

## PEARL Information Session (22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2020)

The contents of the presentation are as follows.

### About Keio University

Keio University is a private, comprehensive higher educational institution located on six campuses spread across the Greater Tokyo area.

Founded in 1858 by Yukichi Fukuzawa, Keio was Japan's first private institution of modern higher learning.

Keio is recognized both nationally and internationally for its quality as a university. In 2016, The Center for World University Rankings (CWUR) placed Keio University 33rd in the world and 5th in Asia.

### About Keio Economics

The Faculty of Economics at Keio is one of the leading economics departments in Japan.

The Faculty of Economics at Keio also boasts the largest number of professors and students of any economics faculty in Japan.

Keio economics alumni hold positions of leadership in politics, business, and academia.

Each year, about 350 of our graduates find employment in Fortune Global 500 companies.

### PEARL is an acronym for Programme in Economics for Alliances, Research and Leadership

**Alliances** because we produce graduates who build economic alliances in Asia and beyond, and because we are an international hub of economics research and education.

**Research** because by following the Keio tradition of "han-gaku, han-kyo" (learning while teaching, teaching while learning), professors and students work together to produce globally recognised research and researchers.

**Leadership** because as intended by our founder, Yukichi Fukuzawa, our graduates are destined to become leaders who design the future.

### Why PEARL?

PEARL is Keio at its most traditional, and at its most innovative. PEARL is designed to help minds grow in wisdom and knowledge like pearls grow in beauty and lustre.

- PEARL is an All-English BA/MA Degree Programme, which offers a world-class education in liberal arts and advanced economics.
- Admission is limited to 100 students.
- The academic year begins in September.
- PEARL is designed to foster the global leaders of tomorrow.

## **PEARL Offers:**

- The opportunity to earn a Bachelor's and a Master's degree within five years.
- Lectures by professors from partner universities abroad, and two-way distance learning using the internet and other resources.
- A chance to study abroad at one of our many partner universities.
- A chance to apply to our BA and/or MA Double Degree Programmes with the Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po), Bocconi University in Milan, Brandeis University, HEC Paris or CEMS
- Classes in economics and the modernisation of Japan, as well as business-related classes and internships.
- Intensive Japanese language courses
- Membership in Mita-kai, a strong global network of Keio alumni who are active in the private and public sectors.
- An ideal location in one of the world's safest and most cosmopolitan cities.

## **Curriculum at the Hiyoshi Campus: the first and second years**

Students in their first and second years are required to take courses in Liberal Arts (General Education), Foreign Languages and Introductory economics.

**Liberal Arts:** Natural Sciences/Mathematics, Humanities/Social Sciences, Interdisciplinary

**Languages:** English, German, French, Chinese, Spanish, Japanese (Non-native Japanese speakers only)

## **Economics and Related Classes, Mandatory Classes:**

- Microeconomics
- Macroeconomics
- Economic History
- Introduction to the Japanese Economy
- Historical Perspectives in Economic Analysis
- Statistics

## **Mandatory Elective or Elective Classes:**

- Econometrics
- History of Economic Thought
- Economics and Environment
- Marxian Economics
- Mathematics (Calculus, Linear Algebra, Probability Theory)

## **Curriculum at the Mita Campus: the third and fourth years**

Students in the third and fourth years are required to learn advanced level economics and be ready to write a graduation thesis or research paper.

### **Fields:**

- Economic Theory
- Econometrics and Statistics
- History of Economic Thought
- Economic History
- Labour and Industrial Economics
- Economic Policy and Public Finance
- Modern Economic Systems
- International Economics
- Environmental and Urban Economics
- Economy and Society

### **Advanced courses:**

- Research Seminar
- Professional Career Programme (PCP)
- Independent Research Project

Note:

PEARL Students can take classes taught in Japanese, but the credits do not count towards graduation EXCEPT for Research Seminars and Independent Research Projects taught in Japanese.

