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■ About Ritsumeikan

The history of Ritsumeikan dates back to 1869 when a private academy of the same name was established in Kyoto. The academy has become a comprehensive institution consisting of two universities, including Ritsumeikan University (RU), four junior and senior high schools, and primary school. RU is proud to be one of Japan's premier level universities, with 36,000 students studying in 16 undergraduate colleges and 20 graduate schools on its campuses in the cultural heart of Japan : KYOTO, OSAKA, and the adjacent SHIGA prefectures.

In order to keep up with the changes surrounding the university, Ritsumeikan has facilitated the development of its research activities through the establishment of various institutes for the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences, including the Ritsumeikan Global Innovation Research Organization (R-GIRO) and Ritsumeikan Asia-Japan Research Organization.

RU researchers of different fields have built cross-disciplinary partnerships pioneering new academic fields as well as fostering the next generation of young researchers. RU is a crossroads where outstanding faculty and students of unique backgrounds come together from across the world, collaborate creatively and rise above their differences.

■ Why RU?

1. Academic Excellence

With high-level academics and cutting-edge research centers supported by over a century of history and tradition, RU has established itself as a center of academic excellence for future leaders both inside and outside of Japan.

2. Student Support

Personal, one-stop, multi-lingual international services for international students. With dozens of eateries, multicultural activities, and world-class facilities, there is always something new to explore RU.

3. Location

Want to spend the morning visiting world-renowned temples and shrines, the afternoon shopping in high-class boutiques, and the evening by the river with friends? All of this and more is waiting for you!





4. Global Network

As one of the most international and progressive private universities in Japan, RU can provide students with unique educational exchange and research opportunities through its extensive international network of partner institutions.

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Overview of Ritsumeikan University Graduate Schools

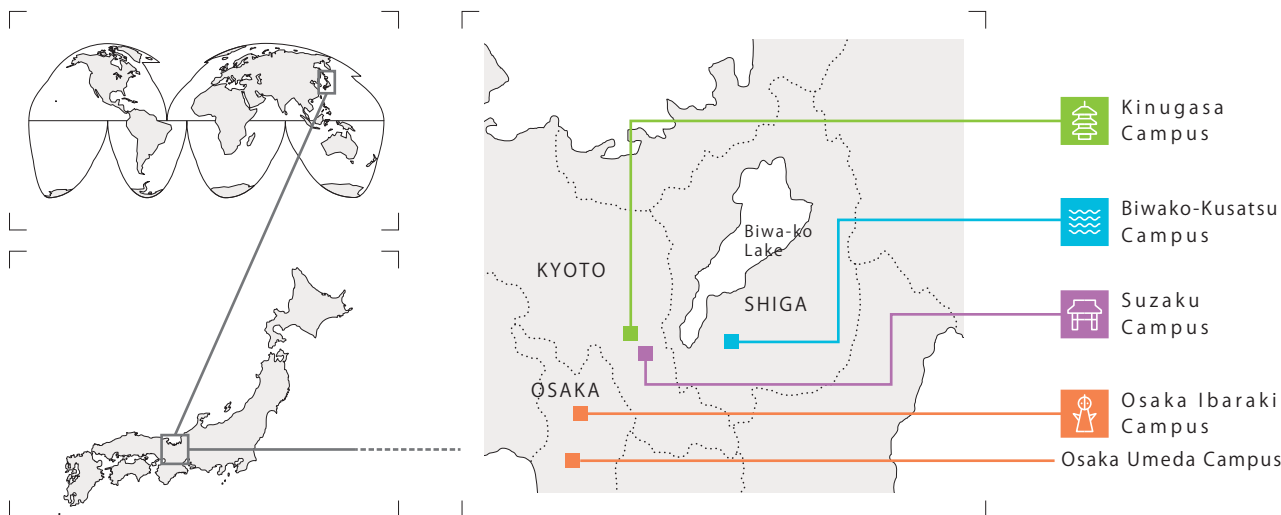
		DEGREE / Major	Enrollment Capacity	
Kinugasa Campus 	Graduate School of Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MASTER OF LAWS / Master's Program in Law ● DOCTOR OF LAWS / Doctoral Program in Law 	60 Students 10 Students	
	Graduate School of Sociology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MASTER OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY / Master's Program in Applied Sociology ● DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN SOCIOLOGY / Doctoral Program in Applied Sociology 	60 Students 15 Students	
	Graduate School of International Relations ★	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MASTER OF ARTS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS / Master's Program in International Relations ● DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY / Doctoral Program in International Relations 	60 Students 10 Students	
	Graduate School of Letters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MASTER OF ARTS / Master's Program: Major in Humanities ● MASTER OF ARTS / Master's Program: Major in Informatics of Behavior and Cultures ● DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY / Doctoral Program: Major in Humanities ● DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY / Doctoral Program: Major in Informatics of Behavior and Cultures 	70 Students 35 Students 20 Students 15 Students	
	Graduate School of Image Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MASTER OF IMAGE ARTS / Master's Program in Image Arts 	10 Students	
	Graduate School of Language Education and Information Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MASTER OF ARTS IN LANGUAGE EDUCATION AND INFORMATION SCIENCE / Master's Program in Language Education and Information Science 	60 Students	
	Graduate School of Core Ethics and Frontier Sciences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY / Integrated Doctoral Program in Core Ethics and Frontier Sciences 	30 Students	
Biwako-Kusatsu Campus 	Graduate School of Economics ★	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MASTER OF ECONOMICS / Master's Program in Economics ● DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY / Doctoral Program in Economics 	50 Students 5 Students	
	Graduate School of Sport and Health Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MASTER OF SPORT AND HEALTH SCIENCE / Master's Program in Sport and Health Science ● DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY / Doctoral Program in Sport and Health Science 	25 Students 8 Students	
	Graduate School of Science and Engineering ★	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MASTER OF SCIENCE or MASTER OF ENGINEERING ● MASTER OF ENGINEERING 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master's Program : Advanced Mathematics and Physics Master's Program : Advanced Electrical, Electronic and Computer Systems Advanced Mechanical Engineering and Robotics Advanced Architectural, Environmental and Civil Engineering 	50 Students 140 Students 140 Students 120 Students
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DOCTOR OF SCIENCE or DOCTOR OF ENGINEERING ● DOCTOR OF ENGINEERING 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doctoral Program : Advanced Mathematics and Physics Doctoral Program : Advanced Electrical, Electronic and Computer Systems Advanced Mechanical Engineering and Robotics Advanced Architectural, Environmental and Civil Engineering 	6 Students 8 Students 11 Students 15 Students
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MASTER OF ENGINEERING / Master's Program in Advanced Information Science and Engineering ● DOCTOR OF ENGINEERING / Doctoral Program in Advanced Information Science and Engineering 	200 Students 15 Students	
	Graduate School of Life Sciences ★	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MASTER OF SCIENCE or MASTER OF ENGINEERING / Master's Program in Advanced Life Sciences ● DOCTOR OF SCIENCE or DOCTOR OF ENGINEERING / Doctoral Program in Advanced Life Sciences 	150 Students 15 Students	
Graduate School of Pharmacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Master of Pharmaceutical Sciences / Master's Program in Pharmaceutical Sciences ● DOCTOR OF PHARMACY / Doctoral Program in Pharmacy 	3 Students		
Osaka Ibaraki Campus 	Graduate School of Business Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT / Master's Program in Business Management ● DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY / Doctoral Program in Business Management 	60 Students 15 Students	
	Graduate School of Policy Science ★	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MASTER OF ARTS IN POLICY SCIENCE / Master's Program in Policy Science ● DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN POLICY SCIENCE / Doctoral Program in Policy Science 	40 Students 15 Students	
	Graduate School of Technology Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MASTER OF TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT / Master's Program in Technology Management ● DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT ★ / Doctoral Program in Technology Management 	70 Students 5 Students	
		Graduate School of Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION / Master's Program in Management 	80 Students
	Graduate School of Human Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MASTER OF HUMAN SCIENCE or MASTER OF PSYCHOLOGY / Master's Program in Human Science ● DOCTOR OF HUMAN SCIENCE or DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY / Doctoral Program in Human Science 	65 Students 20 Students	
Suzaku Campus 	School of Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● JURIS DOCTOR / Juris Doctor Program 	70 Students	
	Graduate School of Professional Teacher Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MASTER OF EDUCATION / Master's Program : Major in Teaching Profession and Educational Practices 	35 Students	

★ Graduate Schools that enable students to earn a degree by getting necessary credits only in English.

*The graduate schools of Language Education and Information Science, Technology Management, and Management are based on the daytime and nighttime class system stipulated in The Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools (the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology).

Rooted in community, collaborating with the world: 4 campuses providing the basis for study & research

Kansai has long prospered as a cultural, political and economic center of Japan. In addition to possessing many World Heritage sites and National Treasures that have been passed down through Japanese history, Kansai with its unique characteristics and attractiveness, is symbolized by the ancient capital of Kyoto, the rich natural environment of Shiga, and Osaka, the city of business, all cosmopolitan cities distinguished worldwide which continue to evolve day by day. The four campuses, located in areas with their own distinctive characteristics, cooperate with each other to undertake cutting-edge initiatives that contribute to the development of humankind, nature and local communities.



Facilities, Equipment and Learning Environment

There are many facilities available to graduate students researching at Ritsumeikan University. These facilities offer various features in order to accommodate a variety of research and study styles.

Communication spaces for sharing research achievements

There is an open space where graduate students can share ideas and research achievements through meetings, workshops and presentations and communicate with each other and members of faculty. Users are also able to hold open-style seminars and poster sessions. There is also a lounge equipped with a kitchen and a counter where you can take a short break from your research.



Kyuronkan Performing Space (Kinugasa Campus)

Space for group meetings and discussions

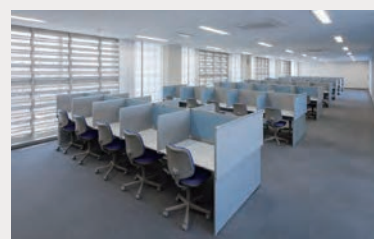
This space allows students to conduct group work such as joint research or have a casual group meeting. PCs and printers are available.



Kyuronkan Space for Group Meetings and Discussions (Kinugasa Campus)

Spaces where graduate students can concentrate on their studies and research without being interrupted

Graduate Study Rooms emphasize quietness, offering an atmosphere where graduate students can concentrate without being interrupted. The numerous partitioned-off carrel desks provide graduate students with a semi-private space to work on theses and presentation materials.



Graduate Study Room (OIC)

Libraries-one of the largest book collections in Japan

The number of books in the collection is among the highest in private universities (About 3.3 million books), and many highly specialized research materials are stored in each reference room. Graduate Students can borrow 100 books for 100 days.



Hirai Kaichiro Memorial Library (Kinugasa Campus)

CAMPUS



Kinugasa Campus in KYOTO



A campus where graduate schools specializing in the arts, humanities and social sciences come together with the living and breathing history and culture of the ancient capital city of Kyoto.

Surrounded by numbers of cultural heritages, Kyoto with its long and deep history has been a core city of Japan since ancient times. The campus is located in a quiet area of the city where many famous temples are situated. Kinugasa campus combines tradition and innovation in a place where students are able to disseminate cutting-edge research to the world while being surrounded by Japanese tradition and culture.

- Graduate School of Law ● Graduate School of Sociology ● Graduate School of International Relations
- Graduate School of Letters ● Graduate School of Image Arts
- Graduate School of Language Education and Information Science
- Graduate School of Core Ethics and Frontier Sciences



Biwako-Kusatsu Campus in SHIGA



A campus where world-class research and education are offered in a serene and natural environment.

Offering top tier science education and equipped with some of the largest research facilities, Biwako-Kusatsu Campus (BKC) is a campus where students can conduct research activities that take advantage of the campus's location surrounded by nature and nearby Lake Biwa, and where numerous companies have established their own research facilities. It is an innovative campus which creates and disseminates world-class educational research, knowledge and technologies to all regions of the globe.

- Graduate School of Economics ● Graduate School of Sport and Health Science
- Graduate School of Science and Engineering
- Graduate School of Information Science and Engineering
- Graduate School of Life Sciences ● Graduate School of Pharmacy



Osaka Ibaraki Campus in OSAKA



A campus promoting the dissemination of education and research in Asia from the mercantile city of Osaka.

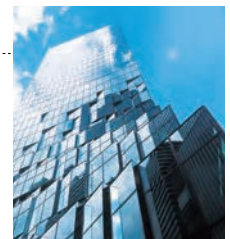
The Osaka Ibaraki Campus is located in Ibaraki City in Osaka Prefecture. Osaka is one of the biggest international and commercial centers in Japan, and the campus is expected to facilitate collaboration with industry and government institutions, promote the Ritsumeikan Academy's activities on the frontline of social collaboration and exchange, and support the further development of students.

- Graduate School of Business Administration ● Graduate School of Public Policy
- Graduate School of Technology Management ● Graduate School of Management
- Graduate School of Human Science

■ Satellite Campus: Osaka Umeda Campus

A campus conveniently located near Umeda Station in Osaka

In addition to providing employment support and assistance with establishing strong social networks, this campus is a base for studies and research that offers many graduate courses. It is outfitted with the latest research equipment and facilities, providing students with the necessary means to accomplish a wide variety of tasks.



Suzaku Campus in KYOTO



A campus conveniently located in the historical and cultural center of Kyoto and outfitted with modern facilities.

This campus provides students at its professional graduate schools with excellent research equipment and facilities catering to a wide variety of research styles as well as providing environments for self-study. Located in the center of Kyoto, Suzaku Campus provides the convenience of an urban-style campus while being surrounded by Japanese history and culture.

- School of Law
- Graduate School of Professional Teacher Education

Faculty Voices



Professor **Jean-Claude Maswana,**
Graduate School of Economics

Economic Development for Aspiring Global Leaders

I am fortunate to be part of Ritsumeikan University, which has a recognized global academic profile with highly rated classroom instructors and prodigious research records. Established in 1950, the Graduate School of Economics has offered its all-English-based Master's Program in Economic Development (MPED) since 2002. Lectures and seminars are conducted by faculty members with a wealth of overseas experience. MPED accepts students with strong interests in economic development and economic policy, and it fosters researchers who have acquired specialized knowledge and can lead the

international community. I would like to highlight the key of the curriculum: explore a wide range of opportunities to critically evaluate various economic development initiatives implemented in different countries, as well as examine underlying theoretical assumptions and their implications for social equity and sustainability. MPED is just one example of various stimulating English-based programs offered at graduate schools at Ritsumeikan University, and I am always amazed by their distinctive initiatives well-appreciated by students, academia, business, and the public sector.

