

Additional Notes from Keio University, SFC for those who wish to receive the MEXT Scholarship

Please carefully read “Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Application Guidelines for 2026” first and then read the additional notes from Keio SFC below. Make sure to apply for the MEXT Scholarship after understanding these points.

【1】 Timeline for Those Selected for the MEXT Scholarship (Tentative)

GIGA Application Period	Apply for the MEXT Scholarship at the same time applying for the GIGA Program
March 13	Announcement of screening results of the GIGA Program ※ Check on the Online Application System.
by March 20	Notification of the scholarship results Informal offer of the MEXT Scholarship from Keio ※ Successful applicants who are deemed suitable to receive the MEXT Scholarship will be selected as a student recommended by Keio and given an informal offer by email.
April to May	Submission of documents and online interview for the MEXT scholarship ※ Students recommended by Keio will have to take an online interview with faculty members and submit the required documents. The online interview is not screening. <u>If these conditions are met, students recommended by the university will receive the MEXT Scholarship.</u> In the case that the applicant does not take the interview or provides false or incomplete information in the necessary documents, the recommendation may be revoked.
Mid-August	Final results from MEXT ※MEXT will notify Keio of the final results, and Keio will contact those recommended by Keio shortly after. At this point, it will be officially confirmed whether the applicant will receive the scholarship.
September	Orientation at Keio ※Those who were selected as scholarship recipients must take part in the orientation for government-financed students after their arrival to Japan.

【2】 Announcement of the Final Results

The announcement of the final results from MEXT is scheduled for mid-August. The applicants who were selected as students recommended by Keio and received the informal offer in March will receive the MEXT Scholarship.

However, if the applicants cannot fulfill the conditions below, the informal offer of the MEXT scholarship may be revoked.

- The applicant must meet the requirements stated in “1 Eligibility and Requirements” of “Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Application Guidelines for 2026.”
- The applicant must have an online interview with the university.
- The applicant must submit the necessary documents to the university without any errors or incomplete information.
- The applicant must respond promptly to any contact from the university.

【3】 Withdrawal from Admission

If the applicant to the MEXT Scholarship is selected as a student recommended by Keio, in principle, they cannot withdraw from admission.

【4】 Important Note

If you leave Japan to study abroad for more than 3 months, including participating in Keio's exchange programs, you will likely need to withdraw from the MEXT Scholarship, according to the official policy of the MEXT Head Office.

"The MEXT Scholarship Program, those who plan to carry out research activities (such as field works and internship) outside Japan are defined as out of scope at the stage of application. This scheme is designed to invite excellent students from overseas to Japan, letting them stay to obtain a better understanding of Japan. We seek the student's understanding of the fundamental purpose of this scholarship program."