### **Early Degree Completion System:**

- Students enrolled in their fourth year at the Faculty of Economics may take courses offered by the graduate schools prior to entering the higher degree programme. After joining a graduate school, you can apply for credits that are earned in the fourth year in the undergraduate programme to be included as “courses taken prior to joining graduate school” as part of the credits necessary to complete their master’s degree.

If you are interested in, please visit the Faculty of Economics Section at the Office of Student Services after your enrolment.

## **BA/MA Five Year Programme with HEC:**

- HEC (The “Etablissement d'Enseignement Supérieur Consulaire Hautes Etudes Commerciales de Paris”) is one of the most selective French grandes écoles. It was created in 1881 by the Paris Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
- Students enrolled in PEARL at Keio are eligible to apply to the BA/MA Five Year Programme with HEC.
- Keio PEARL students study for 3 years at Keio, then 2 years at HEC.
- If they meet the requirements, they will be awarded a BA in Economics from Keio after their 4th year and a Master in Management from HEC after their 5th year in the programme.
- 2 PERL students are accepted per year

For more information, please visit

<http://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/pearl/hec5yrbama>

## **Other Options for Studying Abroad:**

**Details are available here:**

<https://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/abroad>

- BA/MA Five Year Programme with Sciences Po (5 students)
- BA/MA Five Year Programme with Bocconi (5 students)
- BA/MA Five Year Programme with Brandeis (6 students)
- BA/MA Five Year Programme with Cologne (5 students)
  
- Double Degree Programme with Sciences Po (10 students)
- Double Degree Programme with Università Bocconi (4students)
  
- University-wide Exchange Programmes  
Please see pages 37-38 in the following booklet.

<https://www.keio.ac.jp/ja/assets/download/about/learn-more/publications/index/keio-university-academics-en.pdf>

- Short-term Programmes

## Other Options for Studying Abroad:

### ■ Faculty-wide Exchange Programmes

\* If you meet graduation requirements, it is possible to graduate in four years at shortest after studying abroad for one year.

For more information please visit

<https://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/abroad/exchange-outbound>

## EUROPE (欧州)

 **AUSTRIA**  
Vienna University of Economics and Business  
ウィーン経済・経営大学

 **BELGIUM**  
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven  
ルーヴェン・カトリック大学  
Université catholique de Louvain  
ルーヴェン・カトリック大学

 **DENMARK**  
Copenhagen Business School  
コペンハーゲン・ビジネス・スクール

 **FINLAND**  
Aalto University  
アールト大学

 **FRANCE**  
HEC Paris  
HEC経営大学院  
École Polytechnique  
エコール・ポリテクニク

 **GERMANY**  
University of Cologne  
ケルン大学  
Leipzig University  
ライプツィヒ大学  
Goethe University Frankfurt  
フランクフルト大学  
University of Mannheim  
マンハイム大学

 **ITALY**  
Bocconi University  
ボッコニー大学

 **NETHERLANDS**  
Erasmus University Rotterdam  
エラスムス大学ロッテルダム

 **NORWAY**  
NHH Norwegian School of Economics  
ノルウェー経済大学

 **SWITZERLAND**  
University of St. Gallen  
ザンクトガレン大学

 **SWEDEN**  
Stockholm School of Economics  
ストックホルム・スクール・オブ・エコノミクス

 **UK**  
University of Glasgow  
グラスゴー大学  
University of Kent  
ケント大学  
University of Warwick  
ウォーリック大学

## ASIA (アジア)

 **KOREA**  
Yonsei University  
延世大学

 **P. R. CHINA**  
Fudan University  
復旦大学  
Peking University  
北京大学  
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology  
香港科技大学

 **TAIWAN**  
National Taiwan University  
国立台湾大学  
National ChengChi University  
国立政治大学

 **THAILAND**  
Chulalongkorn University  
チュラロンコン大学  
Chiang Mai University  
チェンマイ大学

## NORTH AMERICA (北米)

 **CANADA**  
The University of Western Ontario  
ウェスタンオンタリオ大学

 **USA**  
University of California  
カリフォルニア大学  
University of South Carolina  
サウスカロライナ大学

## PEARL Career Forum 2019

An opportunity for students to connect directly with Japanese and Foreign Companies