Graduate training in challenging times

Ritsumeikan University should be suitable for young leaders who are passionate, humanist, and aspirational and who possess a state of mind geared toward global ambition. Ritsumeikan announced its vision for 2030 with the slogan "Challenge your mind, change our future." Guided by this new vision, the university pursues the SDGs (sustainable development goals) as a means of solving worldwide problems. Ritsumeikan University's graduate schools are research-intensive institutions with an impressive history of originality, creativity, and innovation. Therefore, if I had a chance to go back in time, I would have chosen Ritsumeikan University. I would recommend the same to any young and bright mind considering her/his next international host for learning.

Professor **Keisuke Shinagawa,**
Graduate School of Technology Management

Towards anyone being able to propel innovation

Breakthroughs in the field of natural science (i.e., landmark scientific discoveries and achievements) are classic examples of innovation. I research the processes by which those breakthroughs come about and any impacts they have on industry. Through this research, I have come to understand that there are similarities in the mindsets of Nobel Prize-winning researchers and businesspeople that start innovative enterprises. Contrary to the popular belief that "only those with the innate ability to innovate can do so," I now realize that innovation is the result of diligent observation. I aim to create a system that can bring about innovations leading to economic growth and social development.



Experiencing coming out of your shell and working with colleagues

In graduate research, we have to find answers to what has no answer. One must make assiduous efforts and try many times to find the answers, but there is always a moment in the process when we come across something that no one has ever noticed before. That is the joy of research and the moment of growth.

In order to advance research, it is important to listen to the opinions of colleagues and other people. Though each faculty member in the graduate school has their own field of expertise, any one of them will provide the right hints to move your research forward and spare no effort to support your growth. The experience of independently advancing research with the support of many people, which includes classmates as well as teachers, becomes a source of self-support moving forward even if you decide to take a path other than research after completing the course.

In graduate school, anyone can make new discoveries. Such findings can pave the way for the future and create new values. We welcome those who are interested in addressing social issues, creating new values, and contributing to society through research.

Student Voices

SONG Yuru

Graduate School of
International Relations

Interview 01



Q1 What made you interested in studying in Japan?

First of all, Japan has a lot in common with China in terms of geographic location, eating habits, and culture, so I could adapt the daily life very quickly. Secondly, in order to attract more international students, the Japanese government has introduced quite a few policies to benefit foreign students, such as kinds of scholarships for foreigners, convenient visa procedures. Thirdly, the Master's program in Japan introduces a credit system with great flexibility and a high degree of freedom in time arrangement. We can arrange our two-year courses independently.

Q2 Would you describe some of the good things about graduate school at Ritsumeikan University?

What I like the most about Ritsumeikan University, is that the students come from all over the world. We can interact with people from different cultures, learn together, communicate with each other, and be more inclusive. Graduate students are connecting on social media such as LINE and Facebook. When we get the world news, we think and worry about them as if they happened to ourselves. We exchange ideas and thoughts one another on social media. Their existence is very reassuring.

Additionally, many professors at Ritsumeikan University have rich teaching experience and work experience. They are very willing to help us to solve various problems. What is more, the university strongly encouraged us to learn Japanese and offered a lot of help. Foreign students could participate in a language course and match a Japanese student to further learn and communicate with each other.

Q3 Would you share your plans for after graduation?

After graduation, I plan to travel around the world for six months, then return to China to work in a non-profit organization for disadvantaged groups such as children and female in remote areas. My research at Ritsumeikan University is about the gender study and the women's rights, so I would like to continue my research at work in the future. After a few years of work experience, I intend to apply for a doctoral degree program to continue my studies.

Q4 Would you leave a message for international students who are interested in applying to graduate schools at Ritsumeikan University?

If you plan to apply for Ritsumeikan University, I sincerely recommend that you find a student studying at Ritsumeikan and then talk with him/her or check the website and join the Admission Guidance Fair. Don't hesitate to do that. I believe that you will enjoy the life at Ritsumeikan University!

Ricardo ROSALES

Graduate School of
Science and Engineering

Interview 02



Q1 Would you describe the reason why you chose to go to graduate school at Ritsumeikan University?

Through the universities research magazine, Radiant, I found about the diverse and interesting research being conducted in Ritsumeikan, I was particularly interested in The Integrated Sensor and Intelligence Lab where Professor Kazuhiro Shimonomura and the lab members develop fascinating research in aerial robotics and vision systems. I considered the GSSE graduate program appealing because of the variety of courses and being an English based program, it would allow me to focus on my studies, while at the same time grant me the opportunity to learn Japanese.

Q2 Would you describe some of the good things about graduate school at Ritsumeikan University?

Robotics is interdisciplinary field, and this is reflected in the variety of laboratories and lectures taught. Professors of great expertise challenge you to become a better researcher and professional. Personally, the courses I have taken not only complement and support my research, but also serve as gateways to exciting new areas of study. The International Center and the Graduate School of Science and Engineering have been a source of constant support, since the application process till this date. I encourage everybody to take advantage of the industrial trips offered by the university, as well as the cultural activities, such as temples visits and intercultural exchanges between students.

Q3 Would you share your plans for after graduation?

After graduation, I'm planning to continue to do research in Japan, following the teachings of the Graduate School of Science and Engineering, fulfilling my responsibility as a researcher and making discoveries. It is my intention to obtain a PhD. and contribute in an academic or industrial laboratory. I would like to serve as a bridge between universities in my country and Japan through collaborations, and by translating my investigations to Spanish, English, and as I further study the language, to Japanese.

Q4 Would you leave a message for international students who are interested in applying to graduate schools at Ritsumeikan University?

I have found within Ritsumeikan University an incredible environment that nurtures research and personal growth. I hope for all of you this same significant opportunity to specialize in your fields. Don't hesitate to pursue dreams and hopefully we can also help others, chase their own.

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Research Capability of Ritsumeikan University Shown in Data

Number of Research Projects Commissioned by Private Companies

Every year, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT) publishes the Industry-Academia-Government Collaboration Implementation Status of Universities. Ritsumeikan University has consistently ranked highly in the number of research projects commissioned by private companies for several years.

These results are based on the Industry-Academia-Government Collaboration Implementation Status of Universities survey that MEXT conducts every year with the purpose of reflecting upon the plans and proposals of industry-academia-government collaborations and other initiatives. (In AY2018, the survey was conducted with 1,069 institutions, including national, public and private universities (including junior colleges), national, public and private technical colleges and inter-university research institutions throughout Japan.)

In 1995, Ritsumeikan University was the first university in Japan to establish a liaison office for industry-academia-government collaborations, and since AY2006, which was the first year of the Ritsumeikan University Research Enhancement Mid-Term Plan*, the university has consistently promoted industry-academia-government collaborations as a key pillar for contributing to society through the results of research, especially focusing on collaborations with local industries based in Kyoto, Shiga and Osaka. According to a report on the status of implementation in AY2018, "Number of Commissioned Collaborative Research Projects Implemented with Local Industries and Public Organizations (data by local area)" the university ranked 1st among private universities in the Kinki region in AY2017 and 2nd in AY2018.

The university has been making efforts to improve its research support system through the promotion of the policies introduced in the Ritsumeikan University Research Enhancement Mid-Term Plan as well as trying to generate research achievements which lead to the university acquiring external funds and creating new centers for research. It could be said that these efforts, particularly the number of research projects commissioned from private companies, have contributed to our high performance and achievements over the past few years.

*A set of 5-year plans developed by Ritsumeikan University starting in AY2006 to promote advanced research. The plan is currently in Phase 3 (AY2016 - AY2020).

Commissioned research: A system in which Ritsumeikan University researchers conduct research based on research themes from companies, etc., and then report the results to the party commissioning the research
Collaborative research: A system where researchers from Ritsumeikan University and companies both share research responsibilities for a common research theme or where researchers from companies are invited to do research at the university.

Number of Funded Research Projects

Commissioned from Private-sector Industries
(Results and National Rankings of Past Years)

Year	Number of projects	Rank
2018	236	3
2017	248	2
2016	248	2
2015	287	1
2014	247	1

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Name of Institution	Number of projects	Category*
1. Kinki University	353	Pr
2. Keio University	247	Pr
3. Ritsumeikan University	236	Pr
4. Nihon University	207	Pr
5. Waseda University	199	Pr
6. Osaka University	164	Nu
7. Takushoku University	160	Pr
8. Yamagata University	160	Nu
9. Tokyo University	149	Nu
10. Tokyo City University	149	Pr

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Name of Institution	Number of projects	Category*
1. Kinki University	325	Pr
2. Ritsumeikan University	248	Pr
3. Keio University	226	Pr
4. Nihon University	204	Pr
5. Waseda University	162	Pr
6. Takushoku University	157	Pr
7. Osaka University	148	Nu
8. Tokyo University	144	Nu
9. Yamagata University	140	Nu
10. Tokyo City University	127	Pr

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Name of Institution	Number of projects	Category*
1. Kinki University	257	Pr
2. Ritsumeikan University	248	Pr
3. Keio University	198	Pr
3. Nihon University	198	Pr
5. Tokyo University	161	Nu
6. Waseda University	155	Pr
7. Takushoku University	140	Pr
8. Tokyo City University	135	Pr
9. Kyushu University	130	Nu
10. Osaka University	126	Nu

* Pr: Private University Pu: Public University Nu: National University

* Excerpt from the Industrial-Academic-Government Collaboration Implementation Status of Universities published by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)

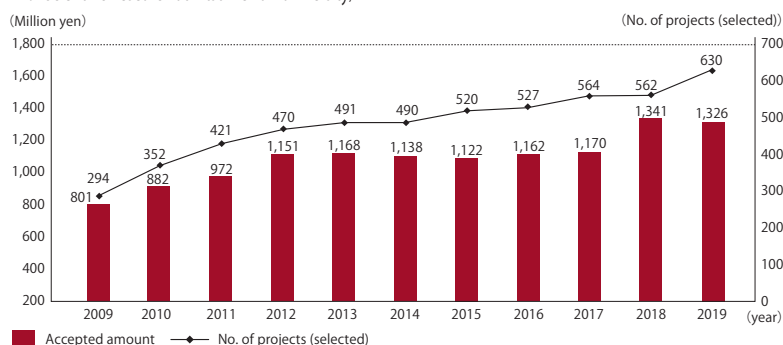
Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research —KAKENHI—

According to the "Distribution of Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research for Fiscal Year 2019" published in October 2019, Ritsumeikan University ranked 23rd in Japan for the amount of funding received, 3rd among private universities in Japan (1st within the West Japan region). The university also ranked 23rd in Japan for the number of grants awarded, 4th among private universities in Japan (1st within the West Japan region). It is also worth noting that the amount of funding received, which had remained at the 1.1 billion yen level for 6 consecutive years, exceeded 1.3 billion yen for the second consecutive year.

As for the number of selected projects by Review Section (the top 10 institutions for the number of selected projects by Medium-sized Section *Total of newly selected projects in the past two years), we ranked among the top 10 institutions nationwide in 9 sections out of a total of 65, ranking 2nd in Japan for "Sociology and related fields", 1st among private universities in Japan for "geography, cultural anthropology, ethnology, and related fields", exemplifying our ability to utilize the university's strengths to conduct unique and ground-breaking research in a variety of fields. The ratio of selected projects by female researchers was 21.9%, marking a fifth consecutive yearly increase. Such a significant increase in the number of selected projects by women researchers is also one of the outstanding features of Ritsumeikan University.

Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (KAKENHI) are competitive research funds provided by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology and are intended to develop all scientific research from basic to applied research in all fields, ranging from the humanities and the social sciences to the natural sciences. The annual budget exceeds 200 billion yen, making KAKENHI important and essential research funds for the development of science and technology in Japan.

(Changes in the amount of funding received and the number of projects selected for Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research at Ritsumeikan University)



For details, please visit the website ▶ [ritsumei research](https://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/research)

Number of Commissioned Collaborative Research Projects Implemented with Local Industries and Public Organizations (data by local area) <Kinki area in AY2018>

Name of Institution	Number of projects	Area	Category*
1. Osaka University	327	Osaka	Nu
2. Kobe University	168	Hyogo	Nu
3. Kinki University	165	Osaka	Pr
4. Ritsumeikan University	148	Kyoto	Pr
5. Kyoto University	144	Kyoto	Nu

(Research Funds Ranking)

Amount

- Keio University
- Waseda University
- Ritsumeikan University
- Tokyo University of Science
- Juntendo University
- Nihon University
- Doshisha University
- Kinki University
- Tokai University
- Meiji University

No. of projects (selected)

- Keio University
- Waseda University
- Nihon University
- Ritsumeikan University
- Juntendo University
- Kinki University
- Tokyo University of Science
- Tokai University
- Doshisha University
- Kitasato University

* AY2019 amount and no. of selected projects (new + on-going) for private universities only.

Medium-sized Sections RU ranked within top 10 institutions for *Total of newly selected projects in the past two years: Philosophy, art, and related fields; literature, linguistics and related fields; geography, cultural anthropology, ethnology, and related fields; law and related fields; political science and related fields; economics, business administration, and related fields; sociology and related fields; mechanical dynamics, robotics, and related fields; and human informatics and related fields.

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Voices of researchers who have been granted Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research



KANZAKI Mami

Senior Researcher,
Ritsumeikan Global Innovation Research
Organization (R-GIRO)

I am researching how students create a place for themselves in school. Schools are made up of students with a variety of needs, including those with disabilities, foreign ancestry, or those with anxiety about the judgement of others. Recently schools have been making efforts to create a place for such students. However, the current situation is that it is difficult to make sure that each child feels they have a place because there are not enough resources and methodologies to support each child. In essence, I visit various schools to study the progress made and the theories behind creating a place for students in schools.

I continue to do research because I find it interesting that my questions and ideas change, but in order to make the research meaningful both academically and practically, active data collection, presentations at academic conferences, and funding are essential. Ritsumeikan University provides a support system for young researchers to revise their plans when applying for the Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research. By using this system, researchers can receive accurate advice from teachers who have experience in screening Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research applications. There are a variety of other support systems also, so I recommend making full use of them.

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Find out more about
Ritsumeikan University's
research activities...



RADIANT



Introducing Ritsumeikan University's
Research Activities.

[http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/
research/radiant/eng/](http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/research/radiant/eng/)

Research Organizations, Institutes, and Centers

Research organizations at Ritsumeikan University deploy various efforts to develop cutting-edge research. Such research contributes to society, and in turn leads to the advancement of research and education within the graduate schools. In order to promote research in the fields of the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences, RU has established various research institutions and conducts a wide variety of research activities from basic to applied research. Those institutions also facilitate collaborations with industry and government institutions, working to get results that give back to society.

