

# Keio Research Institute at SFC

## A platform for industry-academia-government collaboration to bring about open innovation

The Keio SFC Research Institute is a leading platform for bringing about innovation and creating a new future through interactions among diverse ranges of knowledge from within Japan and from overseas.

Since its establishment in 1990, Keio University Shonan Fujisawa Campus (SFC) has advocated for a "campus that creates the future," leading the way to "restructure knowledge" by positioning "identifying problems and finding solutions" as its core principle, unconstrained by conventional academic disciplines.

The Keio SFC Research Institute was established in 1996. In its capacity as an academic entity and research institute affiliated with the Graduate School of Media and Governance, Graduate School of Health Management Faculty of Policy Management, Faculty of Environment and Information Studies, and Faculty of Nursing and Medical Care, the institute serves as a platform for promoting advanced research activities and collaborative initiatives involving the community and local regions at SFC. In 2021, the institute will have more than 40 laboratories (transdisciplinary research groups with advanced research missions) and more than 30 SFC research consortiums (joint research deployed by the Keio SFC Research Institute in conjunction with a number of external organizations), and together with approximately 500 senior and guest researchers from various industries, government, and academia, aims to develop unique research to create a vital society. In this manner, the Keio SFC Research Institute has an impressive wealth of experience and track record in the creation of pioneering knowledge through collaborations among industry, government, and academia.

In addition, it has a full range of programs that provide both material and psychological support for those intent on embarking on the journey onwards, such as starting a business or practical applications stemming from their research outcomes. For

example, the Keio Fujisawa Innovation Village (SFC-IV) provides office space for entrepreneurs and venture companies, offering various support and services for creating new businesses. The profusion of entrepreneurs, in both for-profit and not-for-profit fields, who have emerged and thrived are one testament to this support. In this way, SFC has at its disposal an infrastructure of frameworks and ecosystems to create new knowledge and give back to society through these outcomes. We can justifiably claim to foster a culture of sharing the "fun": an important driver of new innovation.

In his book "Gakumon no susume (An Encouragement of Learning)," Yukichi Fukuzawa wrote, "The essence of learning lies rather in its practical consequences, without which learning is still ignorance." (Section twelve) With the spirit of translating one's principles into practice and creating a history to define the future, we will continue to pursue learning of practical consequence. We will, moreover, take up this gauntlet of creating a brighter future together with all of you, based on our constant aspiration of continuing to move forward. To achieve all this, we would greatly appreciate your continued understanding and support.

### Association Chart

#### Shonan Fujisawa Campus (SFC)

##### Graduate School

Graduate School of Media and Governance  
Graduate School of Health Management

##### Faculty

Faculty of Policy Management  
Faculty of Environment and Information Studies  
Faculty of Nursing and Medical Care

##### Keio Research Institute at SFC

The Keio Research Institute at SFC is affiliated with 2 graduate schools and 3 faculties.



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# ABOUT KRIS

<https://www.kri.sfc.keio.ac.jp/>



In keeping with the philosophy of Keio University, we always strive to be at the leading edge of learning and research. We believe that being at the forefront of advanced research is essential to support SFC's problem identification/problem solving style of education. As part of the social responsibility of our university, the Keio Research Institute at SFC conducts cutting-edge research; promotes the revitalization and modernization of universities; and contributes back to society through research results. The Keio Research Institute at SFC has the following functions in order to conduct innovative research and to contribute to the development of society through cooperation across different scientific fields.

## Structure



## Laboratories



<https://www.kri.sfc.keio.ac.jp/ja/lab/>

Since 2001, the Keio Research Institute at SFC has been setting up "laboratories," research groups having advanced research missions. Each laboratory is an interdisciplinary and integrated organization consisting of researchers at the Keio Research Institute at SFC who share similar or related research interests. Their aim is to promote research exchange with corporations, research institutes, national and regional public organizations, other universities, etc., in Japan and overseas.

"Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)" are utilized at the Keio Research Institute at SFC, and each laboratory's contributions toward specific goals are outlined on the Research Institute's website.