### 1<sup>st</sup> PEARL Career Forum (on site) : 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2019

- Number of participating students (2nd and 3rd year students): 123
- Number of participating firms: 35

### 2<sup>nd</sup> PEARL Career Forum (online): 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2020

- Number of participating students (2nd, 3rd and 4th year students): 159
- Number of participating firms: 17 \* Due to COVID-19, the number decreased.

Industry Breakdown of Participating Firms
Finance/Insurance
Manufacturing
Consulting
Entertainment
Scientific research, professional technical services
Wholesale/Retail
Transportation

## Application Schedule for 2021 Entry and Application Documents:

The information can be found on the following page:

<https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/admissions/undergraduate/pearl/>

## Admissions Statistics 2019-20:

	Number of Applicants			Number of Successful Applicants		
	Total	Male : Female	Japanese : Other Nationalities	Total	Male : Female	Japanese : Other Nationalities
2019	560	283 : 277	257 : 303	182	88 : 94	76 : 106
2020	505	253 : 252	245 : 260	191	86 : 105	86 : 105

For more information, please read the Application Guidebook for September 2021 Entry available at <https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/admissions/undergraduate/pearl/>

## Tuition and Application Fee

Application Fee: Applicants are required to pay an application fee of JPY 35,000.

### Tuition: FY2020

(JP Yen)

Admission Fee	200,000
Registration Fee	60,000
Tuition Fee	880,000
Facilities Fee	200,000
Other Fees	8,350
<b>Total (1st year)</b>	<b>1,348,350</b>
<b>Total (2nd-4th year)</b>	<b>1,148,250</b>

There is no additional fee for participating in and completing the PEARL programme.

## **Students' Housing Information:**

Limited availability, especially to September entrants.

These links provide some information:

- Housing for Japanese students:

<https://www.keio.ac.jp/ja/student-life/housing.html>

- Housing for international students (students who stay in Japan with a student visa):

[http://www.ic.keio.ac.jp/en/life/housing/ryu\\_boshu.html](http://www.ic.keio.ac.jp/en/life/housing/ryu_boshu.html)

## **Scholarship Information:**

For the Scholarship Information please visit

- \* Some of the linked pages from the webpages below are available for enrolled students only.
- \* If you find questions on the scholarships after your enrolment, please ask the scholarship section at the Office of Student Services.
  
- Scholarship webpages (in English)  
(Keio University website)  
<https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/student-life/scholarships.html>
  
- Scholarship webpages (in Japanese)  
(Keio University website)  
<https://www.keio.ac.jp/ja/student-life/scholarships.html>
  
- Scholarship Information for the students seeking admission to Keio Univ.  
(Keio University International Center website)  
[http://www.ic.keio.ac.jp/en/life/scholarship/intl\\_student.html](http://www.ic.keio.ac.jp/en/life/scholarship/intl_student.html)

## Q & A about the PEARL programme

Q. Are students able to take Research Seminars in English?

A. Yes, they are, though the choices of fields (professors) are less than those taught in Japanese. If your Japanese ability is sufficient, you can also choose a Research Seminar taught in Japanese.

Q. Can PEARL students study abroad?

A. All PEARL students can apply to exchange programmes that Keio has with foreign universities. Keio has University to University exchange programmes operated by Keio's International Center, and Faculty to Faculty exchange agreements operated by the Faculty of Economics.

Details on the faculty of economics' programmes are available here:

<https://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/abroad>

For details on the University to University exchange programmes which Keio University has with over one hundred top universities in Asia, Oceania, North America, South America, Europe, and the Middle East, please see pages 37-38 of the following booklet:

<https://www.keio.ac.jp/ja/assets/download/about/learn-more/publications/index/keio-university-academics-en.pdf>

In general, the Faculty to Faculty exchange programmes provide more flexibility regarding the period of study abroad (one semester or one year) and the timing of the start of the study abroad (spring and fall semesters) provided the partner university agrees.