* The following outlines information regarding research organizations, research institutions, and research centers as of Feb.1, 2020.

■ Ritsumeikan Global Innovation Research Organization (R-GIRO)

R-GIRO is a research organization under the direct supervision of the University President that was established in 2008 with the goal of "forming a research hub specifically for policy-driven research" and "strengthening the development of young researchers who will lead the next generation." The organization aims to contribute to the next generation of society by producing valuable research findings and actively disseminating those findings through the promotion of interdisciplinary research activities that integrate the fields of natural science with those in the humanities and social sciences in order to achieve a society that maintains a type of harmony between humans and nature.

■ Ritsumeikan Asia-Japan Research Organization

The Ritsumeikan Asia-Japan Research Organization is a research organization under the direct supervision of the University President. With the mission, "Cultivating Asia-literate, globally-capable human resources and contributing to the development of a common vision for the future of Asia and Japan," it promotes research that contributes to the "Asian Era" that is both strategic in nature as well as possessing concepts one would come to expect from Ritsumeikan. Serving as the nucleus of a diverse research network in collaboration with various institutions within Japan and overseas, it aims to promote Asia-Japan research from a global perspective. The organization focuses its efforts on conducting comprehensive practical research that possesses the essence of the keywords, "Symbiosis," "Co-creation," and "Reconciliation," and disseminating the results of such research.

■ Asia-Japan Research Institute

■ Kinugasa Research Organization

Kinugasa Research Organization was founded in 1998 and it supports research activity as a research organization which manages the research institutes and research centers. The organization's goal is to contribute to human welfare and social progress under the four principles of "autonomy," "democracy," "openness," and "peaceful use".

■ Institute of Humanities, Human and Social Sciences ■ Institute of International Relations and Area Studies
■ International Institute of Language and Culture Studies ■ Institute of Human Sciences ■ Art Research Center
■ Institute of Disaster Mitigation for Urban Cultural Heritage
■ The Shirakawa Shizuka Institute of East Asian Characters and Culture Institute of Ars Vivendi
■ Research Centers

■ BKC Research Organization of Social Sciences

The BKC Research Organization of Social Sciences is composed of one research institute and two research centers. It aims to contribute to the development of academic culture and human well-being through fundamental and applied research in social sciences and interdisciplinary fields with a basic focus on social networks, internationalism and openness.

■ Institute of Social Systems ■ Research Centers

■ Research Organization of Science and Technology

Research Organization of Science and Technology was established in 1994 as the Research Organization of Science and Engineering to contribute to the development of science and technology and local society. The organization's goal is to contribute to the development of science and technology and contribute to local society through joint research in industry-academia-government partnerships.

■ The Institute of Science and Engineering ■ Synchrotron Radiation Center ■ VLSI Research Center
■ Research Centers

■ OIC Research Organization of Open Innovation and Collaboration

Respecting the three core concepts of Osaka Ibaraki Campus, Asia's Gateway, Regional Cooperation, and Urban Co-creation, Research Organization of Open Innovation and Collaboration's goal is to foster human resources who can play an important role in the global society, create innovation, and serve as a key player in the regional community.

■ The Research and Development Institute of Regional Information ■ Research Centers

RU Graduate School Tuition for 2020

As the University fee and miscellaneous membership fees for AY 2021 have yet to be determined, we provide, for your reference, the University fee figures paid by newly enrolled students in 2020.

Please note that the university fee is composed of the "admission fee" and "tuition fee".

Admission Fee (Academic Year 2020 Entry) (JPY)		
Category	Type of fee	Fee
Admission Transfer Admission	Admission Fee	200,000

Notes:

- 1) Payment of the admission fee is required in the year of admission only.
- 2) The students from Ritsumeikan Academy are not required to pay the admission fee. Ritsumeikan Academy refers to Ritsumeikan University and Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU). For more information, please refer to the Application Guidelines.

September Enrollment:

Fall semester: from September 26 to March 31 Spring semester: from April 1 to September 25

April Enrollment:

Spring semester: from April 1 to September 25 Fall semester: from September 26 to March 31

* The tuition fee students who entered the university in September pay as part of the admissions procedure covers tuition for the Fall Semester of the first year only.

* Tuition fees may be revised when social factors, such as rapid inflation, have a significant impact on the University.

Master's Program (JPY)					
Graduate School		1st Year		2nd Year	
		Spring Semester	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Fall Semester
Law Business Administration Sociology Policy Science	Tuition	380,300	380,300	380,300	380,300
Economics (except for MPED)	Tuition	380,300	380,300	380,300	380,300
MPED	Tuition	456,300	456,300	456,300	456,300
Major in Humanities	Tuition	380,300	380,300	380,300	380,300
Letters Major in informatics of Behavior and Cultures	Tuition	391,000	391,000	391,000	391,000
International Relations (except for GCP)	Tuition	380,300	380,300	380,300	380,300
GCP	Tuition	456,300	456,300	456,300	456,300
Sport and Health Science Human Science	Tuition	431,000	431,000	431,000	431,000
Language Education and Information Science	Tuition	405,600	405,600	405,600	405,600
Science and Engineering (except for Mathematics Course)	Tuition	583,100	583,100	583,100	583,100
Mathematics Course	Tuition	545,000	545,000	545,000	545,000
Information Science and Engineering Life Sciences	Tuition	576,600	576,600	576,600	576,600
Technology Management	Tuition	591,200	591,200	591,200	591,200
Image Arts	Tuition	610,800	610,800	610,800	610,800
Pharmacy	Tuition	576,600	576,600	576,600	576,600

Notes:

Third- and fourth-year students who are enrolled in excess of the standard completion term in a master's program are only required to pay one half of the amount stipulated in the chart.

Doctoral Program (JPY)

Graduate School		1st Year		2nd Year	
		Spring Semester	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Fall Semester
All Graduate Schools	Tuition	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
		3rd Year			
		Spring Semester	Fall Semester		
		250,000	250,000		

Notes:

- 1) Fourth- to sixth-year students who are enrolled in excess of the standard completion term in a doctoral program are only required to pay one half of the amount stipulated in the chart.
- 2) The tuition fee for those who enrolled for longer than the standard term for course completion who have fulfilled all the relevant graduate school's requirements for completion, except those relating to the doctoral dissertation, shall be 100,000 JPY per semester.

Integrated Doctoral Program (JPY)

Graduate School		1st Year		2nd Year	
		Spring Semester	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Fall Semester
Core Ethics and Frontier Sciences	Tuition	405,600	405,600	405,600	405,600
		3rd Year		4th Year	
		Spring Semester	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Fall Semester
		250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
		5th Year			
		Spring Semester	Fall Semester		
		250,000	250,000		

Notes:

- 1) Sixth- to tenth-year students who are enrolled in excess of the standard completion term in the integrated doctoral program are only required to pay one half of the amount stipulated in the chart.
- 2) The tuition fee for those persons enrolled for longer than the standard term for course completion who have fulfilled all the relevant graduate school's requirements for completion, except those relating to the doctoral dissertation, shall be 100,000 JPY per semester.

Four-Year Doctoral Program (JPY)

Graduate School		1st Year		2nd Year	
		Spring Semester	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Fall Semester
Pharmacy	Tuition	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
		3rd Year		4th Year	
		Spring Semester	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Fall Semester
		250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000

Notes:

- 1) Fifth- to eighth-year students who are enrolled in excess of the standard completion term in the four-year doctoral program are only required to pay one half of the amount stipulated in the chart.
- 2) The tuition fee for those who enrolled for longer than the standard term for course completion and who have fulfilled all the relevant graduate school's requirements for completion, except those relating to the doctoral dissertation, shall be 100,000 JPY per semester.

Professional Degree Program (JPY)

Graduate School		1st Year		2nd Year	
		Spring Semester	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Fall Semester
School of Law	Tuition	662,900	662,900	662,900	662,900
		3rd Year			
		Spring Semester	Fall Semester		
		662,900	662,900		

Notes:

Third- to fifth-year students who are enrolled in excess of the standard completion term in a two-year program of the School of Law and fourth- and fifth-year students who are enrolled in excess of the standard completion term in a three-year program of the School of Law are only required to pay one half of the amount stipulated in the chart.

(JPY)

Graduate School		1st Year		2nd Year	
		Spring Semester	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Fall Semester
Management	Fixed Tuition	80,400	80,400	80,400	80,400
	Tuition for per Credit	48,000 (Per Credit)			

Notes:

- 1) The fixed tuition amount for third- and fourth-year students who are enrolled in excess of the standard completion term in the Graduate School of Management shall be one half of the amount stipulated in the chart.
- 2) The Graduate School of Management plans to shift from the registered credit-based tuition fee system to a fixed tuition fee system from FY 2021.

(JPY)

Graduate School		1st Year		2nd Year	
		Spring Semester	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Fall Semester
Professional Teacher Education	Tuition	456,300	456,300	456,300	456,300

Notes:

Third- and fourth-year who are enrolled in excess of the standard completion term in the Graduate School of Professional Teacher Education shall be one half of the amount stipulated in the chart.

Examples of Scholarships and Grants

Model case for receiving Scholarships and Grants

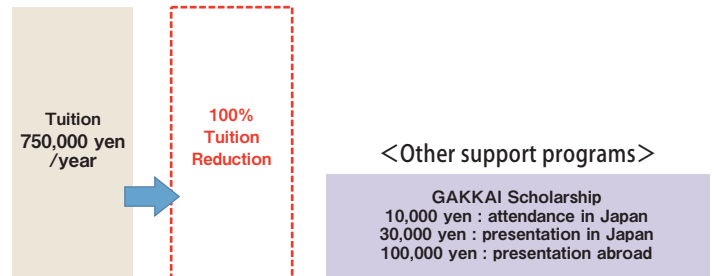
Many of the students take advantage of scholarships at Ritsumeikan University. Financial burden can be reduced by getting scholarship benefits. Please refer to P.10~P.11 for details.

International Student Master's Program 1st Year

<Tuition Reduction Scholarship for International Students, Graduate Students Category I >

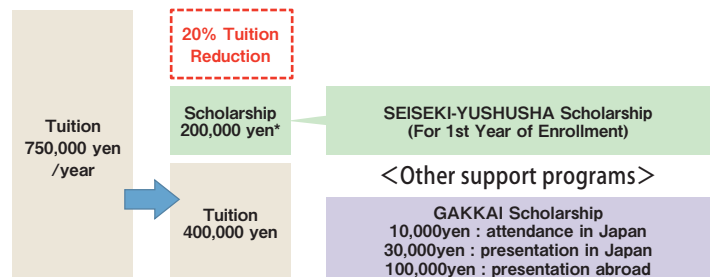
Privately financed international students with a resident status of "Student" and students who achieved great results in the entrance examination get a 100% reduction of tuition.

There are also other scholarships and grants available such as GAKKAI Scholarship. The GAKKAI Scholarship is limited to one disbursement per year.



<SEISEKI-YUSHUSHA Scholarship (For 1st Year of Enrollment) and Tuition Reduction Scholarship for International Students, Graduate Students Category II >

Students who achieved great results in the entrance examination are awarded a SEISEKI-YUSHUSHA Scholarship (For 1st Year of Enrollment). Also, privately financed international students with a resident status of "Student" generally get a 20% reduction of tuition. For those who receive the SEISEKI-YUSHUSHA Scholarship (For 1st Year of Enrollment) and get a 20% tuition reduction, the total tuition amount will be 400,000 yen.



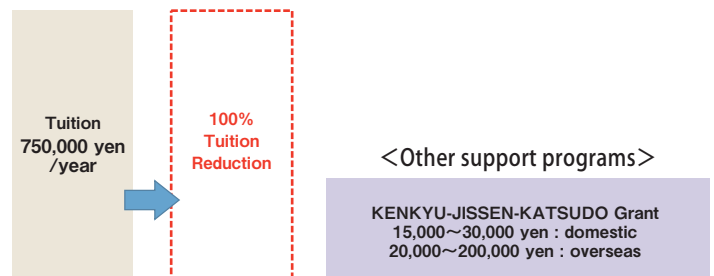
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International Student Master's Program 2nd Year

<Tuition Reduction Scholarship for International Students, Graduate Students Category I >

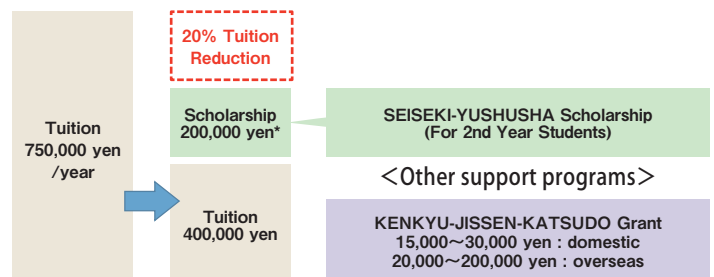
The reduction period is set for a standard program duration. Master's Program 2nd year students continue to receive the benefits.

There are also other scholarships and grants available.



<SEISEKI-YUSHUSHA Scholarship (For 2nd Year Students) and Tuition Reduction Scholarship for International Students, Graduate Students Category II >

Students who achieved great results in their studies and research activities during their first year are awarded a SEISEKI-YUSHUSHA Scholarships (For 2nd Year Students). Also, privately financed international students with a resident status of "Student" generally get a 20% reduction of tuition. For those who receive the SEISEKI-YUSHUSHA Scholarship (For 2nd Year Students) and get a 20% tuition reduction, the total tuition amount will be 400,000 yen.



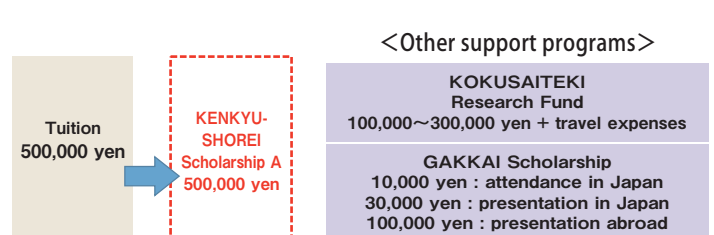
*In case of receiving 200,000 yen.

International Student Doctoral Program 1st Year

<KENKYU-SHOREI Scholarship A >

Students who have achieved excellence in their field of research or can be expected to, are awarded a KENKYU-SHOREI Scholarship A and get an amount equivalent to the total amount of tuition.

There are also other scholarships and grants available.



Scholarship Information

There are a number of scholarships that prospective students can secure before beginning their studies at RU, in addition to the scholarships and tuition reduction schemes that international students may apply for after commencing their studies. Scholarships are provided not only by RU, but also by organizations such as the World Bank and the Japanese government.

*Please note that the contents of the scholarships below are as of May 2020 and subject to change without advanced notice. Please refer to the application guidelines of each scholarship and research fund or the website for detailed updated information.