## The SFC Research Consortiums



<https://www.kri.sfc.keio.ac.jp/ja/consortium/>

The SFC Research Consortiums is a unique kind of research collaboration in which the university chooses a central research theme, invites a number of external organizations such as private corporations and governments, and collaborates to tackle large research issues while sharing mutual benefits. Compared to conventional joint research, this consortium approach allows for comprehensive research with larger scales and wider scopes.

## Commissioned / Joint Research

This is a framework of research in which the Keio Research Institute at SFC makes a contract with an external organization such as private corporations, government or local public entities, and then, the research is executed. Research contents are to be determined along with intentions of outsourcers so that relevant researches can be carried out.

## Subsidies / Grants

This includes researches as parts of supportive projects run by public institutions such as Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) to vitalize higher education or to enhance competence of universities, or by private organizations for issue resolutions in specific fields or for improvements of visibility of certain topics.

# INDUSTRY-GOVERNMENT -ACADEMIA COLLABORATIONS

## SFC Open Research Forum (ORF)

SFC believes that sharing its achievements with the public is one of its greatest obligations. In order to do so, SFC holds the SFC Open Research Forum every year, presenting their results far and wide to all of society. In this forum, future prospects and results of many ongoing research projects at SFC are introduced to industries, national and local governments through exhibitions and sessions.



<https://expo.sfc.keio.ac.jp/2024/en/orf/>



# SUPPORT FOR START-UP INCUBATION

In conjunction with the Organization for Small & Medium Enterprises and Regional Innovation, the Kanagawa Prefectural Government and the Fujisawa City, Keio set up the Keio Fujisawa Innovation Village (SFC-IV) in the vicinity of the Shonan Fujisawa Campus in March 2006 to support people to create new businesses. The facility consists of offices to rent for those who aim to utilize the wealth of knowledge at SFC and collaborate with Keio University.

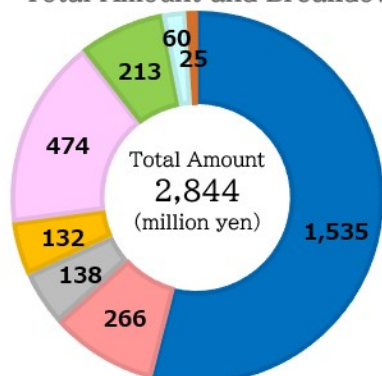


SFC Innovation Village  
<https://www.smrj.go.jp/incubation/sfc-iv/>



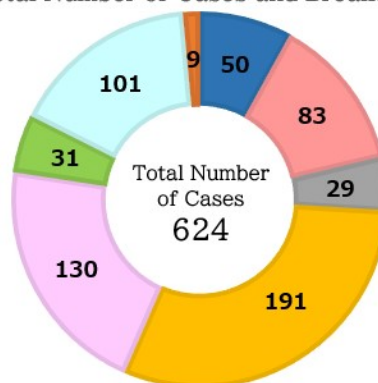
# FY2023 Research-Related Data of Research Projects (SFC)

Total Amount and Breakdown



- Government and Related Organizations
- Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (KAKENHI)
- Local Public Entities and Related Organizations
- Consortium

Total Number of Cases and Breakdown



- Private Corporations
- Specified Contributions
- Internal Grants
- Subsidies

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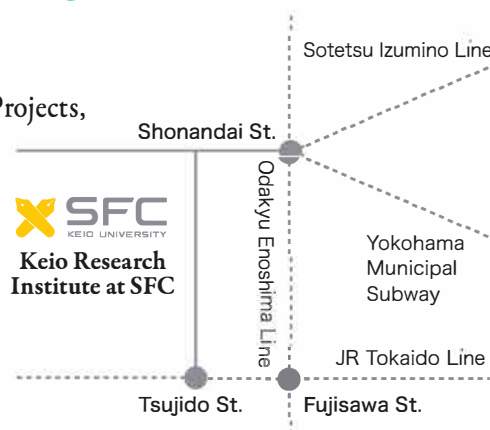
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## Support for the Keio Research Institute at SFC

The Keio Research Institute at SFC is a platform for "open innovation" to cooperate with various visiting researchers from governments, industries, and academic bodies within and outside Japan. We ask for your support as we continue in our mission and prepare to take on new challenges.

There are four types of support as follows:

- Participation in the SFC Research Consortium
- Commissioned / Joint Research
- Sponsorship for ORF
- Donations

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