



July 30, 2025

We are now calling for participants in the EBA Innovation City Fieldwork program for the year 2026: **February 23 - 28 (6 days)** (excluding travel days). During the program, participants will be given a special opportunity to enjoy hands-on experience while observing and examining the local issues at the site of the Haneda/Tokyo area, to join minds and hands in groups and to articulate on the issues by making use of the collected data and observations at the field.

**Please note that the fieldwork may be rescheduled due to unexpected events.*

About this EBA Fieldwork Program

Disruptive Technologies: Designing Towards a Resilient Future

In a world immersed in disruptive technologies, many uncertainties and challenges arise regarding their social, environmental, and economic impacts. Learning to navigate this new reality means understanding how to harness emerging technologies to promote the development of a resilient and sustainable future, in which the value of human contributions grows in proportion to technological advancements.

To navigate towards this vision, developing an active, collaborative and evidence-based mindset is crucial. With this, individuals could become active contributors and designers working towards a resilient future society. In this fieldwork, EBA aims to explore the following questions and issues:

- How can we understand the future society through the lens of new technologies and their impacts?
- How can human-centered design approaches be used to guide the application of disruptive technologies toward socially and environmentally resilient outcomes?

Students participating in this program will receive online training about the EBA Method, as a required component to join the on-site fieldwork.

Haneda Innovation City, the starting point for this fieldwork, represents a joint public-private effort that aims to unlock the potential of new technologies and turn them into positive contributions for society. Participants will explore and learn about different applications of disrupting technologies, such as Artificial Intelligence, IoT, 3D printing, AR/VR and Robotics. They will visit various related facilities for a deeper investigation of the new technologies, their benefits, possibilities and possible issues brought by their implementation. Through intensive observations and immersive activities, participants will then have the opportunity to work together as groups to design human-centered solutions to possible issues identified during the field activities. Each group includes members of





different nationalities and backgrounds, assisting on the design of solutions from diverse perspectives. Participants will receive a certificate from the EBA Project upon the completion of the program.

Language Requirement

- All lectures will be provided in English. English skills are required, participants should be at least able to carry on conversations in English.
- For Keio students (慶應生), Japanese language conversation skill is also **required** (日本語を使い、現地の方々とのコミュニケーションをサポートしていただきます。)

Online “Introduction to EBA” Course Requirement

As indicated in the schedule below, participants must take the online “Introduction to EBA” Course (real-time sessions and on-demand lectures) prior to the fieldwork. Completion of the course is required to participate in the fieldwork.

Target and Capacity

This program is for both undergraduate and graduate students. The expected number of recruited students is about :

- SOI Asia, EBA Project partner universities - 6 students
- Keio University - 3 students

**If many applicants apply for participation, screening (online interview) will be conducted in September.*

Schedule (Tentative)

Nov-Dec	Online Introduction to EBA Course (real-time and on-demand lectures)
Jan-Feb	Online fieldwork introduction sessions
23 Feb	Arrive at Tokyo / Welcome session
24 Feb	Pre-workshop at Haneda Innovation City
25 - 27 Feb	Fieldwork activities around Haneda Innovation City and Tokyo
28 Feb	Preparation and Final presentation at Haneda Innovation City
1 Mar	Depart from Japan
End of Mar	Online public presentation





Credit Earning for Keio students (慶應生の単位について):

Keio participants will be able to earn 2 credits in the Spring Semester 2026 _ Course name: 国内フィールドワーク AもしくはB (FIELDWORK IN JAPAN A or B) (SFC). More details will be provided later.

How to apply

●For EBA Partner University

Contact EBA Project local coordinators in your university.

See the list here: <https://eba.soi.asia/#contact>

*Please note that EBA does not accept applications from individual students without the acknowledgment of their school.

●For Keio University Students (慶應生)

Please fill out the following Registration Google form by **September 30, 2025**.

Google Form: <https://forms.gle/mfbK88HkBdZxrTLa8> or via QR code:



Costs and Support

For overseas participants, the EBA Project will bear the cost of accommodation during the stay in Japan and international airfare.

Please note that travel insurance and daily expenses (such as food, transportation, etc...) are NOT included.

****We will collect up to 30,000 Japanese yen** for several food expenses and for some collective payments in Tokyo (*exact amount still being determined*).