Scholarship Type	Master's Program	Doctoral Program
Prize Fellowships for International Students (Governments, Organizations, etc)	Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho) Scholarship	
	Joint Japan / World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program (JJ/WBGSP)	—
	Asian Development Bank-Japan Scholarship Program	—
	Japan-International Monetary Fund Scholarship Program for Asia (JISPA)	—
	Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students	
Fellowships for International Students (RU)	Ritsumeikan University Tuition Reduction Scholarship for International Students, Graduate Students Category I (100%)	
	Ritsumeikan University Tuition Reduction Scholarship for International Students, Graduate Students Category II (20%)	
	Ando Momofuku Scholarship for International Students	
	International Students Assistance Scholarship by Ritsumeikan faculty/staff	
Prize Fellowships	SEISEKI-YUSHUSHA Scholarship (For 1st Year of Enrollment)*1 (Academic Excellence Scholarship for 1st Year of Enrollment)	KENKYU-SHOREI Scholarship (Prize Fellowship for Doctoral Degree Students)
	SEISEKI-YUSHUSHA Scholarship (For 2nd Year Students)*1 (Academic Excellence Scholarship for 2nd Year Students)	—
Support System for Career Development	GAKKAI Scholarship (Academic Conference Scholarship) KENKYU-JISSEN-KATSUDO Grant (Grant for Students Participating in Study Programs)	GAKKAI Scholarship (Academic Conference Scholarship)
		KOKUSAITEKI Research Fund (International Research Fund)
		KOKUNAI Research Fund (Domestic Research Fund)
		Internship Scholarship
	Program to Support the Submission of Academic Papers in English (for Graduate Students)	
	—	KOKUGAI KYODO-KENKYU Scholarship (Scholarship for Overseas Joint Research)
	—	Grant for Publication of Doctoral Dissertation

*1 Those who are enrolled in the Graduate School of Professional Teacher Education can apply for ONLY SEISEKI-YUSHUSHA Scholarship (For 1st and 2nd Year Students).

Apply before enrollment

For details, please visit the website [▶ ritsumei financial](#) 

Scholarship Name	Qualifications			Scholarship Conditions		Notes	Recipients in 2019
	Nationality	Age	Eligible Graduate School(s)	Amount	Period		
Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship*1	Countries recognized by the Japanese government	Under 35	All graduate schools	145,000-148,000 yen / month	Please confirm from the guidelines	Covers: Tuition fee, travel expenses	12*3
Joint Japan/World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program*1	Citizens of World Bank member countries eligible to borrow	—	(Master's programs only) Economics, International Relations, Life Sciences	152,000 yen / month	2 years	Covers: Tuition fee, travel expenses	0
Asian Development Bank-Japan Scholarship Program*1	Citizens of ADB developing member countries	Under 35	(Master's program only) Economics	147,000 yen / month	2 years	Covers: Tuition fee, travel expenses, book allowance, medical and health insurance	2
Ritsumeikan University Tuition Reduction Scholarship for International Students, Graduate Students Category I (100%)	—	—	All graduate schools*4	100% exemption from tuition	Master's 2years Doctoral 3years	Covers: Tuition fee Automatically awarded based on academic achievement as well as entrance exam performance	19
SEISEKI-YUSHUSHA*2 Scholarship (For 1st Year of Enrollment) (Academic Excellence Scholarship for 1st Year of Enrollment)	—	—	(Master's programs only) All except School of Law and Graduate School of Management	100,000-600,000yen (depending on graduate schools)	1 year	Automatically deducted from tuition. Automatically awarded based on academic achievement as well as entrance exam performance	349

*1 Recipients of these scholarships may not accept any additional scholarships. *2 Notification of award is sent to the successful applicants along with admission results.

10 *3 The number of students is for the MEXT University Recommendation Scholarship only. *4 Actual graduate schools selected each year based on university protocol.

Apply after enrollment (for self-financed international students)

Please note that contents of the scholarships below are subject to change.

For details, please visit the website [▶](#)

Scholarship/ Grant Name	Eligibility Criteria	Scholarship Conditions		Application Period	Recommendation Recipients	Recipients in 2019
	Year Level/Age	Amount	Period			
Ritsumeikan University Tuition Reduction Scholarship for International Students, Graduate Students Category II (20%)	All Levels	20% exemption from tuition excluding (admission fee)	1 year	Spring / Fall	—	587*1
Ando Momofuku Scholarship for International Students	All Levels (Under30)	1,000,000 yen / year	1 year	Spring	2	2
International Students Assistance Scholarship by Ritsumeikan Faculty/Staff	All Levels	250,000 yen / year	1 year	Spring	7	7
Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students	All Levels	48,000 yen / month	1 year	Spring	23	23
			6 months	Fall	27	27
SEISEKI-YUSHUSA Scholarship (For 2nd Year Students) (Academic Excellence Scholarship for 2nd Year Students)	Enrolled in the 3rd semester of Master's Degree Program	100,000 - 600,000 yen (depending on graduate schools) / Semester	1 year	Spring or Fall One time in the 2nd year	—	358
KENKYU-SHOREI Scholarship (Prize Fellowship for Doctoral Degree Students)	Doctoral Degree Program	Equivalent to the yearly tuition:S*2 Equivalent to the yearly tuition:A Equivalent to half of the yearly tuition:B	1 year	Spring or Fall One time (Not all of graduate schools) (recruit in the fall semester.)	—	136

Scholarship/ Grant Name	Summary of the Scholarship / Grant	Eligibility	Amount	Recipients in 2019
GAKKAI Scholarship (Academic Conference Scholarship)	This scholarship assists with part of expenses for participation and presentations at academic conferences.	All Levels*3	10,000 yen:attendance in Japan 30,000 yen:presentation in Japan 100,000 yen:presentation abroad	1071
KENKYU-JISSEN-KATSUDO Grant (Grant for Students Participating in Study Programs)	This grant is designated to support a part of participation fee in case graduate students participate in study programs (KENKYU-JISSEN-KATSUDO) organized by target graduate schools.	Master's Degree Program	15,000-30,000 yen: domestic 20,000-200,000 yen: overseas	149
KOKUSAITTEKI Research Fund (International Research Fund)	This research fund is designed to accelerate and support international research activities.	Doctoral Degree Program	Research Grant 100,000-300,000 yen and Travel Expenses	42
KOKUNAI Research Fund (Domestic Research Fund)	This research fund is designed to accelerate and support domestic research activities.	Doctoral Degree Program	5 to 20 days: 50,000 yen 21 days or more: 100,000 yen	1
Internship Scholarship	This scholarship is designed to support the fee when graduate students participate in Internship programs conducted by corporations etc.	Doctoral Degree Program	15 to 30 days:100,000 yen 31 to 59 days:150,000 yen 60 days or more:200,000 yen	2
Program to Support the Submission of Academic Papers in English (for Graduate Students)	The purpose of this program is to encourage and prompt graduate students to internationally disseminate their research results through research article publication in English.	All Levels	up to 30,000 yen: Proofreading Expenses up to 50,000 yen: Submission Expenses	178
KOKUGAI KYODO -KENKYU Scholarship (Scholarship for Overseas Joint Research)	This scholarship is designated to support a part of participation expenses that graduate students pay when they participate in the eligible joint research programs for this scholarship with overseas research institutions managed by graduate schools.	Doctoral Degree Program	100,000-800,000yen	2
Grant for Publication of Doctoral Dissertation	This program is to encourage and prompt graduate students to publish their dissertation. This program will provide financial assistance to support those who earned a doctoral degree from Ritsumeikan University to publish their doctoral dissertation. Published books will be stored and shelved in Ritsumeikan University Libraries.	Doctoral Degree Program	Maximum of 1,000,000 yen	9

*1 After enrollment, all students in English-based programs who meet the eligibility requirements and complete an application by the deadline are granted the award. The number of recipients listed only includes newly enrolled student.

*2 Students who have been accepted for JSPS Research Fellowship for Young Scientists DC1/DC2, or who passed the 1st stage screening.

*3 Those who have been selected as a JSPS Research Fellowship are eligible to receive the actual cost of registration/participation fees, domestic transportation expenses and international airfare within the limits of the amount specified above.

Other available scholarships for international students

For more information about scholarships available for international students, please refer to the International Student Handbook. [ritsumeig student handbook](#)

Inquires : International Center at BKC cger-bkc@st.ritsumeig.ac.jp

Student Life at RU

■ Student Support

RU offers the complete range of student advisory services, including career planning, academic guidance, and services catering specifically for international students, such as assistance in obtaining visas and support for finding housing. There is also an extensive range of dining and retail options close to each of the campuses. RU is committed to providing students with the best possible opportunity to reach their full potential.

■ International Center

At the International Center, students can receive assistance with visa issues, accommodation, health, and day to day life. When new international students arrive at RU, the International Center organizes thorough orientations that include sessions outlining the procedures for obtaining their residence card, health insurance, and bank accounts.

A few words from the International Student Support Coordinator

"After traveling overseas to study with us, I'm sure you will encounter all sorts of fun and new experiences here in Japan. By that same token, however, it's also quite likely that you will face new difficulties and experience anxiety which you may not ever have dealt with in your home country.

Of course there is the language barrier, but beyond that there are certain to be differences in culture, customs, and even the way of thinking between Japan and your home country which will occasionally come up and cause you problems, or at least a bit of uncertainty, in your daily life. While living in a foreign country, Japan, and while studying hard at the same time, you will most likely feel stressed at one time or another. Many international students go through and overcome similar experiences before heading out into the world post-graduation. It is through these trials that international students often show such splendid development as people by the time they reach their graduation.

Since the 2019 academic year, we International Student Support Coordinators have been stationed at the international centers on each of Ritsumeikan's campuses to help international students deal with and overcome the problems and issues they face during their life studying abroad. Our support isn't limited to just big problems either - we are happy to hear and help you work through any small worries or concerns you may have. Please do not hesitate to speak with us when you visit the International Center! We look forward to talking with you!"

■ Peer Support

Outside of the regular curriculum RU provides an extensive support net for its students, stretching from "Peer Support" which is offered by fellow students, to the "Orita" (also known as "Enta") system, in which students in their 2nd year and up help incoming students get accustomed to university life. This system was first introduced by Ritsumeikan and has since gained traction at other universities here in Japan. In addition to these, the "Tutors for International Students Assembly" support program (TISA) is also maintained by the university. TISA consists of currently enrolled students who assist both newly incoming and currently enrolled international students in their daily and academic life.



■ Health care

■ Health Center

Located on campus, the health center promotes the health of students through a combination of general health support services and a medical office that specializes in internal medicine. To ensure their good health, all students must take part in a yearly health check that assesses their overall health condition and, depending on the result, follows up with additional tests as necessary.

■ The Student Support Room

Also available for students of RU is the "Student Support Room." Students are free to use this room's facilities and consult its experts when they are feeling down or are in need of expert consultation or advice. Professional counselors can assist students in English or Japanese.

■ The Administrative Office of Each Graduate School

The administrative office of each graduate school provides advice on all academic matters, including on course registration and internship opportunities.

■ Career Center

The Career Center offers career support for international students looking to pursue future employment in Japan. In addition to providing career consultation, information on internships, and on-campus company information sessions, the center organizes various career development events throughout the year.

Regional Exchange

Students at Ritsumeikan University also have ample opportunity to interact with members of the local community. Community members are invited to participate in events held on campus, giving students and members of the community a chance to meet and deepen their understanding of Japanese culture and local traditions through a variety of activities. At the same time, international students have many opportunities to give presentations and share the culture and traditions of their own countries with their fellow students and the community.



Living in Japan

Living expenses will vary depending on each student's individual lifestyle, but the following is a list of estimated expenses for an average student.

Notes	Approximate Monthly Cost
Rent	30,000 – 60,000 yen
Utilities	10,000 yen
Internet	4,000 yen
Basic Food	30,000 – 50,000 yen
National Health Insurance	2,000 yen
Mobile Phone	4,000 yen
Local Transportation	12,000 yen
Leisure Activities	25,000 yen
Total	117,000 – 167,000 yen

Eateries

Each of RU's three main campuses houses at least one large cafeteria, with Kinugasa and BKC's cafeterias open until 9:30 in the evening, and OIC's cafeteria open until 10:00. These cafeterias stay open late to ensure that students finishing up evening club activities or attending late lectures can relax and have a healthy meal afterwards. For students starting things off early the "100 Yen Breakfast Set" has become a popular choice. In addition to the large main cafeterias, each campus is home to multiple smaller eateries and places to relax including a Tully's Coffee at Kinugasa Campus, a Starbucks at OIC, and "Oide Kitchen," a made-to-order style café at BKC.



Events on Campus

Throughout the course of the year, the university's International Center organizes a variety of international exchange events for students. From visits to historical sites in Kyoto and Shiga to hands-on workshops in Japanese arts, crafts, and cooking, students are provided with plenty of opportunities to experience and enjoy Japanese culture outside of the curriculum.



Housing

RU's three main campuses each has an international dormitory, known as an I-House, located nearby. *There are three dormitories at Kinugasa Campus, however, graduate students are not admitted.

Monthly Lodging Fees

Room Type	BKC I-House		OIC I-House
	Type A (Single, private toilet only)	Type B (Single, private shower & toilet)	Shared (6 students/unit (private bedrooms))
Rent	39,000	47,000	50,000
Utilities (Electricity, Internet, etc.)	Electricity charged as used. Rent includes internet and water.	Electricity charged as used. Rent includes internet and water.	7,200
Bedding Rental Fee	2,000	2,000	2,000
Security Deposit	Equal to one month's rent	Equal to one month's rent	Equal to one month's rent

*Fees are current as of April 2020.

Initial Move-in Fees

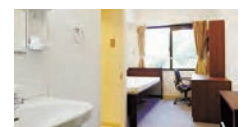
•OIC I-House: Security deposit, 1.5 - 2 months' rent (depending on move-in date), 2 months' of utilities and bedding rental fees, and the entrance fee 10,000.

•BKC I-House: Security deposit, 2 months' rent and bedding rental fees.

For more details: <http://en.ritsumeik.ac.jp/lifecareer/dorm/>

All Campuses:

Students can find information about campus-area apartments at the Student Co-op.



BKC International House : Private Room Type A

Language Support Programs

Ritsumeikan University offers the following language support programs to International Graduate Students.

For details, please visit our website ▶ [ritsumei Language Support Programs](#) 



■ Outline

Graduate Student Career Path Support Center offers the following language support programs to graduate students.

