

Application Guidelines

FALL SEMESTER 2020

YAMAGISHI STUDENT PROJECT SUPPORT PROGRAM

(For undergraduate students in their third and fourth-year expecting to advance to the next year or graduate in September 2021)

This support program was established with funds provided by Mr. Kotaro Yamagishi, CEO of Keio Innovation Initiative, Inc. and Co-Founder and Director of GREE, Inc. It provides grants to undergraduate students in the Faculty of Policy Management, Faculty of Environment and Information Studies, and Faculty of Nursing and Medical Care to support their research projects. The program supports research that embodies the SFC spirit to impact society and reach out to the real world. Interested students are invited to make an application by following the steps below.

1. Criteria for Eligibility

Third and fourth-year undergraduate students who (1) plan to register for either Seminar A, Seminar B, or Graduation Project 2 (courses offered at the Faculty of Policy Management and the Faculty of Environment and Information Studies) in the spring semester of Academic Year 2021, and (2) plan to conduct research projects between the fall semester of Academic Year 2020 and the spring semester of Academic Year 2021, are eligible to apply.

Please note that this time the scholarship is intended for students expecting to advance to the next year or graduate in September. Therefore, students of the Faculty of Nursing and Medical Care are not eligible to apply.

2. Amount of the Grant

The amount of the grant for a single research project will be as follows:

- Maximum JPY 300,000 for a project on a single theme (individual or group)
- Maximum JPY 500,000 for a project with an interdisciplinary theme (group)

A few projects will be selected. Only one application will be accepted per project. Applications for grants larger than the maximum will be deemed invalid.

3. Application Method and Deadline

Submit application documents via the Keio University Education Support System.

Submissions, revisions, etc., will not be accepted after the deadline. Make sure to consult

with your project mentor and have the contents approved before submitting the application.

Application Period:

10:00 a.m., Monday, November 2, 2020 to 1:00 p.m., Friday, November 20, 2020 (deadline strictly enforced)

Login to keio.jp → Class → Education Support System → Yamagishi Student Project Support Program

4. Selection Method and Notification

Document screening by the Yamagishi Student Project Support Program Steering Committee will be based on the submitted Planning Sheet and Research Plan. Applicants will be notified of the screening results through the Keio University Education Support System by mid-January 2021.

5. Report of Research Results and Expenses

Students selected for the support program will be required to submit their research results and an Expense Report, as well as make a presentation at the joint presentation session that will be held in late July 2021 (tentative). The deadlines for submitting the research results, Expense Report and its related documents are listed below.

Research results submission deadline:

4:50 p.m., Friday, July 30, 2021 (deadline strictly enforced)

Expense Report and related documents submission deadline:

Submission deadline for grant expenditures before March 2021

4:50 p.m. on Friday, March 5, 2021

Submission deadline for grant expenditures after April 2021:

4:50 p.m. on Friday, July 30, 2021

(deadline strictly enforced)

*Due to accounting circumstances, after being selected for the grant, you will be asked to submit two separate grant expenditure plans: one before March and one after April. The grant money will be paid to you in installments based on the plans you have submitted. This is why expense reports are needed twice. Please try to use up all of the grant money.

*Submit the Expense Report and original receipts (photocopies not accepted) directly at the Career Services Section.

6. How to Fill Out the Application

Make sure to click “Submit” after filling out both Application Documents 1 and 2.

[Application Document 1: Planning Sheet]

A. Title of Research Project

The title must be brief and within 50 alphanumeric characters.

B. Research Project Contents

The description of the contents of the research project must be concrete and concise. Avoid general or abstract expressions.

C. Influence of the Project on Society

Describe as specifically and quantitatively as possible when and what influence the project will have on society as it is carried out.

D. Research Project Organization

When applying for a project conducted by a number of persons, write the names of the research project leader and other members. The division of tasks among the applicant and the other students must be clearly stated.

E. Research Project Expenditure Details

Fill in the expenditure details for the academic year based on the research plan.

There may be instances where expenditures for travel expenses and local transportation expenses will not be approved, based on the SFC Basic Policy for Maintaining Education and Research Activities and other guidelines. Please make sure to describe in your research plan an alternative method for conducting research in the case that you do not make expenditures for travel expenses and local transportation expenses as planned.

- 1) “Travel expenses” applies to expenses for domestic and overseas travels deemed necessary for survey, research, research meetings, etc. The estimate will be based on the rules set forth by Keio University.
- 2) “Supplies expenses” applies to expenses for materials for experiments, research instruments, stationery, etc., that cost less than JPY 200,000 including sales tax for one item or one set of items. Software will also be considered “supplies” even if it costs JPY 200,000 or more.
- 3) Examples of services that may be paid as “honorarium”:
 - a. Collection and sorting of research material and survey documentation
 - b. Assistance in experiments
 - c. Translation of documents in foreign languages
 - d. Distribution and collection of surveys and/or questionnaires
 - e. Fees for viewing external materials
 - f. Providing specialized and technical knowledge (such as payment to instructors)
 - g. Software development

Please refer to the rules set forth by Keio University when determining the amount of the honorarium.

- 4) “Miscellaneous expenses” include expenses for meetings (excluding consumption of food and/or drinks by students), local transportation, correspondence and shipping, printing, computer usage, photofinishing, and machine repair.

Items that cannot be included in “Miscellaneous” include:

- a. Construction fees for buildings and other facilities
- b. Monthly payment, etc., where an employment relationship would arise
- c. Items for which it is difficult to distinguish official and private use such as the purchase of and/or fees for cell phones, PHS, etc.
- d. Car rentals, gasoline
- e. Products for which the warranty and/or support periods span over multiple academic years (e.g., a three-year antivirus software)
- f. Other expenses that are not directly related to the research covered by this support program (such as alcoholic beverages)
- g. Academic fees, tuition, etc.
- h. Academic society membership fees for the following or past academic years (only membership fees for the fall semester of Academic Year 2020 and the spring semester of Academic Year 2021 may be reported)
- i. Items or sets of items that cost JPY 200,000 or more including sales tax.

F. Grants that you have received or plan to apply for

If you have already received a grant or plan to apply for any this academic year, please list the name of the grant, the title of the project, the selection date, and the grant period, regardless of if the contents and members of the project are the same as for this program. The grant selection may be revoked in the case of any false declarations.

[Application Document 2: Research Plan]

Upload a PDF file of your research plan of up to two pages. There is no designated format for the Research Plan. In the case that the applicant or project has received grants through this program in the past, the applicant must clearly explain how their project has changed in their research plan.

Inquiries should be directed to:

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