

Academic Year 2026 Young Leaders Scholarship Fund (Spring Semester) <For Doctoral students of any nationality who live in Japan>	
Scholarship Amount and Number of Scholarships	1,000,000 yen/year/awardee A few scholarships are awarded each year.
Scholarship Duration	One year from April (An extension for one additional year is available only to students selected under the renewable category, upon passing the renewal screening.)
Students Eligible to Apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First or Second year doctoral students in the Graduate School of Media and Governance • Students who enrolled in April Those who enrolled in September will be eligible to apply in the fall semester. • Students with Japanese nationality and students of other nationalities whose status is "Permanent resident", "Special permanent resident", "Long-term resident" or "Dependent" • International students must have completed the Scholarship Applicant Registration for the Spring Semester of 2026 academic year. https://www.ic.keio.ac.jp/en/life/scholarship/application.html • Students who live outside of Japan of application cannot apply.
Criteria for Making an Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students who thoroughly understand the philosophy of the Young Leaders Scholarship (see below) and are motivated to better the world through their research. • Students who can attend receptions and ceremonies for this scholarship. • Students who can cooperate with the Foundation's PR activities while on scholarship and after completing the graduate program as well as after the scholarship period ends. • Students who received this scholarship in the past are not eligible to apply. • Students must reside in Japan during the scholarship period if they are selected as a recipient.
Philosophy of the Scholarship	The Sylff program aims to nurture leaders who will embrace differences in nationality, religion, and ethnicity, have respect for cultural diversity and different values, and contribute to the common interests of humankind in today's complicated and diversified society. In addition to academic excellence, a student's leadership qualities to forge the future will be highly evaluated.
Foundation's URL	https://www.sylff.org/
Combining with Other Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monbukagakusho (MEXT) Honors Scholarship (Loan type) offered by JASSO for Privately : Possible • MEXT Scholarship, "Design the Future" Award for International Students: Not possible • Other than the above: Possible. However, you must check the rules on the scholarship side that you receive separately. • If the applicant is already receiving another scholarship and research expense, this may be taken into consideration during the selection process.
Selection Method	First round: Document screening (Middle-May) Second round: Interview (Late-May)
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of Purpose (designated form) • Report of Research Achievements You can also download from the following site. https://www.students.keio.ac.jp/sfc/scholarships/unique/pmei-gsmg.html • [Japanese students need these documents] Documents specified in the Scholarship Information Guidebook You can also download from the following site. https://www.students.keio.ac.jp/com/scholarships/apply/form.html Apply Checklist https://www.students.keio.ac.jp/com/scholarships/apply/files/A_checklist_gs.pdf
Application Counter and Period	<p style="color: red; text-align: center;">From Mon. April 20 to 11 AM on Fri. May 1, 2026 (STRICT DEADLINE)</p> <p>[Japanese students] Student Life Section at SFC (1F of the Alpha building) Submit by mail : 〒252-0882 5322 Endo, Fujisawa-shi, Kanagawa Japan Keio University SFC Office Student Life Section</p> <p>[International students apply from the following site] *This site is not apply to Japanese students. https://forms.gle/bdpWENCQ5y8Je8Ww7</p>
Announcement of Screening Results	Early-June (TBD)
Disbursement Period	Late-June (TBD)