Main target: Graduate students who are pursuing English-based degrees

- ① Academic Writing Tutorials & Proofreading Sessions
- ② Japanese Conversation Program

■ ① Academic Writing Tutorials & Proofreading Sessions

The Academic Writing Tutorials & Proofreading Sessions provide you with the opportunity to have your written work checked by an English instructor. You can sign-up for a private (one-on-one) tutorial session in which an instructor will check your actual paper to find areas which need improvement. Students who are planning on submitting a thesis or any other form of academic paper but lack confidence in their English writing ability should take advantage of this opportunity.

<Session Schedule>

* These sessions are scheduled to be offered each semester (subject to change).

However, the number of sessions offered each semester differs depending on the situation of each academic year.

Please check our website below for detailed information including the application method and application period.

http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/ru_gr/g-career/eng/language/

<Notes>

- Since the writing instruction will be based on actual written work, you must bring your own paper (or select pages from your paper) on the day of the tutorial. The instructor will NOT instruct or give professional advice on the contents of your research.



■ ② Japanese Conversation Program

The purpose of this program is to improve international graduate students' Japanese speaking skills.

You can learn daily Japanese conversation and basic Japanese characters.

<Course Schedule/ Description>

Classes will be held within a certain period of time per semester.

Examples of Conversation Topics Covered in the Program

- Greetings
- Self Introduction
- Asking for information
- Talking about family
- Talking about occupations
- Conversation in a shop

<Notes>

- The schedule of the programs above are subject to change without advance notice.
- Please check our website below for detailed information including the application method and application period.

http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/ru_gr/g-career/eng/language/japanese.html/



■ Beyond Border's Plaza (Commons)

The Beyond Border's Plaza (BBP) is student commons designed for student exchange, inbound and outbound study abroad support, and language learning, with one location on each of the three main RU campuses. Each BBP is composed of several different areas, including the Reading Space – a relatively quiet study area stocked with language education texts, books from overseas, comics and magazines; the Support Desk – where a special lecturer is stationed to provide students with advice; the Communication Rooms – where students can pick up a foreign language through conversation classes, and which can be rented by students for private group study; and the Commons Space – where international exchange events and activities are held.

Foreign Language Classes in the Communication Rooms

The BBP Communication Rooms are a place to practice your communication skills by communicating with other students in an instructor-mediated environment. Japanese study advice is provided specifically for any international students looking to work on their Japanese. English, German, French, Chinese, Spanish, Korean, and Italian conversation classes are also regularly held. Come on and join the fun!

Language Learning Support Desk for Specific English Language Help

The Language Learning Support Desk is where special lecturers are regularly station to help students with any questions they may have about general English studies or English writing.

Intercultural Advising Desk

The Intercultural Advisor at the Intercultural Advising Desk helps students with questions and concerns related to study abroad, intercultural exchange opportunities and understanding, and adjustment into campus life. Students uncertain how to prepare for study abroad or adjust to campus life are encouraged to visit.

BBP Events

The BBP is regularly home to many events of all kinds throughout the school year, with some organized by the BBP Project Team (a student group which plans and organizes events specifically centered around the BBP) or other student groups, some by the university, and some by students like you! Some events held recently include "Cultural Talk with Coffee", an "Open Mic" music event, "Therapy Dog Event: Paws and Chat to De-stress!", "Symbolism in the Art of Caravaggio", "Model United Nations", and "Personalized Job Hunting Advice from Recently Hired Upperclassmen and Women!".

■ Ritsumeikan University Financial Aid for Intercultural Exchange

For RU students and groups who want to hold an interesting intercultural activity or event like those mentioned above, but who do not have the financial resources to do so, the university offers help through the Ritsumeikan University Financial Aid for Intercultural Exchange. Student applications for this funding are accepted by the International Center once each semester. We look forward to hearing your event ideas!

PICK UP Employment situation

✓ Graduate student employment rate **98.1%**

*Those who sought a job and were assured an employment opportunity *Based on numbers of those who completed master's degree in FY 2019

✓ Career center provides a wide range of support for job-hunting for International students.

- Career guidance sessions (English and Japanese)
- On-campus Job fairs (Japanese)

☞ Other events: Entry sheet (Resume) writing work shop (Japanese), individual career counseling (English and Japanese) etc.

✓ About employment in Japan

- Please keep in mind that most Japanese companies expect international students to have working proficiency in Japanese when job-hunting and upon entering the company. Make sure to take advantage of our services to plan your future and find employment.

FY2018-2019<Major employers recruiting international students in Japan>

Accenture Japan Ltd, Amazon Japan G.K., CAPCOM CO., LTD., Deloitte Tohmatsu Consulting LLC, Hitachi, Ltd., Honda Motor Co., Ltd, IBM Japan Ltd, MUFG Bank, Ltd., Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd., NIPPON TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE CORPORATION, SoftBank Corp., Toyota Tsusho Corporation, Yahoo Japan Corporation, etc.



Graduate School of International Relations

Global International Relations Program / International Relations Program (Master's Program)

■ Outline

We are living in a connected world which faces a growing number of global issues; these are issues that no single state can cope with alone. The global pandemic, climate change, refugees and migration, terrorism, and natural disaster are all global issues that require dialogue and close cooperation between various national and international actors. Our Master of International Relations degree is designed to train future leaders, who are equipped with the skills and expertise to address pressing global challenges which cut across politics, economic development, culture, and society.

■ Features

- We offer an unique interdisciplinary program that links politics, economics, media and culture with a global perspective.
- We embrace a diverse group of students from over 30 countries.
- We are located in Kyoto, voted the world's best city to visit by Travel + Leisure magazine.

■ Program

Courses offered in Japanese / Courses offered in English

International Relations Program
(Japanese-Based Program)

Global Governance Cluster

Sustainable Development Cluster

Culture, Society and Media Cluster

Global International Relations Program
(English-Based Program)

Global Governance Cluster

Sustainable Development Cluster

Culture, Society and Media Cluster

Global Japanese Studies Cluster

The GSIR's Master of Arts in International Relations program is designed to offer two programs, in Japanese and English.

* Admitted students are affiliated only with their program and not with any particular cluster.

* Students may take courses from any cluster.

* Not all courses are offered every year. Please confirm the exact information at the orientation after enrollment.

■ Support for individual Research (Master's Thesis)

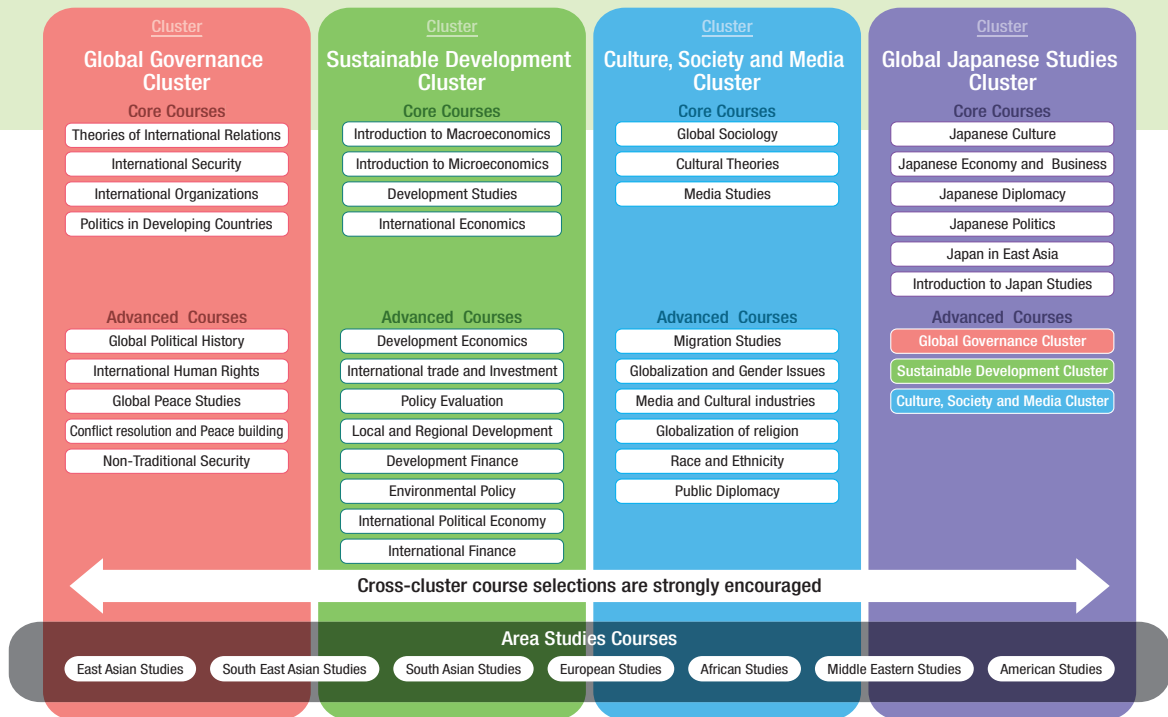
Students receive comments and feedback from professors at the regular presentations prior to the submission of their Master's thesis. Student questionnaires show a high degree of satisfaction with our guidance.



Curriculum

*Please see our website for more details.

Global International Relations Program (English-Based Program)



Academic Advisors for Global IR Program (English-Based Program)

Professors	Subject of Research
ADACHI, Kenki	International Politics, Disarmament and Arms Control, Global Governance, Civil Society
AMEKAWA, Yuichiro	Development Studies, social development, sociology of agriculture / environmental sociology, Area studies (Southeast Asia especially Thailand)
ATAKA, Hiroaki	Critical International Relations Theory, Theories of International Societies
CHEUNG, Yukman	Cultural-Historical Sociology, Nationalism, Urban Sociology, Japanese Studies, Japanese subcultures (anime), Hong Kong Studies
DE ANTONI, Andrea	Cultural Anthropology, The Science of Religion, Japanese Studies
FUKUMI, Sayaka	International Relations, Non-Traditional Security Threats
FRENCH, Thomas William	Japanese History, Japanese Politics, History of US-Japan Relations
HAYASHI, Daisuke	Public Policy, Environmental Policy, Technological Change
HIRONO, Miwa	China's International Relations, Security Studies
HONNA, Jun	Comparative Politics, Southeast Asian Studies
ITAKI, Masahiko	International Economy, International Surplus Capital
IWATA, Takuo	Comparative Politics, African Studies
KAWAMURA, Satoko	International Relations, Political Science, History of Political Thought, Normative Science
KIMIJIMA, Akihiko	Constitutional Law, Peace Studies
KOYAMA, Masahisa	International Development and Cooperation, Development Studies of Mekong Basin Countries
KOGA-BROWES, Scott	Media Studies, Visual Semiotic Analysis of TV News
MASUDA, Minoru	International History, History of British Politics and Diplomacy
MATSUDA, Masahiko	Agriculture and Rural Development in Southeast Asia (Myanmar)
MINAMIKAWA, Fuminori	International Migration, Sociology, American Studies
NAKATO, Sachio	International Political Economy, US-Japan Economic Conflict
NAKATSUJI, Keiji	International History, International Relations in Asia-Pacific
OCHI, Megumi	International law, international criminal justice
OHTA, Hideaki	International Finance: International Economics; International Development Finance; Development Macroeconomics; Regional / Global Economics
OYAMA, Shinji	Cultural Studies, Media Studies, Creative/Cultural Industries Studies: Critical Brand Studies
RAJKAI, Zsombor Tibor	Social and Cultural Studies, Modernization of Non-Western Societies, Family Studies
SHIMADA, Haruyuki	International Development and Cooperation, Development Economics, International Relations, Area Study (South and South East Asia)
SHIRATO, Keiichi	International Journalism, African Area Studies
SUECHIKA, Kota	Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies
TOKUMARU, Hiroshi	Monetary Economics, International Finance
TORIYAMA, Junko	Gender Studies, Gender Studies on the Middle East, Cultural Anthropology
TSUJIMOTO, Toshiko	Transnational Sociology, Studies on International Migration and Gender, Philippine Studies



Graduate School of Economics

Master's Program in Economic Development (MPED) / Doctoral Program

Nurturing knowledge professionals with a base in economics

■ Outline

Since its establishment in 1950, the Graduate School of Economics has produced many outstanding graduates who have entered the business world, central and local governments, and various research organizations. Located near Lake Biwa, the largest lake in Japan, the campus offers a beautiful natural environment along with the highest level of facilities and equipment. The faculty of Economic has nurtured as much as 50,000 students with independence and ability in business. We feel proud that we kept a prominent position among a lot of graduate schools and faculties of economics in Japan in terms of quality of education and research.

■ Features of Program

Master's Program

The school has offered the program for international students in English since 2001. These have proved popular with international students who enjoy taking courses in English in a Japanese academic environment, while working with their academic advisors on the writing and submission of their theses. The Master's Program in Economic Development (MPED) starting from September 2002 is a course in fundamental economic theory such as Microeconomics, Macroeconomics and Econometrics and applied economics, conforming to international standards and taught entirely in English. This course accepts students with strong interest in Japan and the Asian regional development from developing and developed countries, and will foster researchers - who have acquired specialized knowledge along with a strong sense of reality - and highly specialized professionals who can lead the international community. The aim of this program is to nurture talented individuals with wide-ranging discernment who can become leading figures in international society (in whichever field).

Doctoral Program

In the Doctoral Program, which was established in 1964, researchers acquire a broad perspective, higher specialization in knowledge and skills, and a superior capacity to independently pioneer new spheres of research. As a result, this program has produced a large number of talented individuals who are working for a wide range of universities and research institutions.



Program Structure

Master's Program in Economic Development

Degree Requirements Students must acquire 30 credits in the two years, including:

- 4 credits from Core courses.
- 4 credits from Elementary Seminars I and II in the first year.
- 4 credits from Special Seminars I and II in the second year.

(Special Seminar is the individual thesis instruction by supervisor.)



Type of Courses

		First Year	Second Year
Course Work	Core Courses	Microeconomics I Microeconomics II Macroeconomics I Macroeconomics II Econometrics I Econometrics II	
	Elective Courses	Development Economics International Economics International Finance Financial Economics Topics in Economics	Japanese Economy Public Policy Environmental Economics Internship Program Applied Economics
Thesis; Elementary Seminars Special Seminars Research Seminars		Elementary Seminar I Elementary Seminar II	Special Seminar I Special Seminar II Research Seminar I Research Seminar II
Learning in Practice		Open Seminar, Workshop, Fieldwork, Study Tour	

Program Schedule

First Academic Year	
September February – March April	Entrance Ceremony, Fall Semester Begins Spring Break / Winter Intensive Course Submission of Research Plan
April June August – September	Spring Semester Begins / Health Examination Announcement of Supervisor and Sub-supervisor Summer Break / Summer Intensive Course
Second Academic Year	
September January January February – March	Fall Semester Begins Interim Presentation Submission of Special Seminar Report Spring Break / Winter Intensive Course
April July July August August – September September	Spring Semester Begins / Health Examination Final Presentation Submission of Master's Thesis Oral Examination of Master's Thesis Summer Break Commencement Ceremony

Doctoral Program

Degree Requirements

- Enroll for more than 3 years
- Earn 12 credits or more including Research Seminar I ~IV
- Submit a doctoral dissertation. Submitted dissertation must pass the Dissertation Review by Graduate School of Economics.