Q. What is the goal of PEARL? What are the strengths of PEARL?

A. PEARL aims to turn out graduates who can design the future, and who are ready to tackle challenging issues and thrive in the global arena. Unlike many other all-English programmes in Japan, we are a programme focused on economics that offers education both in liberal arts, introductory economics and advanced economics. Our strengths are the faculty members who are world-class researchers and educators at the same time, and the strong tradition of Keio as an incubator of economic and political leaders with a world-wide network.

Q. What is the intention behind creating the PEARL programme?

A. A key word is "diversity". We welcome students with diverse backgrounds and aim at turning out graduates who understand cultural sensitivities, who can think outside the box

and hit the ground running. This would be beneficial not just for Keio, but also for the entire economy and society. We are not just looking for gender balance and a balance between Japanese and foreign nationalities, but for a mixture of individuals with greatly varying experiences.

Q. Do the faculty members have experiences abroad?

A. Many of the professors have degrees from foreign universities and/or research/teaching experience abroad. Our faculty includes scholars from Germany, France, the UK, Korea, China, Australia, and the USA. We will also invite professors from our partner universities from all over the world to take courses in our Faculty.

Q. PEARL students start their academic year in September, while other students start in April. Would this be a source of confusion and/or concern?

A. Some students other than PEARL students also start at Keio in September. These are students in the Double BA Programme with Sciences Po, and other exchange programmes. If anything, such students have positive influences on the students already at Keio, expanding the latter's horizons and encouraging flexibility.

Q. What subjects can I study in the PEARL Programme?

A. The curriculum for PEARL is nearly identical in content to the regular BA programme offered in Japanese by the Faculty of Economics at Keio. As a reference, here is the page explaining our curriculum:

<http://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/pearl/curriculum>

Q. How big are the classes in the PEARL programme?

A. Classes vary in size. Major subject classes are mandatory, so all of the approximately 100 PEARL students will be taking them. For elective classes such as language classes and seminar classes, class sizes are much smaller.

Q. How can I apply to the Double Degree Programme with Sciences Po or Bocconi, or the five year BA/MA Programme with HEC?

A. - For information about the Double BA Programme between Keio University and Sciences Po, please visit

<http://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/abroad/sciences-po>

\* Please note that the screening of the Double BA Programme with Sciences Po is usually held in March, immediately after results of the Application Period II are

announced. Therefore, students who would like to apply to PEARL and join the Double BA Programme with Sciences Po need to apply to PEARL by the Application Period II at latest.

**[Important Note] Please keep checking both the PEARL admissions webpage and the Double BA Programme webpage because they are constantly being updated.**

- For information about the Double BA Programme between Keio University and Università Bocconi, please visit

<http://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/abroad/bocconi>

\* It is highly likely that PEARL students will require more than four years to complete all the graduation requirements of these two degrees as many of the courses Bocconi requires you to take at Keio are offered only in Japanese, and their credits cannot be counted towards graduation from PEARL.

- For information about the BA/MA Five Year Programme between Keio University and HEC (a BA in economics from Keio and a Master in Management from HEC), please visit.

<http://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/pearl/hec5yrbama>

## Q & A about the Admission Procedures

Q. Are there minimum required standardized test scores?

A. No, there are no “cut-off” scores.

Q. What factors are considered in the admissions process?

A. Admissions decisions are never based on a single factor. It is important to remember that we review the applications holistically.

Q. Do I need to sit an interview?

A. No. Interviews are not part of the PEARL programme admissions/selection process.

Q. How long should the letter of reference be?

A. There is no requirement regarding the length of the letter(s) of reference.

Q. Do I need to prepare new application documents, including the written statement of the applicant’s academic goals, if I apply multiple times?

