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Application Information
for International Students

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Introduction to Researchers at Ritsumeikan University

Find your future professor here!

Potential Ritsumeikan applicants are encouraged to review our professors' ongoing research and interests at the links below to see how their desired research topic may fit in with Ritsumeikan's ongoing activities:

Ritsumeikan University Researcher's Database (English)



立命館大学研究者学術情報 データベース

あなたを指導する先生を探そう！

立命館大学 大学院への出願希望者は、立命館大学の教員の研究分野が出願者の希望する専攻分野と一致するかどうかを事前に確認することをお勧めします。立命館大学の教員は、下記リンクのデータベースから検索することができます。

◆立命館大学 研究者学術情報データ ベース(日本語)



Ritsumeikan University Researcher Database

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Specialization Areas

Life Science

Informatics

Environmental Science/Agriculture Science

Nanotechnology/Materials

Energy Engineering

Manufacturing Technology (Mechanical Engineering, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Chemical Engineering)

Social Infrastructure (Civil Engineering, Architecture, Disaster Prevention)

Frontier Technology (Aerospace Engineering, Marine and Maritime Engineering)

Humanities & Social Sciences

Natural Science

Others

Ritsumeikan University

College of Law

College of Social Sciences

College of International Relations

College of Letters

College of Image Arts and Sciences

College of Economics

College of Sport and Health Science

College of Gastronomy Management

College of Science and Engineering

College of Information Science and Engineering

College of Life Sciences

College of Pharmaceutical Sciences

College of Business Administration

College of Policy Science

College of Comprehensive Psychology

College of Global Liberal Arts

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Ritsumeikan University Research Report

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RADIANT is Ritsumeikan University's online Research Report. It puts the spotlight on some of Ritsumeikan's top-tier researchers, and is one of the best ways to get a taste of the variety of research going on at Ritsumeikan in an easy to view format. Check it out!

<http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/research/radiant/eng/>



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Connecting with the World

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We now live in a borderless age where all things transcend national boundaries. Researchers search for new insights around the world to tackle global issues.

The researchers at Ritsumeikan also apply a world-embracing perspective in their fieldwork and studies, whether domestic or abroad, considering the entire planet as their research field. Through their findings, they aim to contribute to the betterment of humankind.

In this issue, our researchers, along with scientists from around the world involved in solving advanced, universal challenges that face humanity today, will share the appeal of connecting across borders to engage with diverse cultures while advancing their studies.

The World's first direct Observation of a Hypocenter:
Uncovering the Mechanisms of Earthquake Generation



Hiroshi Ogasawara

A modern Economic System
in Hong Kong's Underground Economy



Sayaka Ogawa

Low-cost, high-efficiency,
next-generation Thin-film Solar Cell
to replace Silicon



To gain a better Understanding of
Middle Eastern Politics



How to Accommodate Food Taboos -
A Key to a Successful Inbound
Tourism Business



STORY #3

Low-cost, high-efficiency, next-generation Thin-film Solar Cell to replace Silicon

Jakapan Chantana
Professor, Research Organization of Science and Technology



What would the structure of a thin-film solar cell that does not use harmful cadmium and yet achieves high photoelectric conversion efficiency look like?

Today, as the number of energy-related problems, such as environmental pollution, the exhaustion of underground resources, natural disasters, and nuclear power plant accidents increases, renewable energy is becoming increasingly more important. In particular, expectations are high for solar power, but much development must take place before it can surpass existing power generation methods. Solar cells made from silicon currently have a market share of more than 90%, but there is a limit to the reductions in manufacturing costs that can be achieved; thus, significant efforts are being devoted to develop new types of solar cells that do not require silicon.

One such new kind of solar cell is the CIS thin-film solar cell, which mainly consists of copper (Cu), indium (In), and selenium (Se), with a chalcopyrite crystalline structure.

Jakapan Chantana is engaged in the development of solar cells that use Cu, In, Se, gallium (Ga), and sulfur (S), instead of silicon, for optical absorption.

