Application Guidelines for the China Scholarship Council (CSC) Program — Joint Training Doctoral Students (2027 Fall & 2028 Spring)

1. Enrollment and Admission Quota

   [Enrollment] September 2027/ April 2028

   [Eligible Graduate Schools] All graduate schools at Keio University (except for Keio University Law School)

   [Status] Short-term International Student (non-degree student)

   *Short-term International Students may conduct research under the supervision of their academic advisor, but cannot register for courses, earn course credits, or obtain degrees at Keio University.

   [Term] 6 months or 12 months

   [Admission Quota] A maximum of approximately 10 students per year across all graduate schools.

2. Eligibility Criteria

   (1) In principle, applicants must be enrolled in a doctoral program at one of the Project 985 universities.

   *Project 985 is a program established by China's Ministry of Education in May 1998 to raise the quality of research at Chinese universities to an international standard by providing priority funding to a select group of key universities within Project 211.

   (2) Applicants must obtain prior informal approval from a full-time faculty member at Keio University to serve as their academic advisor.

3. Fees and Accommodation

   Examination, registration, and tuition fees will be covered by Keio University. Accommodation will not be provided. Students must arrange their own accommodation and pay all associated costs, including rent.

4. Application Period

   From Tuesday, November 17, 2026, to Tuesday, November 24, 2026 (JST)

   *Applications must be received by the deadline.

5. How to Apply

   Follow steps 5-1 through 5-3 to proceed with your application.

   5-1. Obtain informal approval from your preferred academic advisor at Keio.

   Contact the full-time faculty member at Keio University whom you would like to have as your academic advisor directly to inquire whether they would be willing to supervise your research. Consult the graduate school websites for information on fields of study and faculty members' research areas: https://www.ic.keio.ac.jp/en/study/mext/faculty_profile.html

   *Please contact the CSC Coordinator for any inquiries.

<Caution>

Informal approval from your preferred academic advisor does not guarantee admission. Only applicants who submit all documents specified in section 5-2 during the application period will be considered for selection by the relevant graduate school.

5-2. Application Documents

Apply only after obtaining informal approval from your preferred academic advisor to supervise your

research, and submit all documents listed below. Documents (1)–(6) must be prepared in either Japanese or English.

(1) Application form (prescribed form)

(2) Certificate of enrollment in a doctoral program (original)

(3) Academic transcripts from both your undergraduate and master's programs (originals)

(4) Certificates of graduation from your undergraduate program and completion of your master's program (originals) *Certificates from both the undergraduate and master's programs must be submitted.

(5) Research plan (prescribed form)

(6) Letter(s) of recommendation

*One letter must be written by your current academic advisor at your institution. You may also submit a second letter from a recommender of your choice.

(7) Copy of passport

*Only the page containing your photograph is required.

*If you do not have a passport, submit a copy of both sides of a government-issued photo ID and apply for a passport immediately.

5-3. Submission of Application Documents

Submit all application documents specified in section 5-2 as PDF attachments by e-mail, and also send the original documents by post to the address below.

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International Relations Group, Office of Student Services, Keio University
2-15-45 Mita, Minato-ku, Tokyo 108-8345 Japan
Phone: +81-3-5427-1608 E-mail: ic-csc@adst.keio.ac.jp

(1) Certificates acknowledging receipt of application documents or similar documents will not be issued.

(2) We do not accept documents submitted directly to the office.

(3) Write "中国CSC公派出願書類在中" (Application Documents for the Chinese Government-sponsored CSC Program Enclosed) on the envelope.

(4) When sending documents by post, use a delivery service that provides tracking services, such as EMS, FedEx, or DHL.

6. Selection Process and Announcement of Results

Each graduate school will review the application documents and select applicants who pass the initial screening. A Letter of Acceptance will be issued to these applicants from January 2027 onward. Final admission will be granted only after applicants pass the CSC selection process and submit the CSC-issued scholarship certificate (国家留学基金資助出国留学資格証書) to Keio University.

<Notes>

(1) Neither informal approval from your preferred academic advisor nor a Letter of Acceptance guarantees admission.

(2) If an applicant is not selected for a CSC scholarship, Keio University's provisional acceptance will be withdrawn.

(3) Eligibility for admission may be revoked if any information in the submitted documents is found to be factually incorrect, any submitted certificates are found to have been obtained fraudulently, or other irregularities are

discovered.

(4) Applicants must promptly report their CSC selection results to the contact listed in section 5-3 by e-mail.

Application Procedure

Confirm Eligibility Criteria
(Refer to section 2 above)



Obtain informal approval from an academic advisor at Keio
(Refer to section 5-1 above)



Submit application documents
(Refer to sections 5-2 and 5-3 above)



Receive a Letter of Acceptance from Keio
(Only for applicants who pass the initial screening)



Apply to the CSC for a scholarship



Inform Keio of your CSC screening result by e-mail



Submit the CSC-issued scholarship certificate
（国家留学基金資助出国留学資格証書）to Keio



Receive final admission to Keio University