A. If you apply multiple times, you will be required to submit some of the application documents including the written statement of the applicant’s academic goals each time you apply. For more detailed information on the application and application documents, please read the following application guidebook carefully:

[https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/admissions/undergraduate/pearl/application\\_guidebook.pdf](https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/admissions/undergraduate/pearl/application_guidebook.pdf)

Q. Can students apply to other universities at the same time as applying to PEARL?

A. Yes.

## **Q & A Others**

Q. What is the ratio of Japanese students to students of other nationalities in the PEARL programme?

A. For the screening for the September 2019 entry, the ratio was about 4.2:5.8, the ratio of the September 2020 entry was about 4.5:5.5

Q. Will I be able to join sporting activities and other “circles” at Keio?

A. Yes, but please consult the persons in charge of these activities regarding the fact that you are entering in September while most other students enter in April.

\*Please note that you can find more Q&A here:

<https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/admissions/undergraduate/pearl/faq.html>

## Information on The Faculty of Economics and PEARL

- Faculty of Economics website: <https://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/>
- PEARL web pages: <https://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/pearl>
- Web page where you can download brochures:  
<https://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/about/brochures>  
Available brochures:           The Faculty of Economics,  
  PEARL  
  and The Graduate School of Economics

## Information on Keio University

- Keio University website: <https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/>
- Keio University booklet:  
<https://www.keio.ac.jp/ja/assets/download/about/learn-more/publications/index/keio-university-academics-en.pdf>

## **Introduction of the PEARL Programme by current PEARL students**

### **Speech by Anushree Goyal (Second Year\*)**

Hello, everyone! I'm Anushree Goyal, and I've just completed my second year at PEARL. Needless to say, it has been a wonderful experience so far.

Studying in an international high school in India, I was initially planning on applying to the US and UK, like I'm sure many of you must have too. However, I finally decided to come to Japan, mainly for 2 reasons. One, I used to live here so I have a little history, and second, I saw it as an opportunity to explore the English courses offered in a place where it isn't the norm.

Out of the handful of choices I had within Tokyo, PEARL stood out the most to me. Here, you get to try a plethora of subjects without it getting too overwhelming. In my first year, I tried classes ranging from physics to social psychology, in addition to the mandatory economics and math courses. In my second year, I decided to explore more math classes, because personally, I'm interested in that! Even though PEARL is essentially a curriculum that focuses on economics, one can branch into any field they are interested in.

After building your knowledge base of the basics in Hiyoshi, we get to Mita, where the atmosphere, as I've heard it, is much more international. One of the best things about PEARL is the number of options you have once you get to your third year. Although you're all far away from it, I feel like it is an important aspect to consider. As a PEARL student, you have the opportunity to join a ZEMI, be part of the PCP program, or do an independent research study in any field you want. In each of these options, you get to interact with not only your classmates, but also students from other faculties, which helps in fostering wonderful, intellectual conversations from different perspectives.

Moving on from the curriculum, the faculty is also very warm and welcoming. They're really prompt with email responses and are always there to lend a helping hand. Since it's a relatively new program, the feedback matters a lot, and the great thing is that you can see the administration taking it into account. Talking about student life, I would say everyone here's for the first time, so don't be afraid to reach out and make new friends. The first few months were a bit intimidating for me because I'm not much of an extrovert and I lived at home so I didn't have the chance to meet many people. However, once people talked to me and I reciprocated, I think I can confidently say that I've made friends for life!

PEARL offers so much more than just an education — it gives you memories, friends, opportunities to study and intern abroad and a space to grow and contribute.

To be honest, I would encourage everyone to research the university and course as much as possible and try to visit campus, if circumstances allow, because each student looks for something unique, something that suits them personally, and you can't really know that just through rankings or the popularity of a university. PEARL, even though it's new, had pretty much all the general prerequisites for me -- I wanted to pursue my undergrad in a familiar, but challenging environment and then go on to do my masters in either the US or Europe.