CIS solar cells are characterized by their capacity to absorb about 100 times more light than silicon-based cells. They can also be made into thin films. The cell thickness of silicon solar cells is about 200 μm , while

English-Based Degree Programs and Scholarships at a Glance

Degree programs taught in English

Graduate School	Program Name	Level	2027 Scholarship Availability*				
			Scholarship-based Admissions			Regular Admissions	
			MEXT Emb. Rec.	MEXT Uni. Rec.	ADB-JSP	RU Tuition Reduction	JASSO
Economics	Master's Program in Economic Development (MPED)	Master's	✓	expected	✓	✓	maybe
		Doctoral	✓	expected		✓	maybe
Science and Engineering	International Program for Science and Engineering	Master's	✓	expected		✓	maybe
		Doctoral	✓	expected		✓	maybe
Information Science and Engineering	International Program for Information Science and Engineering	Master's	✓	maybe		✓	maybe
		Doctoral	✓	maybe		✓	maybe
Life Sciences	International Program for Life Sciences	Master's	✓	✓		✓	maybe
		Doctoral	✓	✓		✓	maybe
International Relations	Global International Relations Program (GIRP)	Master's				✓	maybe
	Global & Japanese Perspectives Program (GJP)		✓	maybe		✓	
	International Relations	Doctoral	✓	maybe		✓	maybe
Policy Science	Policy Science	Master's	✓	expected		✓	maybe
		Doctoral	✓	expected		✓	maybe
Technology Management	Technology Management	Doctoral	✓	maybe		✓	maybe

*Availability is predicted based on university scholarship regulations and unofficial updates from scholarship providers. Actual availability may change.

Scholarships Available Through Scholarship-based Admissions

Access QR code for application/eligibility info for these programs & others (i.e. Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia (JISPA); JICA's ABE, SDGs Global Leaders & Innovative Asia Scholarships; etc.)

Provider	Benefits	Access
Government of Japan (i.e. Monbukagakusho or "MEXT")	● Full Tuition ● Round-trip economy flight to Japan ● ~140,000JPY/month stipend	
Asian Development Bank Japan Scholarship Program (ADB-JSP)	● Full Tuition, ● Round-trip economy flight to Japan ● ~180,000JPY/month stipend ● Health insurance/ book/ research allowances	

Scholarships Available through Regular Admissions

International student scholarships granted upon enrollment & scholarships available for application post-enrollment.

Provider	Details			
Ritsumeikan University	● 100% Tuition Reduction (a few students) ● 20% Tuition Reduction (all applicants) *20% receivable on top of AEA to the right *Subject to potential change from AY2026		● Seiseki Yushusha "Academic Excellence" Award: 100,000-500,000JPY/year tuition waiver offered to approx. 35% of new enrollees	
	● 48,000JPY/month stipend for 6 or 12 months *Official provider: Monbukagakusho (MEXT). Official title "Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for International Students". Administered by JASSO		Scholarship Foundations ● Benefits vary (stipend, research funds, etc.) ● Apply <u>after</u> enrollment	

