

Keio Research Institute at SFC



Advancing the Frontier of Knowledge with Industry, Government, and Academia

At universities, faculty members wear two important hats: educators and researchers. Education and research go hand in hand. We often gain fresh perspectives from our students that inspire new directions in our work, just as Yukichi Fukuzawa's philosophy of *hangaku-hankyo* teaches: learning while teaching, teaching while learning. Our research is also deeply intertwined with society. Societal challenges stimulate inquiry, and the resulting research findings in turn help shape the future. This reciprocal relationship cannot flourish without the Keio Research Institute at SFC (KRIS). All research at SFC—from individual initiatives to large-scale projects funded by public and private sectors—is connected to society through KRIS, the institute that serves as the research hub for the two graduate schools and three undergraduate faculties at SFC. Since its inception in 1996, KRIS has grown into an organization of over 900 members, including not only full-time but also part-time faculty members as well as a diverse community of researchers who work together to engage in top-tier research. The institute comprises KRIS Laboratories (K-Labs), interdisciplinary units pursuing pioneering research, and the SFC Research Consortium, which fosters joint research efforts between KRIS and multiple external organizations. As of October 2025, 28 K-Labs and 29 consortium-based projects are operating within the institute, continuously pushing the boundaries of knowledge creation. On the external front, KRIS shares the innovation generated at SFC through initiatives such as the annual SFC Open Research Forum (ORF). Marking the 30th

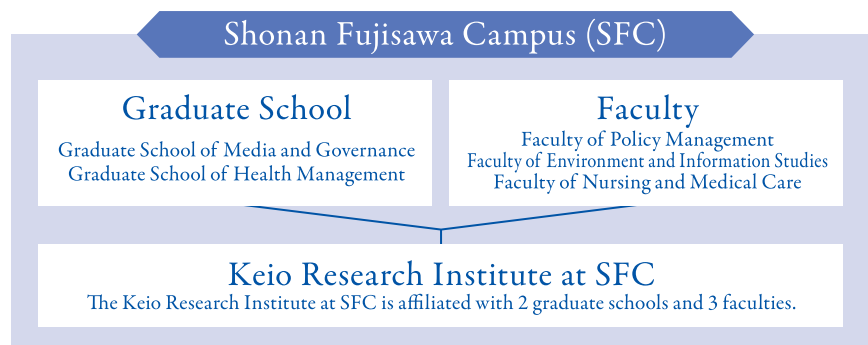
iteration milestone in 2025, the ORF is the premier showcase of our broad research capabilities. But we don't merely show off what we have accomplished—KRIS also provides robust support to our researchers who seek to find real-world applications for the resulting intellectual property, as well as assistance for early-stage startups. Now, nearly 30 years since its establishment, SFC has come to be recognized for the breadth of its research domains. However, we believe that what truly sets SFC apart is the synergy that emerges from the integration of diverse research fields. As a key part of what makes SFC great, we will continue striving to show this unique strength to the world. Working hand-in-hand with partners in industry, government, and academia, KRIS is committed to creating fertile ground where bold ideas take root and thrive—driving research that addresses today's urgent needs while also anticipating those that may emerge in the distant future, even those not yet imagined.



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Association Chart



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KRIS: Pioneering Research that Benefits Society

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Keio Research Institute at SFC (KRIS) is a cutting-edge research hub affiliated with two graduate schools and three undergraduate faculties at SFC—the Graduate School of Media and Governance, the Graduate School of Health Management, the Faculty of Policy Management, the Faculty of Environment and Information Studies, and the Faculty of Nursing and Medical Care.

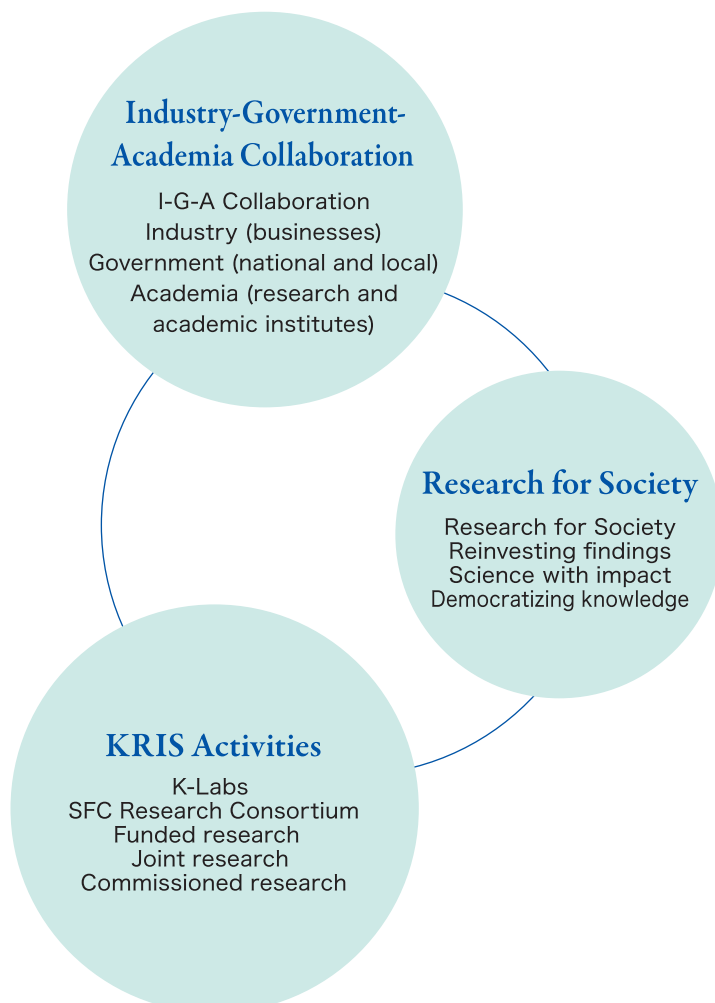
KRIS strives to create a better future by supporting researchers in collaborative, innovative, and mutually beneficial projects that transcend traditional scientific disciplines and borders.

