

Keio SFC Online Open Campus 2021

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Admission System

Handout

What is the GIGA Program at Keio SFC?



<https://qiga.sfc.keio.ac.jp/the-giga-program/>

Global Information and Governance Academic Program

Offered by the **Faculty of Policy Management** and the **Faculty of Environmental and Information Studies** at Shonan Fujisawa Campus(**SFC**)

The bachelor's degree program in English

The bachelor's degree program taught entirely in English, welcomes resourceful, independent individuals who are motivated to explore their full potential.

Interdisciplinary studies with integration of latest technologies and social sciences

The Faculty of Policy Management nurtures students in *the humanities integrated with the sciences* who have a focus on the field of **Policy Design, International Strategy, Social Innovation, Business and Administration**, and/or **Sustainable Governance**.

Meanwhile, the Faculty of Environment and Information Studies nurtures students in *the sciences integrated with humanities* who have a focus on the field of **Novel Computing and Communication Systems, Design Engineering and Media Art, Advanced Biosciences, Environmental Design**, and/or **Human Environment**.

Overview of Admission System at Keio SFC (undergraduate)



The challenge starts here

<https://www.sfc.keio.ac.jp/en/admissions/undergraduate/index.html>

You can apply for any (or all) of the entrance examinations below in the same year as long as you fulfill the eligibility requirements.

Types of Entrance Examinations	September Enrollment	April Enrollment	Application Language	Screening Process
Winter AO (Global) [Admissions for the GIGA Program]	◎	▲ *	English only	Screening will be based on submitted documents, materials, and a video. <u>No interview is required.</u>
AO (Self-Recommended Admissions) (Spring AO, Summer/Fall AO)	○	▲ *	Japanese or English	Conducted twice a year (Spring, Summer/Fall) Screening of application documents (first-round) and an interview (second-round).
General Entrance Examination (一般選抜)	×	○	Japanese only	Written Examination only
Admissions for Japanese Returnees (帰国生対象入試)	○	○	Japanese only	Screening of application documents (first-round) and an interview (second-round).
Admissions for International Students (外国人留学生対象入試)	×	○	Japanese only	Screening of application documents (first-round) and an interview (second-round).

*Enrollment registration for September enrollees will be conducted in English; while registration for April enrollees will be in Japanese.

Winter AO (Global) [Admissions for the GIGA Program] vs Other AO



<https://giga.sfc.keio.ac.jp/admissions/>

At SFC, all of the students are free to take both of the courses offered in English (GIGA courses) and ones offered in Japanese. However, **Winter AO (Global) [Admissions for the GIGA Program]** is especially recommended for prospective students outside Japan.

Types of Entrance Examinations	Need to Travel to Japan	Scholarship Opportunities for International Students	Submission of Standardized Test Scores	Application Timing
Winter AO (Global) [Admissions for the GIGA Program]	Not required	◎ Only international students who apply to the Winter AO (Global) screening and meet certain requirements are eligible to apply for scholarships available exclusively for GIGA Program International Students.	Not required (though strongly encouraged)	from Mid December - Early February
AO (Self-Recommended Admissions) (Spring AO, Summer/Fall AO)	Required (Interview as the second round screening)	×	Required Submit only if your high school is under an educational system of a country other than Japan.	Spring AO: from May Summer/Fall AO 2021: from August

Outline of Winter AO (Global) [Admissions for the GIGA Program]

Eligibility

* Please be sure to check the latest **Application Guidebook** when applying.

If you have completed, or are expected to complete, 12 years or more of formal education, you are eligible to apply to the GIGA Program. Some applicants may be required to submit scores from standardized tests and/or a certificate of results from an English language proficiency test. Please check the Application Guidebook for details.

Application Procedure

https://www.sfc.keio.ac.jp/en/admissions/undergraduate/ao_giga.html

The application process involves an online application portion as well as submission of documents by post.



Late Sep.

Check the Application Guidebook

Application Guidebook becomes available

Mid Dec.-
Early Feb.

Check your eligibility
Complete the online application
Pay the application fee

You will be required to upload documents such as:

- List of Achievements
- Personal Statement (Essay and Presentation slides)
- Three-minute Presentation Video
- Applicant Evaluations (by two evaluators)

Mid-Jan.-
Early Feb.

Send application documents by post

You will be required to send documents such as:

- Certificate of High School Graduation or Statement of Expected Graduation (Officially Sealed)
- Academic Transcript (Officially Sealed)
- School Profile (Designated form) (Officially Sealed)

Mid-Mar.

Check your results

[Strongly encouraged to submit
/may be required in some cases]

- Certificate of English Language Proficiency Test Result
- Submission of Standardized Test Scores.

Step 1 May*
Step 2 July*

Complete admission registration
* For those enrolling in September

There is no interview or written examination. Applicants do not need to visit Japan before enrollment.

Winter AO (Global) [Admissions for the GIGA Program]

* Please be sure to check the latest **Entrance Examination Guidebook** when applying.

Application Process

Requires BOTH Online Application and Application by Post

Online Application

Personal Statement

Elements

Formats

1. Essay
2. Presentation slides

- A) Statement of Purpose
- B) Study Plan at the University
- C) Self-presentation

List of Achievements

Describe the various achievements, including those in academics fields

Optional Materials (Up to a total of 10 files)

Use your best judgment, creativity, and ingenuity in selecting and preparing these materials

Three-minute Presentation Video

Applicant Evaluation

Evaluations, not recommendations, should be provided by two persons

Others (Document explaining the Changes and Differences between the new application and the previous one (Only for those reapplying) etc.)