Faculty members

Name	Research Theme
AGATSUMA, Nobuhiko	Economic Studies on Choice of Environmental Policy Instruments
Aono, Kohei	Empirical Study on Japanese Stock Market Empirical Analyses on the Impacts of Unconventional Monetary Policy
FLATH, David	Industrial Organization Theory, Japan Economy, Applied Economics
GOKAN, Yoichi	Endogenous business cycle theory: indeterminateness and branch theory
GOMBI, Ichiro	A Theoretical Study on Determination of Exchange Rate and International Balance of Payments
HAYASHI, Hiroaki	Comparative Study on Socio-Economic Problems of Transition Countries
HORI, Kazumi	Contract Theory, Organizational Economics
ICHINO, Yasukazu	Diversity and international trade, Gains from trade, Flipped classroom in teaching economics
INABA, Kazuo	Econometric Analyses on the Overseas Activities of the Japanese Corporations
INASAWA, Izumi	International Comparative Analysis of Policy Making Process in Energy/Environmental Sectors
IZAWA, Hiroshi	Experimental Study of Risk Preference, Empirical Study on the Japanese Financial System and Banking
KOBAYASHI, Mizuki	Relationship between automobile companies and suppliers
KURIHARA, Yukiko	Microdata Analysis Based on Secondary Utilization of Official Statistics
KUROKAWA, Kiyoto	Regional Development Economics, Private Sector Development Study in Developing Countries
LEE, Kangkook	Effects of Financial Globalization on Poverty and Distribution in Developing Countries
MASWANA JEAN-CLAUDE	Economic Growth, trade and Sustainable Development, FDI and SME Development, Asia-Africa's Economic Interactions.
MATSUBARA, Toyohiko	The Agriculture and Food Problems of Canada and Japan and Agri-business
MATSUMOTO, Akira	Study on Systematizing of the International Economics with the International Value Theory as the Key Concept
MOMOTA, Akira	A Study on Macroeconomic Theory under Low Fertility and Aging Societies
NAKAMOTO, Satoru	Political Economics Analysis of the Contemporary U.S. Economy
NIIGATA, Atsushi	Financial market analysis, Impact of information and Communication Technology(ICT) on finance, Financial industry analysis
NOMURA, Ryoichi	Theoretical Study on the Trade Policies and Corporate Activities
ODAMAKI, Tomoko	Co-production of Welfare Services
OHNO, Atsushi	International Political Economics of Development, Fair Trade and International Political Economy
OKAWA, Masayuki	Study on the Theory of International Trade Theory under Imperfect Competition
OSHIO, Ryohei	Socioeconomic history of performing arts and theatre in Vienna, Socioeconomic history in modern Austria
QIN, Jie	Asymmetric Information on the Securities Market, Emotion and Markets, Herding and Crash
SANO, Sayaka	Agribusiness and Cooperatives in Brazil
SATO, Takashi	Socio-economics, Economic Theory, Theory of Capital, The Theory of Capitalist Economy
SEKI, Mai	Applied microeconometrics, labor economics, economics of education, development economics
SHEN, XUEMEI	Added-value Tax, Environmental Tax
SHIMADA, Koji	Environmental and urban/regional issues analysis in terms of consumer and private company's characteristics of preference and behavior
SUGITA, Nobuki	Economic Policy of Japan, Measurement of Income Disproportion, Regional Development Policy
SUSA, Taiki	Intergovernmental fiscal competition under globalization and effects on political process
TAKEUCHI, Ai	Institutions to raise and sustain cooperation, Effects of information on behavior
TANAKA, Hiroshi	Study of comparative economics and Russian and East Europeann economies in the transition economy period
TANIGAKI, Kazunori	International Trade theory and Policy, Theoretical study of trade and public policies
TERAWAKI, Taku	Studying Economic Assessment of Non-marketable Goods/Resources
TOKUMARU, Natsuka	Micro-behavioral Theory of Syssem and Ethics
YAMAI, Toshiaki	Modern European social economic history centered on 19th century Germany
YOSHIOKA, Shinji	Study of Japanese Economy, Business Cycle Analysis, Development Economics, Study of Economic Policy, Sharing Economy Analysis



Graduate School of Science and Engineering

International Program for Science and Engineering (Master's and Doctoral Program)

Powering the Future -The Structure of the Future-

■ Outline

To train researchers and professionals to possess not only a high level of theory and skills in the specialized fields of science and engineering, but also the ability to make creative discoveries.

The society of the 21st century becomes more diverse and complex, expecting towards graduate education in science and engineering greater than ever before. Furthermore, we now must think about technology in terms of its potential contributions to the sustainable global society. In order to meet these requirements, we offer diverse programs: Advanced Mathematics and Physics, Advanced Electrical, Electronic and Computer Systems, Advanced Mechanical Engineering and Robotics, and Advanced Architectural, Environmental and Civil Engineering. Our graduate school is staffed with professors who are capable of fulfilling our educational philosophy, and well-equipped with facilities such as laboratories that fulfill essential requirements for advancing education and research.

■ Past Research Topics

Advanced Mathematics and Physics

Mathematics course

- Applications of Stochastic Calculus based on Hyperbolic Brownian Motion
- Numerical analysis for stochastic differential equations with irregular coefficients
- Parameter estimation for diffusion processes with non-smooth drift

Physics course

- Indirect signature of Kaluza-Klein dark matter
- Electronic States of the First Order Ferrimagnet ErCo₂ Studied by Polarization Dependent Hard X-Ray Photoemission Spectroscopy
- One Loop Analyses of Superstring Vacua on Asymmetric Orbifolds

Advanced Electrical, Electronic and Computer Systems

- Advanced Positioning Algorithms for Automotive Single Frequency Receivers Based on PPP/VPPP GR Models
- Determination of Complex Permittivities of Two-layer Materials Based on Hybrid Electromagnetic Methods
- Analysis of Emergency Data gathered by Multiple Host Nodes in Sensing Node Network for Landslide Disaster
- Static Mapping of Parallelizable Real-Time Applications on Manycore SoCs
- Accurate Simulation and Function-level Profiling for Embedded Software

Advanced Mechanical Engineering and Robotics

Mechanical Engineering Course

- Study on Deformation Behavior of Heterogeneous Structure Materials via Multi-Scale FEM Analysis
- Study on Improvement of Mechanical Properties in Structural Materials by Particle Size Control Process
- Application of Shot-Blast SPD-PM process to SUS304L powder
- Development of a 5-DOF Controlled Disk Type PM Motor

Robotics Course

- Mechanical Design and Control of Inflatable Robotic Arm
- Kidnapping Detection and its Recovery in Simultaneous Localization and Mapping
- On Crosstalks of Backside-Illuminated Multi-Collection-Gate Ultra-High-Speed Image Sensors
- Vision based localization, positioning and movement on the ceiling using a multirotor UAV
- Automatic straight line travel of marking robot for construction maintenance
- Analysis of Snake-like Robots and SLAM: Influence of the Serpentine Locomotion in a Grid Mapping Based Algorithm
- Autonomous indoor flight via monocular vision and FPGA

Advanced Architectural, Environmental and Civil Engineering

Civil and Disaster Mitigation Engineering for Historic Cities Course

- Research on Spatial Characteristics for The Development of Fire Mitigation Principles in Kampung Ampel Cultural Heritage Area, Surabaya
- Effects of Tax Policy on Reduction of Air Pollution Caused by Vehicles on Road Traffic of Kabul City
- Bicycle Index: A Case Study of Cyclists Perceptions on the Bicycle Facility and Infrastructure in Yogyakarta Municipality

Environmental Systems and Civil Engineering Course

- Assessment of Secondary Reserves of Nations: Aluminum, Copper and Zinc
- Development of an Improved Municipal Solid Waste Management System in Jalalabad city, Afghanistan
- The Assessment of Sustainable Sanitation System for Urban Slums by Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis – Case Study: Padang Municipality, West Sumatra, Indonesia
- Wastewater management in the urban area of Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR

Architecture and Urban Design Course

- Architectural Heritage Preservation as a Tool for Sustaining the Architectural Identity
- Electrical Resistivity Measurement Based of Compressive Strength Control for High Fluidized Soil Improvement Construction
- A Study on Greenery Planning Method Using Natural Watercourse as Greenery Water Supply System in Kabul New City
- A study on Houses and Villages in Satoyama-like Landscape— A Comparative Analysis between Thailand and Japan



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Program and Courses

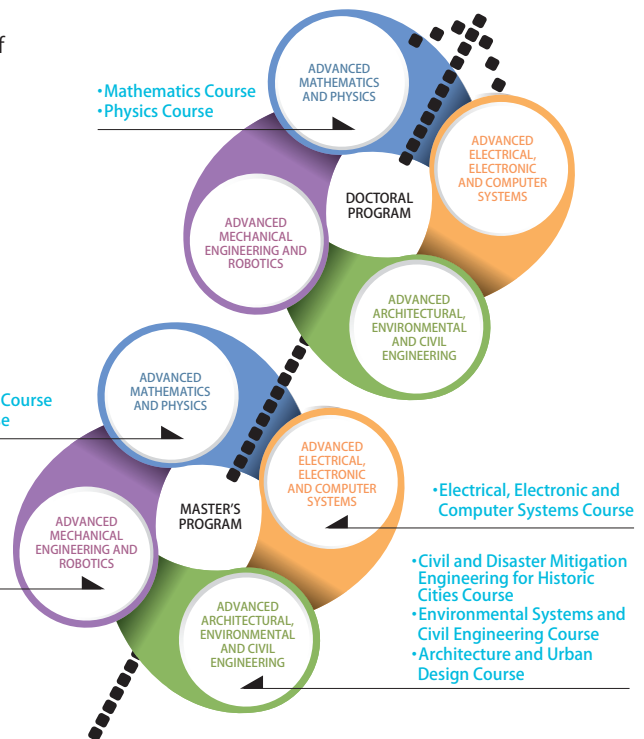
International Program for Science and Engineering

This program is designed for international students. All classes are provided in English and program participants include many students from all over the world. We offer programs not only for degree-seeking students but also for non-degree-seeking students as internship.

Features of Program

- All courses and research supervision in English
- Opportunity to receive focused supervision on your particular field of interest
- 4 degrees available: Master of Science, Master of Engineering, Doctor of Science, and Doctor of Engineering
- Practical results-oriented research to prepare you to excel in leading field of technology
- Multinational faculties and students
- Learn how to describe your research effectively to technical experts, industrial specialists, and government representatives
- Learn how to make use of acquired experience and skills to regional development

※ At the Master's level, the Physics Course is only available to Japanese-based program.

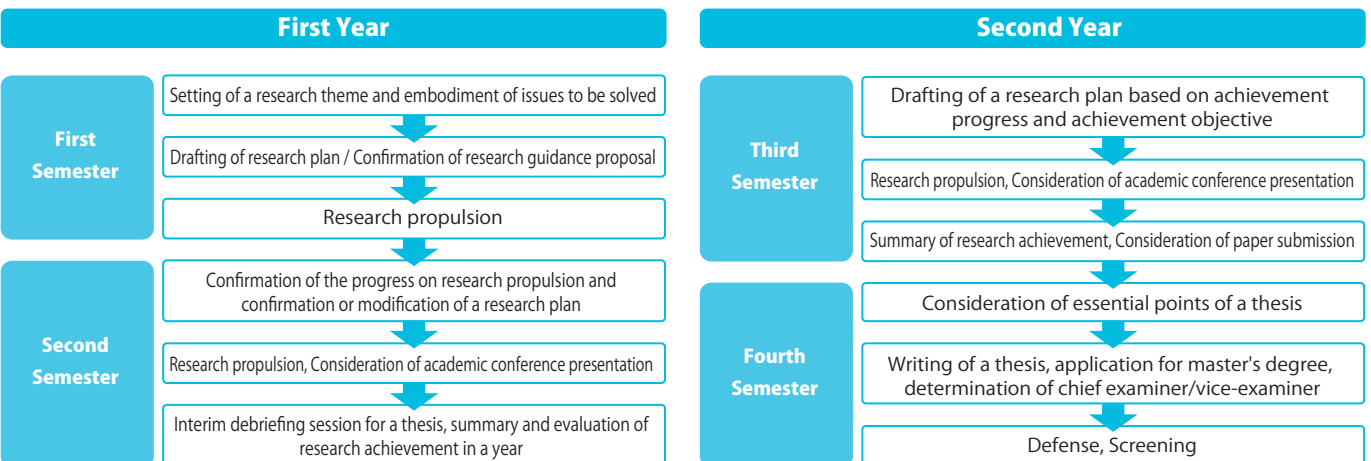


Curriculum

Master's Degree Course < Standard Period of Study: 2 years >
 Students must gain 30 credits and hand in a Master's thesis.
 • Not less than 4 credits from Common Subjects must be acquired
 • Not less than 10 credits from Major Subjects must be acquired
 • 16 credit from Research Subjects must be acquired

Doctoral Degree Course < Standard Period of Study: 3 years >
 Students must gain 8 credits and hand in a Doctoral dissertation.
 • 8 credit from Research Subjects must be acquired

A Model of Research Flowchart in Master's Degree Course





Graduate School of Information Science and Engineering (GSISE)

Promoting Education and Research in Cutting Edge IT

■ Outline

International students can enroll in either Japanese or English-based curriculum of instruction. This program is designed to support engineers capable of actively participating in global-level careers.

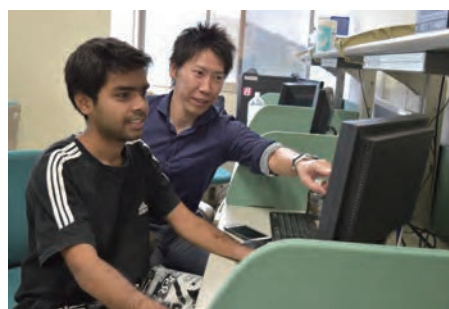
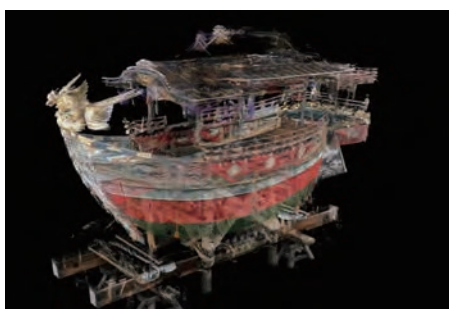
■ Appeals of GSISE

■ Professors Covering Various Fields

There are over 100 professors in our graduate school and our graduate school is one of the biggest graduate schools in IT field in Japan. Our professors cover a lot of research fields and have various research themes. Students can study under all of our professors in English. Our professors are also active in their research activities and obtain budgets from Japanese government for their unique research which its results boast to the world. That makes students study based on the latest research achievements.