Accessing the Graduate School Application Guidelines Directly

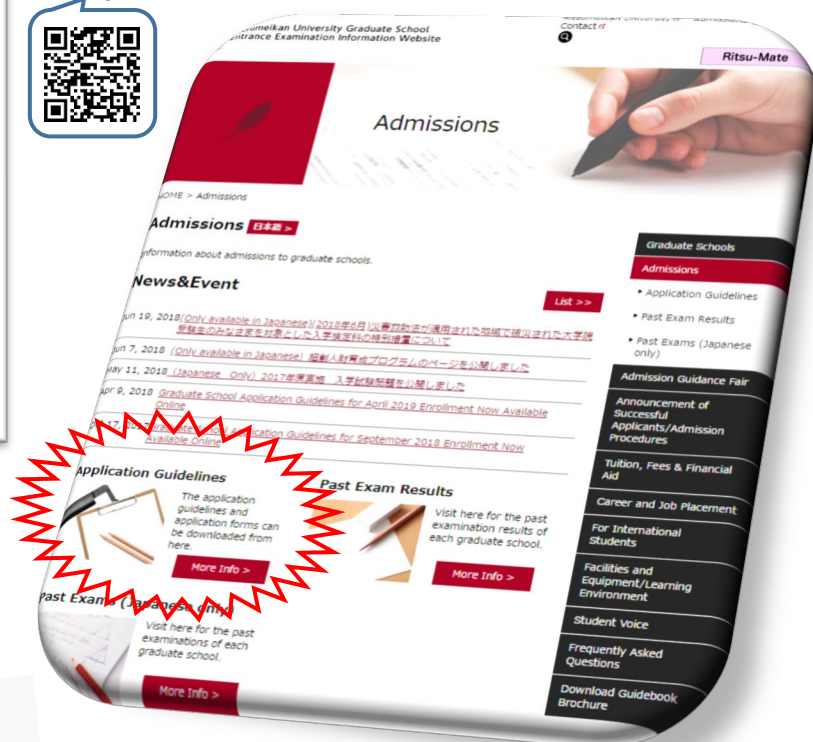


One) <http://www.ritsumeai.ac.jp/gr/en/>



While we recommend you check the application guidelines on the actual homepage of your graduate school of interest, the full set of all application guidelines for all graduate schools can be easily accessed on the following homepage.

Two) <http://www.ritsumeai.ac.jp/gr/en/exam/index.html/>



Three) <http://www.ritsumeai.ac.jp/gr/exam/point02.html/>

STEP 2 Application Guidelines (For each Graduate School)

- *The entrance examinations conducted in English are as follows.
Please download the Application Guidelines from this page.
- * When you print, print on both sides of the paper.
- * April 24, 2025 There is a correction to the Admissions Guidelines for the Graduate School of Life Sciences. Please check the following admissions guidelines. Please [click here](#) for the relevant section.

Application Guidelines for April 2026 Enrollment

Graduate School of International Relations	Graduate School of Policy Science	Graduate School of Information Science and Engineering	Graduate School of Technology Management
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Application Guidelines for September 2025 Enrollment

Graduate School of International Relations	Graduate School of Economics	Graduate School of Science and Engineering	Graduate School of Life Sciences
Graduate School of Policy Science	Graduate School of Information Science and Engineering	Graduate School of Technology Management	

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※If you cannot open PDF files in Microsoft Edge, try using a different web browser such as Firefox or Google Chrome and see if it works better there.

The Graduate Schools of:

**Science and Engineering,
Information Science and Engineering,
Life Sciences,
Policy Science,
International Relations,
Economics,
and
Technology Management (Doctoral only)**

all offer graduate programs taught, and admissions guidelines written, in English.
Check them out!!

Tuition Fees

English medium Master's Programs

Graduate School	Admission Fee (JPY)	Annual Tuition in Japanese YEN (JPY)	Approximate Annual Tuition in USD *1USD=157JPY
Policy Science	200,000 JPY	898,800 JPY	\$ 5701
Economics (MPED)		1,070,400 JPY	\$ 6789
International Relations (GIRP)		1,070,400 JPY	\$ 6789
Science and Engineering (other than the Mathematics Course)		1,351,800 JPY	\$ 8574
Science and Engineering (Mathematics Course)		1,268,200 JPY	\$ 8044
Information Science and Engineering		1,337,600 JPY	\$ 8484
Life Sciences		1,337,600 JPY	\$ 8484

Doctoral Programs

Program	Admission Fee	Annual Tuition in Japanese YEN (JPY)	Annual Tuition in USD *1USD=157JPY
All doctoral programs	200,000	500,000	\$ 3171

*In addition to the fees listed above, we collect fees for the following: Academic association fee: 0 - 8,000 yen/year depending on the graduate school; Graduate student association fee: 4,000 yen/year; Alumni association fee of RU: 30,000 yen for Pharmacy students only, at the time of enrollment.

*Data is for enrollment beginning in 2027. Tuition fees for future enrollment years are subject to change.

*Current Ritsumeikan and Ritsumeikan APU students who wish to enroll in a higher degree program, as well as those who graduated from either university in the past, do not need to pay the admission fee.

