an amazing variety of industries.
Access

Getting to SFC

From Tokyo Station
- JR Yamanote Line to Totsuka, 10-15 min.

From Shinjuku Station
- JR Yamanote Line to Totsuka, 10-15 min.

From Yokohama Station
- JR Hakone Line to Totsuka, 10-15 min.
- Yokohama Municipal Subway Blue Line to Shonandai, 10-15 min.

The SFC background story

History

Keio University was founded in 1858 by Yukichi Fukuzawa, who is profiled below. It’s formal name, Keio Gijuku University, was adopted in 1868: Keio referred to the Keio era (1865-1868), while Gijuku denoted a school that anyone could attend, regardless of social status. The institution had an international outlook from the outset, at a time when Japan was engaging with the modern Western world after a long period of national seclusion. With its commitment to independence and self-respect, Keio University continues to be a pacesetter in global education. The GIGA Program at SFC underlines Keio’s commitment to providing the best possible foundation for students to find their own path forward in a complex world.

Yukichi Fukuzawa (1835-1901)

A towering figure in Japanese history, Yukichi Fukuzawa was among the first people in the country to understand the exciting opportunities offered by global engagement in the mid-19th century. Fukuzawa coined new words to share a sense of some of the exciting new ideas that were pouring into Japan in those days. He stressed the importance of freedom (he thought up the Japanese word for this concept: jiyu), equality, and lifelong learning, and expounded on these themes in “An Encouragement of Learning,” one of the seminal texts of modern Japan. During his lifetime, Fukuzawa became known not only as an intellectual giant, but also as a world traveler, the founder of public speaking in Japan, a newspaper publisher, an advocate of women’s rights, and an ardent supporter of science. Yukichi Fukuzawa remains a familiar presence in everyday life even now in Japan, as his image appears on the 10,000 yen bill, the highest-value bill in circulation. Keio University, an institution imbued with the international, forward-thinking spirit of its founder, welcomes students with the passion to lead the world into the future.

To see a video on Yukichi Fukuzawa and the founding of Keio University, visit the following URL: https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/about/learn-more/social-media/
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