■ Countries of International Students from 2012

China, Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia, Korea, Myanmar, Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Malaysia, USA, Cote d'Ivoire, Pakistan, Hungary, Bangladesh, Morocco, Rwanda, Russia, Uzbekistan, South Africa, Philippines, India



MASTER

Advanced Information Science and Engineering Major

The Master's Program aims at fostering researchers and specialists who are ready to tackle and solve issues pertaining to today's information society at the local and global levels. Students will gain competencies in analyzing and solving problems, communicative proficiency in Japanese and in English, understanding of developments in theories and cutting-edge technologies in information processing, network construction and system architecture, media technology, technologies applied to human life and intelligence, and ethics in science and technology.



DOCTOR Advanced Information Science and Engineering Major

DOCTOR Advanced Information Science and Engineering Major

The Doctoral Program fosters researchers and specialists who can function at the forefront of various domains in order to solve, with creative and innovative approaches, important and critical issues of society. Acquired in the program are understanding of theoretical and technological advances in information technology, knowledge and attitudes in research ethics, creativity in identifying, analyzing, and solve problems, and skills in pursuing research activities and those in effective communication.



MASTER Advanced Information Science and Engineering Major

Curriculum

Subjects in Master's Program

(extracted subjects from Special Major Subjects are shown below)

- Advanced Topics in Global Software Engineering
- Advanced Topics in Computer Science
- Advanced Topics in Communication Science
- Advanced Topics in Human Factors for Systems Engineering
- Advanced Topics in Entertainment Computing

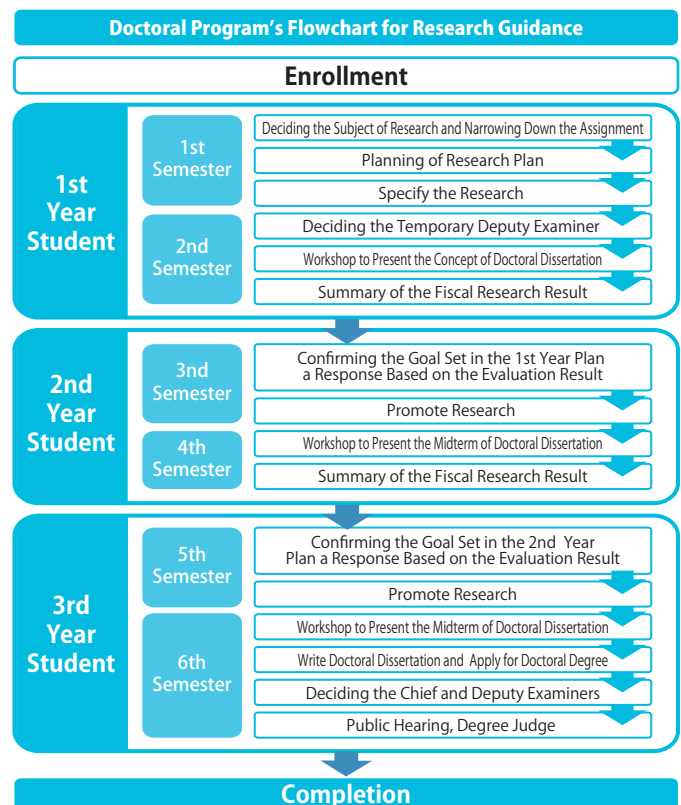
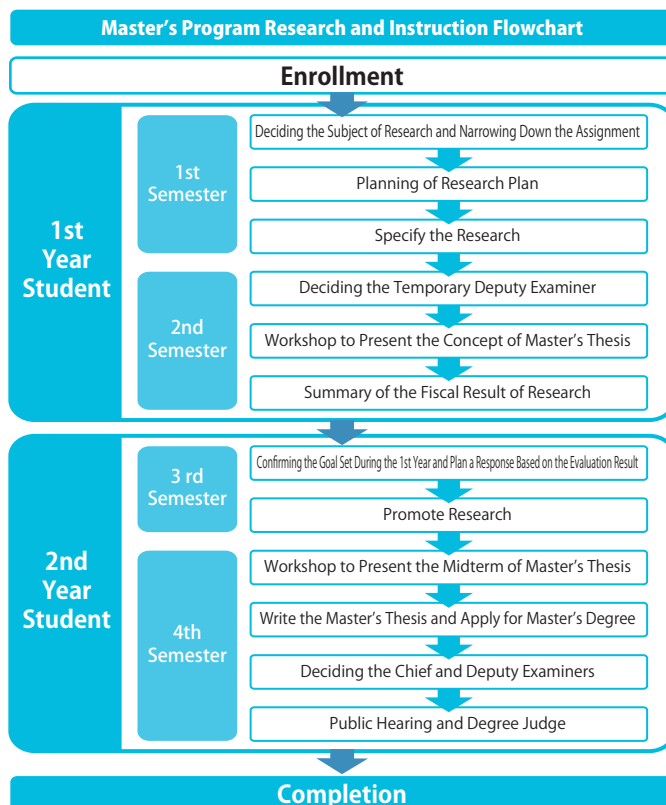
- Advanced Topics in Image Analysis and Machine Learning
- Advanced Topics in Image Processing
- Advanced Topics in Artificial Intelligence
- Research for Master in Information Science and Engineering 1 ~ 4

Subjects in Doctoral Program

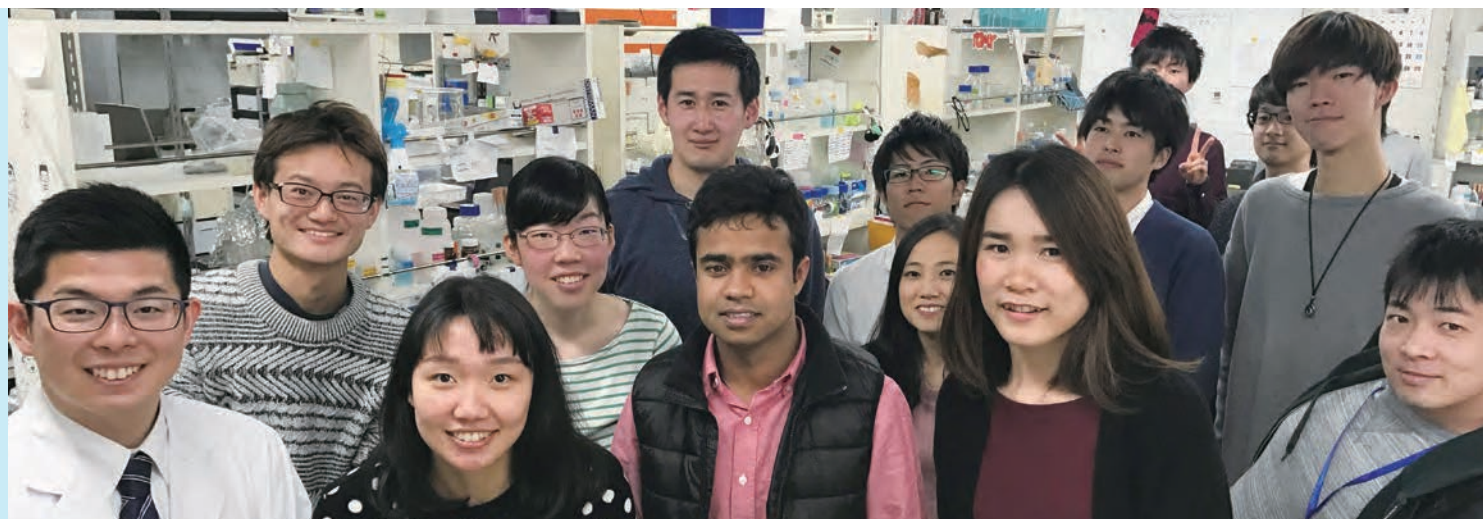
(Special Research Subjects)

- Research for Doctor in Information Science and Engineering 1 ~ 6

Flow chart (M·D)



For details about researchers, please visit the website [researcher's db ritsumei](#)



Graduate School of Life Sciences

International Program for Life Sciences (Master's and Doctoral Program)

Cultivating human resources that can contribute to solving the challenges of all humankind in the 21st century

■ Outline

The Graduate School of Life Sciences focuses on integrated and collaborative education in the life sciences where students can proactively study related fields while simultaneously deepening their understanding of their specialized area of study. We educate students and conduct research in the hope of cultivating individuals with a depth and breadth of knowledge who manifest independence and initiative.

International students are accepted for all courses, which are taught in English.

The program is designed to foster the acquisition of broad knowledge and specialized skills related to the life sciences.

■ Research Topics of Faculty

Applied Chemistry Course

- Synthesis and Physical Properties of Novel Organic Functional Materials
- Interpretation of Catalysis Reaction for Future Material Development
- Molecular Spectroscopic and Computational Studies on the Molecular Mechanism of Structural Formation and Changes of Biomolecules and the Related Molecules
- Developments of Novel High-Performance Photofunctional Materials Based on Physical Chemistry
- Design and Construction of Chemical Reaction Spaces Using Biomolecules
- Fabrication of Electronically and Electrooptically Functional Materials Through Synthesis and Assembly of Unexplored Molecules
- Elucidation of the Photochemical Dynamics by Femtosecond Pulse Laser Measurements and Quest for Application
- Microwave-Assisted Organic Reactions, Novel Ferrocene Derivatives
- Development of Next Generation Rechargeable Battery Based on Solid Electrochemistry
- Structural and Thermodynamic Studies on Chemical Reactions in Solution
- Redox Biochemistry
- Elucidation of Various Biosystems at the Molecular Level
- Design Plastics by the Full Use of Nanotechnologies and Create Future Materials

Biotechnology Course

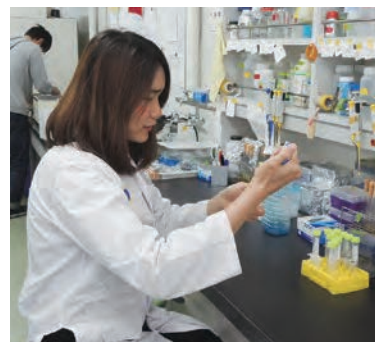
- Study on Responses of Organism to Environment and Its Application to Conservation Biology
- Molecular Mechanism of Biosynthesis and Degradation of Plant Glycans, Plant-Derived Biomass Resources
- Molecular Mechanisms of Plant Responses to Light
- Protection of Environment, Organic Agriculture, Function of Microorganism
- Structural Bioscience for Improvement of Nature Environment and Drug Design
- Studies on Mechanisms of Microorganisms for Sustainable Society
- Redox and Metabolic Control in Bacteria
- Functional Analysis and Application of Photoregulated Genes in Photosynthetic Stramenopiles
- Molecular Breeding for Virus and Viroid Resistant Plants through Genome Editing
- Clarification of Biological Roles of Glycans by Synthetic Molecular Probes
- Development of the Production System of Valuable Materials Using Enzymes and Fermentation

Bioinformatics Course

- Analyze Tissue and Organ Function Based on the Accurate Cell Level Model
- Synthetic Biological Approaches to the Evolution of Photosynthesis: "Where does it come from? Where is it headed?"
- Molecular Mechanisms of Environmental Stresses Tolerance in Plants
- Understanding from Genome to Life System
- Understanding Phenotypic Evolution through Comparative Genomics
- Elucidation and Application of Structure-Function Relationship of Bio-molecules
- How Photosynthetic Microorganisms Respond to Changes in Their Environment?

Biomedical Sciences Course

- Proteomic Study on the Diseases
- Dissecting the Process of Somatic Cell Reprogramming and Stem Cell Differentiation
- Study for Pathologic Elucidation and Treatment of Diabetes
- Actions of Herbal Drugs and Mechanisms Mediated by Natural Antisense Transcripts
- Thinking about Systems and Policies to Achieve "Safe and Satisfactory" Healthcare Services
- Roles of Protein Modifications in Disease Onset
- Remodeling of Neural Network Underlies Vigorous Adaptability of the Brain



For details about researchers, please visit the website ▶ [researcher's db ritsumeii](#)





Program and Courses

MASTER Major in Advanced Life Sciences

Applied Chemistry Course

Studying both theory and technology in chemistry at the molecular level, and exploring new materials, new energy sources, and new biomaterials.

- [Keywords]**
- New materials
 - Nanotechnology
 - Environmental analysis
 - Energy conversion
 - Functional materials

Bioinformatics Course

Studying both fundamentals of life science and information science, and exploring new frontiers in life sciences by combining those two perspectives at the molecular level.

- [Keywords]**
- System biology
 - Genome analysis
 - Information science
 - Bioinformatics

Biotechnology Course

Studying both theory and technology in biology at the molecular level, and exploring new frontiers in environmental technology, food technology, bio-resources, and energy technology.

- [Keywords]**
- Microorganisms
 - Bio-energy
 - Molecular biology
 - Environmental purification
 - Biological resources

Biomedical Sciences Course

Studying both the forefront of medical sciences and their fusion fields, and exploring new frontiers in life sciences, medical science and medical policy.

- [Keywords]**
- Genome medical chemistry
 - Tailor-made medicine
 - Gene therapy
 - Preventive health medicine

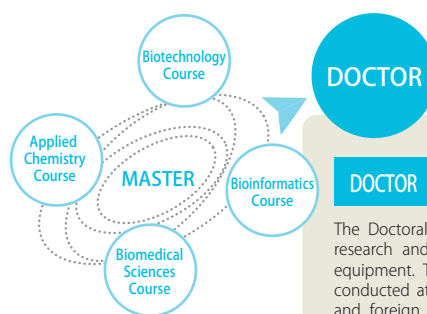
Completion Requirements

Master's Program

Category		Credits Required		Total
Common Subjects		Not less than 4 credits		30 credits
Major Subjects	Core Subjects	Not less than 6 credits	Not less than 10 credits	
	Electives			
Research Subjects		16 credits		

Doctoral Program

Category		Credits Required	Total
Common Subjects		-	8 credits
Research Subjects		Not less than 8 credits	



DOCTOR Major in Advanced Life Sciences

The Doctoral program engages in graduate-level education and research and makes use of highly specialized laboratories and equipment. There are also myriad cooperative research projects conducted at the international and regional levels with domestic and foreign companies and other graduate schools within the university.