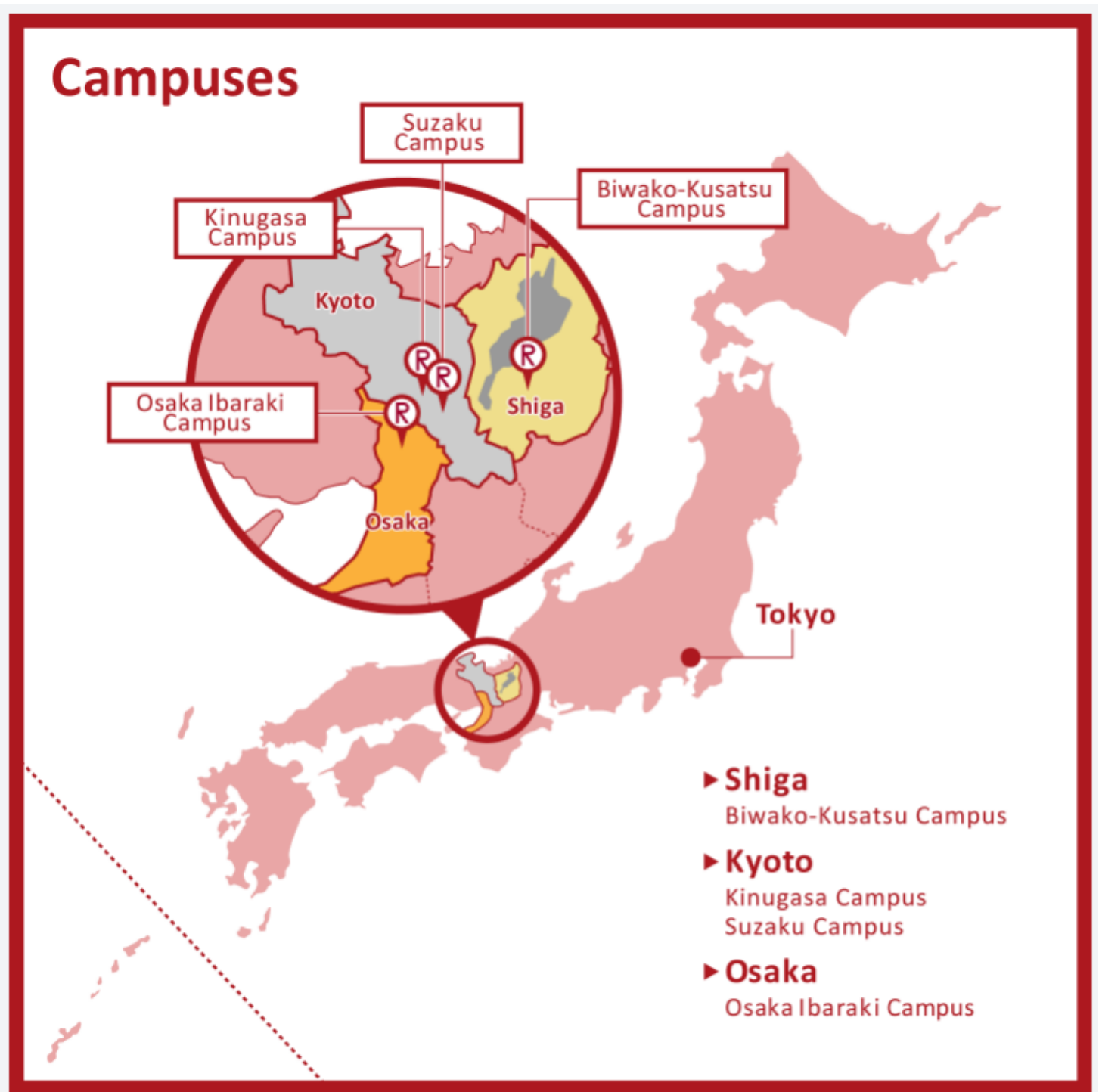
English medium program
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