Application by Post

Certificate of High School Graduation or Statement of Expected Graduation (Officially Sealed)

Academic Transcript (Officially Sealed)

School Profile (Designated form) (Officially Sealed)

Others (Handwritten Application Form, Address Label)

[Strongly encouraged to submit /may be required if applicable]

-Certificate of English Language Proficiency Test Result

-Submission of Standardized Test Scores

Outline of Winter AO (Global) [Admissions for the GIGA Program]

Important things in application

Please appeal yourself with your own words, images, videos, etc. so that you can convey your own charm. Also, we do not require any special measures for the AO entrance exam, please express your essential individuality.

- Achievements do not necessarily have to be directly linked to your goals after enrollment, but they are important selection materials. In addition, we will evaluate the accumulated efforts of the person over time.
- We will evaluate and judge the below viewpoints with Three-minute Presentation Video whether you have a strong desire to enroll in SFC with a good understanding of Keio and the faculty's philosophy and educational content, or have a passion and a clear desire to achieve a higher level of self-actualization, that is truly Will it be transmitted.
Three-minute Presentation Video will not be judged for the recording technique or image quality.

Winter AO (Global) [Admissions for the GIGA Program]

FAQ

Q. How do the various application periods (Summer/Fall AO, Spring AO, Winter AO(Global)) differ?

A. There are no differences in the Summer/Fall and Spring AO screening method. Submit an application in the period when you are able to prepare all the items necessary for making the application.

The application to the Winter AO(Global) is possible only in English and its screening method is designed especially for prospective students outside Japan.

Q. What is the minimum required band score on standardized tests for admission to the GIGA Program?

A. There is no minimum required band score and the average score of successful applicants is not made public.

Q. What level of Japanese is required for acceptance into the GIGA Program?

A. There are no Japanese language requirements for entering the University or for applying to the GIGA Program. However, it is limited to September enrollment. For students enrolled in April, some classes conducted in Japanese are required.

Q. Can I apply to both the Faculty of Policy Management and the Faculty of Environment and Information Studies at the same time?

A. You may not apply to both faculties during the same application period.

Q. Can I change my enrollment period(September/April) after submitting my application?

A. After submitting your application, you may not change the enrollment period you selected. Make sure you carefully consider which enrollment period is best for you before submitting your application.

AO (Self-Recommended Admissions) (Spring AO, Summer/Fall AO)

Difference from Winter AO[Admissions for the GIGA Program]

The application documents are almost the same as the winter AO.
The difference is that there is an interview in the second screenings.



Outline

<https://www.sfc.keio.ac.jp/en/admissions/undergraduate/ao-sfc.html>

Application Language: Japanese or English

	Enrollment Period	Application Guidebook becomes available	Application Period	Second Round Screening (Interview)	Announcement of Results of Second Round Screening
Summer/Fall AO 2021	April 2022 or September 2022	Mid-May 2021	Early September 2021	Four days (Sat/Sun) in early October 2021	Late-October 2021
Spring AO 2022	September 2022 or April 2023	Mid-January 2022	Early June 2022	One day (Sat) in mid-July 2022	Mid-July 2022

Second Round Screening (Interview)

Applicants who pass the first-round screening will be interviewed at the second-round screening. Final decisions for acceptance to Keio University will be based on both the first and second-round screenings. Interviews will last approximately thirty minutes per applicant. Interviews will be conducted in either Japanese or English. Be sure to select a language option (Japanese, English, or either) for the interview when submitting your application.

Other SFC Admissions (Application and Screening in Japanese)

General Entrance Examination (一般選抜)

Eligibility Requirement: All applicants qualified to take examinations for university admissions.

Application Period: January **Time of Enrollment:** April

Screening Process: Written Examination only

Further Information (Japanese only):

<https://www.keio.ac.jp/ja/admissions/examinations/general-admissions/>



Admissions for Japanese Returnees (帰国生対象入試)

Application Period: August

Time of Enrollment: April or September

Screening Process: Screening of application documents (first-round) and an interview (second-round)

Further Information (Japanese only):

<https://www.keio.ac.jp/ja/admissions/examinations/japanese-returnees/>



Admissions for International Students (外国人留学生対象入試)

Application Period: September or November

Time of Enrollment: April

Screening Process: Screening of application documents (first-round) and an interview (second-round)

Further Information (Japanese only):

<https://www.keio.ac.jp/ja/admissions/examinations/international-students/>



Faculty of Policy Management

Policy on Admission of Students (admissions policy)

The Faculty of Policy Management seeks students concerned with *identifying and finding solutions to problems*, with *jissenchi* (practical wisdom) as its school philosophy. We anticipate that students will actively acquire the capacities to methodically identify and analyze problems and create the prescriptions to implement their solution in the real world.

Accordingly, entrance examinations put the greatest weight on identifying the presence of independent critical judgement, imagination, creativity, and execution skills. We look for students who are motivated to refine their ability to create a future shaped by their own hands, based on a problem-oriented mindset of "This is what I want to do at SFC."

Faculty of Environment and Information Studies

Policy on Admission of Students (admissions policy)

We welcome students who aspire to becoming creators and leaders capable of identifying and solving problems on a global scale, with broad perspectives not constrained to a single academic field. It is our hope that students will enroll at the Faculty of Environment and Information Studies with a problem-oriented mindset of "This is what I want to do at SFC," based on a sound understanding of the school philosophy and our research content. We anticipate that students will actively deploy our range of resources, including the educational environment and advanced projects at SFC, to *refine their abilities to shape the future with their own hands*.