I also feel like with every year, opportunities grow. The PEARL team keeps expanding and bettering itself. For instance, we have a GROW360 evaluation that helps us in understanding our strengths and weaknesses and helps us find internships and jobs, we also had a job fair which was informative. Next semester, new teachers are joining offering an even more diverse array of subjects. So by the time you're here, you might have more course options than we did. You'll be able to pick and choose and create a course that best for you!

I think I can go on and on about my experiences, but now I'd like to pass on the platform to two first year students to share their experiences.

### **Speech by Yoon Ju Kim (First year\*)**

Good morning everyone, I would first like to thank everyone for showing interest in our program. My name is Yoon Ju Kim and I have just finished my first year in PEARL. I had a fantastic year, and I would want to share my experience with you today.

PEARL can offer various benefits, and its growing international community is one of them that stood out to me throughout last year. By enrolling in PEARL, I have been able to meet and form meaningful connections with people from diverse backgrounds. The astounding amount of different perspectives I got in and out of the classroom helped me grow as a global citizen and expand my comprehension of international affairs. As a member of the PEARL community, I say with confidence that PEARL will always welcome new people with open arms. The professors at PEARL are also one of the most welcoming people I have met. They readily listen to students with an open mind and will gladly find ways to accommodate a student in need, such as by giving valuable guidance.

Like how Anushree and Professor Kaji have talked about, PEARL offers a wide range of general education courses. Our main focus is economics, but in PEARL you are given the opportunity to explore beyond its boundaries. In my first year, not only was I able to take natural science subjects, such as physics and medical science, but also humanity and social science subjects such as Japanese Arts and gerontology. Thanks to this opportunity I discovered new passions, which I am determined to expand on in the following years.

I am positive that my experience in PEARL will not only help me expand my knowledge but also help me grow as a person. Hopefully, some of you will make the choice to join this

experience. On that note, I wish you all luck with your university applications, and thank you for listening to my story.

### **Speech by Ruochen Shi (First Year\*)**

Good morning, everybody, my name is Ruochen, a rising 2nd year PEARL student. Today I am going to present my experience as a current student enrolled in PEARL at Keio University,

A little bit of my personal background. I was born in Japan and began studying in Keio University last year after 12 years of schooling in China. Before becoming a PEARL student, I went to an American Style International high school with an AP (Advanced Placement) curriculum, where I learned my English and developed an interest in Economics. My first year in Keio is very fulfilling and I am going to first talk about my extracurricular activities and then move on to my academic life.

Outside of the classroom, I participated in Keio Debate Squad, which is an English debate club that has been very popular among the PEARL students. Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday night, my friends and I would go to debate practice after school to further improve our English skills as well as logical and critical thinking skills. Because of the corona virus, I haven't participated in any international tournaments yet but my teammates and I were awarded "Top 10 debate team" in our last Japan-based debate contest. For physical exercises, I usually go to the gym on campus. The price is very affordable so I also encouraged 2 other friends to go with me as often as we can. Outside the campus, I lived in an international dormitory for my 1st year. It is exclusive for Keio students, and I got to meet many exchange students from outside Japan such as French students, Italian students, and Spanish students.

For academics, PEARL has a rather flexible course registration system. You don't have to take too many courses in your 1st semester. It is totally ok to start with just a few courses and work your way up. I chose a variety of elective classes such as Gerontology and Environmental Science because these classes are partially based on the status quo in Japan that is slowly becoming the future reality for my home country and also a lot of other places around the world. 2 special classes I also recommend are tennis and swimming. Although they are offered by other faculties, PEARL students can take them using English and having a wonderful opportunity to experience Keio's proud tradition of Physical education

So my final thought is that PEARL is not only a great undergraduate program but it is also a channel for students like me to connect with the great resources of Keio University. This connection benefited me enormously and I am sure it will benefit you as well. Thank you for listening!

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\* His/her year at the time of the speech.