KRIS Laboratories (K-Labs)

K-Labs are cross-disciplinary, integrative research units within the institute. Each K-Lab is comprised of researchers with diverse academic backgrounds but common areas of interest. This unique setting fosters networking and teamwork that reaches partners in academia, research institutions, government bodies, and businesses across the globe.

*Visit our website to explore how each K-Lab directly impacts specific Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Our Research at a Glance



SFC Research Consortium

The SFC Research Consortium promotes joint initiatives, with Keio University taking the lead in setting research themes and inviting collaboration from public and private sectors. Built on the principle of mutual benefit, the Consortium facilitates cross-disciplinary research to address large-scale, complex challenges. Compared to conventional joint efforts, this platform enables more expansive and comprehensive collaboration across multiple academic fields.

Joint and Commissioned Research

At KRIS, joint and commissioned research is conducted based on individual agreements with external organizations. Each project is tailored to meet the specific needs of the commissioning party, enabling highly focused and purpose-driven research.

Funded Research

Research at KRIS includes projects supported by government agencies, public institutions, and private organizations. Some projects have been selected for large-scale competitive grant programs. This includes grants offered by MEXT* aimed at revitalizing higher education at Japanese universities and improving their global standing, as well as grants administered by private entities focused on addressing specific challenges and raising awareness in targeted fields.

*MEXT: The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan

Industry-Government-Academia (I-G-A) Collaboration

<https://expo.sfc.keio.ac.jp/2025/en/>



SFC Open Research Forum (ORF)

At SFC, we consider translating our research outcomes into societal benefits a vital part of our social responsibility. To this end, we host the annual SFC Open Research Forum (ORF) to share the results of our research activities with wider community. The forum showcases what KRIS projects have accomplished and aim to in the future through exhibitions and sessions, reaching a diverse audience that includes industry, academia, and national and local government agencies.



Startup Incubation at SFC Innovation Village

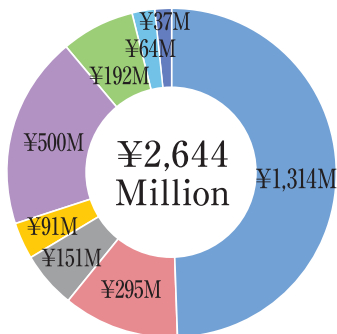
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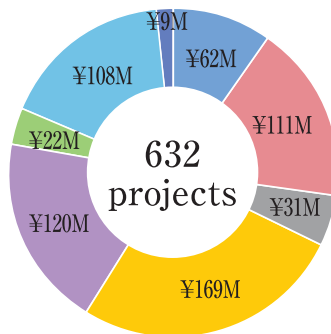
SFC Innovation Village (SFC-IV) is a startup incubation facility that supports entrepreneurs and innovators by providing office space and opportunities for collaboration with Keio University. Residents can leverage SFC's expertise across a range of fields, including IT, biotechnology, urban design, and social system design. The village is jointly managed by Keio University, the Organization for Small & Medium Enterprises and Regional Innovation (SME Support Japan), the Kanagawa Prefectural Government, and Fujisawa City.

KRIS Research Projects: A Data Snapshot (AY2024)

Funding Sources and Amounts



Number of Projects by Funding Sources



- National government and affiliated agencies
- Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (KAKENHI)
- Local governments and affiliated agencies
- SFC Research Consortium
- Private corporations
- Designated donations
- Grants within Keio University
- Subsidies

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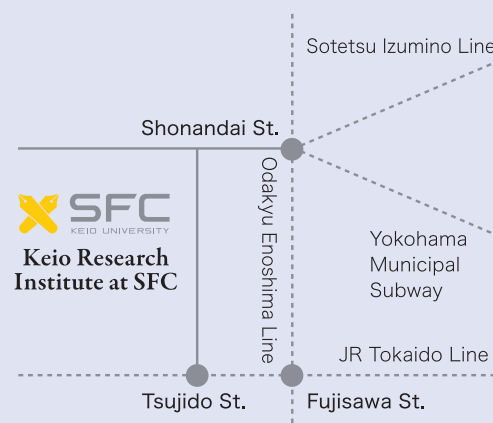
Getting to KRIS from the nearest train stations

From Shonandai

By Bus: Go up West Exit B stairs and take bus 23, 24, or 25 from bus stop 1 to Keio Daigaku Honkan Mae (15 min.)
By Taxi: 10-minute ride from West Exit

From Tsujido

By Bus: Take bus 34 or 35 from North Exit to Keio Daigaku Honkan Mae (25 min.)
By Taxi: 20-minute ride from North Exit



<https://www.sfc.keio.ac.jp/en/maps.html>



Call for Support

KRIS serves as a platform that advances innovation through collaboration among researchers from industry, government, academia, finance, and civil society worldwide. To lead research that truly shapes the future, your support is essential. There are four ways you can support our initiatives:

- Participating in the SFC Research Consortium
- Conducting joint or commissioned research with us
- Sponsoring the Open Research Forum (ORF)
- Making a donation

Please contact us at info-kri@sfc.keio.ac.jp for more information.