Student Voice

Indonesia



ANDRIANI Furoida

Level of Study: Master's Program
Course: Applied Chemistry Course



Q What is your favorite thing about Ritsumeikan University?

A One thing I admire and am grateful to Ritsumeikan University for is its full support of International students. There are plenty of international students in Ritsumeikan University from all over the world, who surely face a lot of difficulties during their study in Japan. Nevertheless, Ritsumeikan University has a friendly community and is welcoming to international students. One support system for International students is the Beyond Border Plaza (BBP) that provides Japanese language and culture learning opportunities. They also frequently hold small events or parties for students to help International students and Japanese students connect.

China



WANG Xinjia

Level of Study: Doctoral Program
Course: Advanced Life Sciences



Q How do you think your experience at Ritsumeikan University will help you achieve your goals?

A The highest-level professors, the best research atmosphere, a full range of experimental equipment, and suitable lifestyle-facilities — everything is provided by Ritsumeikan University. These conditions will greatly improve my research ability and life for the better. I can use the advanced scientific knowledge I have learned at Ritsumeikan University to better contribute to the life sciences and medical undertakings in the future. Even though I know that my efforts don't amount to much, I would like to do such meaningful things. In addition, the most important thing is that I am learning a more serious attitude to deal with any work in the future.

Korea



KU Kyosun

Level of Study: Doctoral Program
Course: Advanced Life Sciences



Q Why would you recommend studying at Ritsumeikan University to future students?

A Ritsumeikan is Japan's top private university and boasts a long history and superb infrastructure. It also has a scholarship program and a research facility for foreign exchange seminars that is very helpful for improving social life. If there are any students who are interested in studying in Japan, I think the experience at Ritsumeikan University will help them improve their skills and knowledge.

Bangladesh



MAJUMDER Toma Rani

Level of Study: Master's Program
Course: Biotechnology Course



Q Were you worried about your new life at Ritsumeikan University before your arrival? If so, how did your worries change after arriving?

A Of course, this was my first time to go abroad and live far away from my family for so many days. I was also nervous about how to communicate and survive in Japan as I cannot speak Japanese. After I arrived at BKC International House, I found everyone very cooperative. They provided me English-speaking staff, Resident Mentors, and Tutors for International Students and their good advice made my life very easy and convenient in Japan. Japanese people are very friendly and always help me in the case of difficulties outside the campus. Now I have many Japanese friends and they help me to learn Japanese language and culture. They made me feel that I am not a stranger, but a member of their family.



Graduate School of Policy Science

Master's Program / Doctoral Program

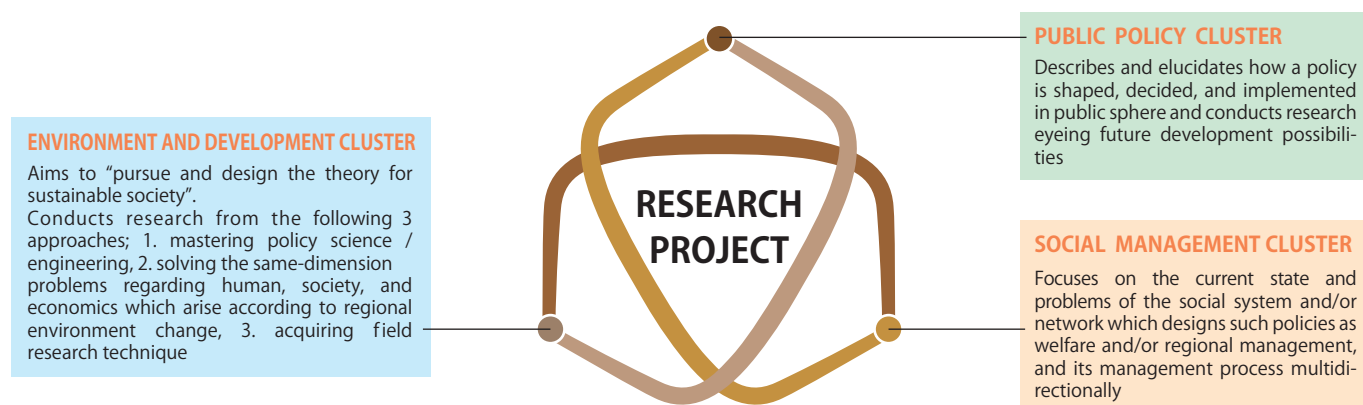
Building the ability to implement policies through direct interaction with society

■ Outline

Policy science is a new discipline that involves interdisciplinary and practical studies.

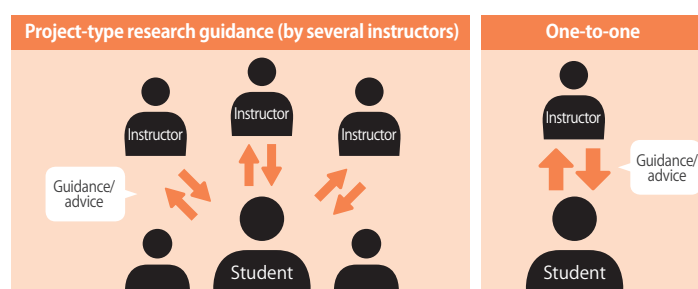
The curriculum of Graduate School of Policy Science (GPS) is characterized by its "Research Project" program, which aims to open up intellectual spaces where faculty members of different specialties work with graduate students each of whom pursues different research themes. There, they are guided by their respective motivations to explore policy design to find solutions to policy issues that have taken place in real society, by constantly alternating between practical and basic theoretical approaches.

■ 3 "Research Projects" Featuring Policy Science



Project-type research guidance to deal with policy issues

What is unique in our graduate school is "project-type" research guidance in which instructors from different expertise organize joint research teams and students participate in the joint research process within the group. The purpose of this Research Project is not just giving research guidance from one academic supervisor for one specific area, but rather several instructors who differ in their specialties with common interests in the area / theme of study collectively directing the students.



Research guidance at the Graduate School of Policy Science

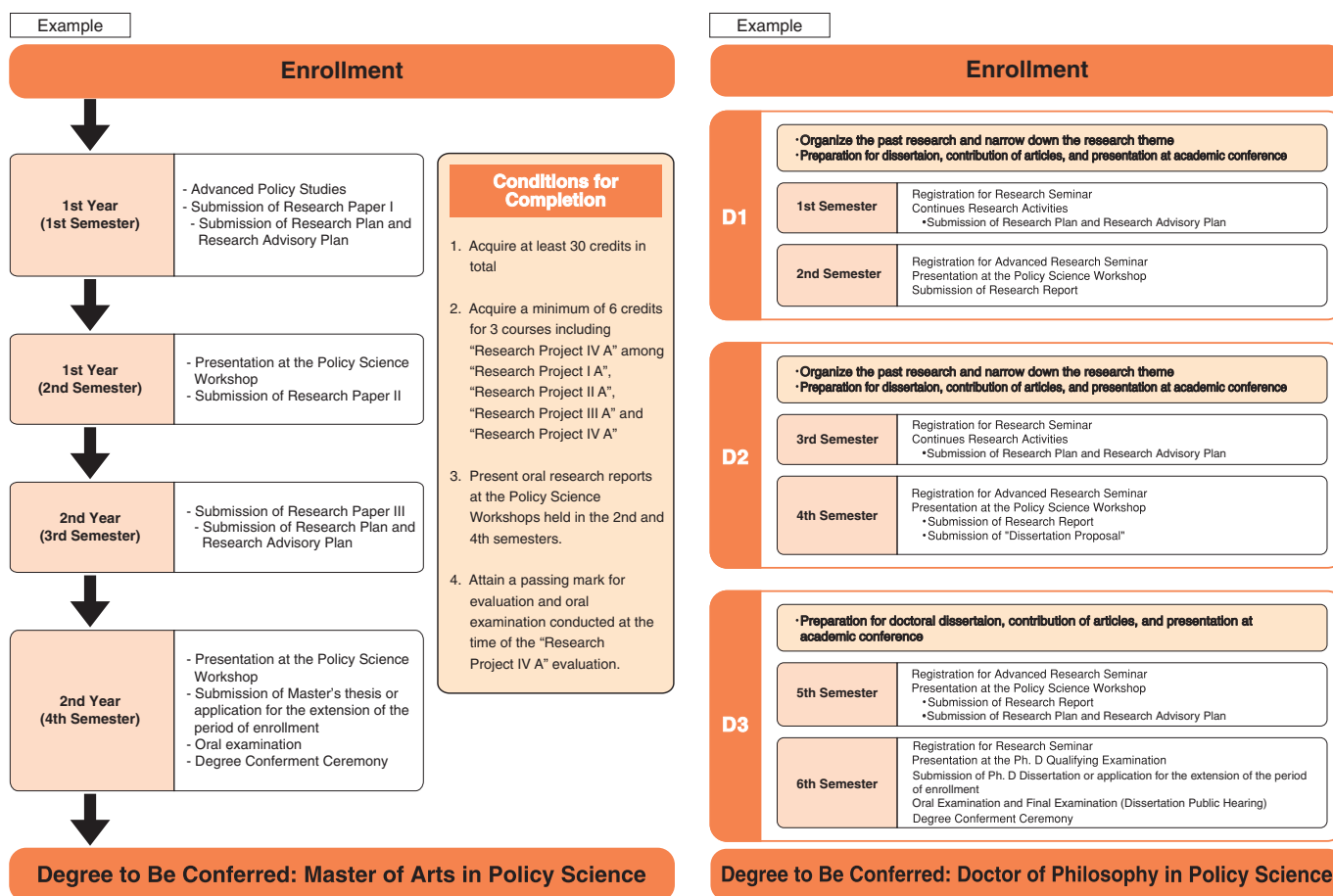
General guidance

For details, please visit the website ▶ [ritsumeigsp](https://ritsumeigsp.com) 🔍

Course Titles

- Policy Case Reading I (Studies in Culture and Public Policy)
- Policy Case Reading I (Environmental Policy Analysis)
- Policy Case Reading I (Local Governance)
- Policy Case Reading I (Japan Studies)
- Introduction to Public Policy
- Introduction to Social Management
- Introduction to Sustainable Development
- Policy Case Reading II (Planning Science and Technology)
- Policy Case Reading II (Social Welfare Policy)
- Policy Case Reading II (Statistical Analysis for Policy Studies)
- Policy Case Reading II (Japan Studies)
- Policy Case Writing I
- Policy Case Writing II
- Participatory Case Research Analysis
- Social Survey Data Archive Analysis
- Policy Science Special Lecture (Technology Management I・II)
- Advanced Policy Studies
- Research Project I
- Research Project II
- Research Project III
- Research Project IV

Research Project Guideline





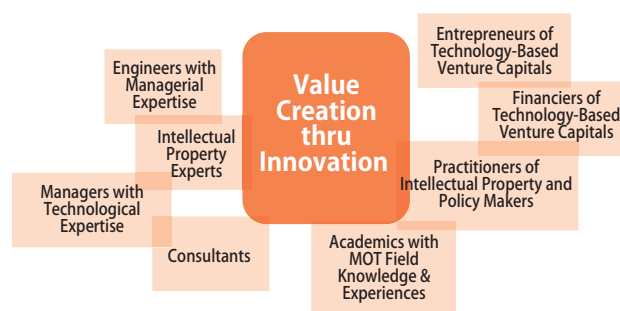
Graduate School of Technology Management

Master's program in Japanese / Doctoral program

Realizing new potential by bridging business with Technology

■ Outline

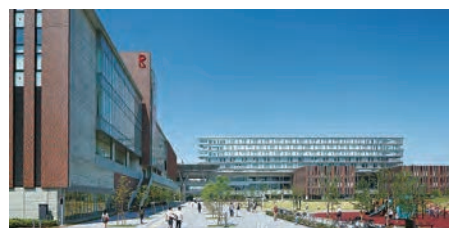
Management of Technology (MOT) concerns how firms to capitalize on technology. The relevant technologies in research involve a wide array of industries including automobile, electronics, telecommunication, energy, utility, and so on. MOT as a research discipline surpasses the technical realm of streamlining management. Along with the fields of R&D, operations management, corporate organization and finance, the curriculum of MOT also incorporates strategic management of technology, technology marketing, and innovation strategy. The Graduate School of Technology Management provides Master's Programs only in Japanese and Doctoral Programs in both Japanese and English for global career as well.



■ Program Overview and Features

	Master's Program	Doctoral Program
Degree	Master of Technology Management	Doctor of Philosophy in Technology Management
Language of Instruction	Japanese	English and Japanese
Enrollment Semester	April and September	April and September
Duration	2 Years	3 Years
Enrollment Capacity	70 Students	5 Students

The Graduate School of Technology Management (MOT) at Ritsumeikan is the only one of its kind in the Kansai region that develops talented young leaders at the Master's and Doctoral levels and gives them a foundation in the management and technology pillars as well as practical experience with leading Japanese enterprises. We offer weekday, evening, and weekend classes, bringing together students at all levels of academic and professional development from all over the world at Osaka Ibaraki Campus, to integrate a rich diversity of cultures and experiences into a unique educational environment that will prepare our students to become leaders on the international stage.





Research Field of MOT

For details about researchers, please visit the website [researcher's db ritsumei](#)

Strategic Management of Technology

This research field concerns the practice and theory of strategic decision-makings in technology management. A rich variety of business cases, contextualizing how, why, and when technology-driven innovations were realized, should be examined to comprehend the critical nature of technology management.

Technology Finance

Every innovation involves high risk and high return, and the main interest in this research field pertains to the strategic practice of financial management, including capital and asset management, technology evaluation, and corporate risk management in general.

Intellectual Property Management

This research field relates to managerial practice and theory of strategic intellectual properties. The key focus is placed on exploration, evaluation, protection, and exploitation of intellectual properties.

Technology Marketing, Roadmapping

Reading and shaping the future is the most strategic perspective in technology management. This research field embraces the practice of exploring both needs and seeds of innovation that would provide new technological foundations for competitive advantage.

Operation Management

Technology-driven innovation necessitates strategic design and management of value chains in operation. This research field aims to explore the essential theory and practice of data analysis and knowledge management to sustain competitive advantage in market.

Entrepreneurship and Innovation Enterprise

Every innovation derives from entrepreneurship. This research fields entails in-depth investigation of the essentials of innovative enterprises. A wide array of analyses should be conducted to enrich our understanding: new product development, finance, strategic alliances, customer relation management, regional development, and business history.

Human Resource Management

No technology will result in innovation without successful HRM. This research field looks comprehensively into how to manage vital human resources. Alongside the traditional perspectives of HRM, technology and innovation management requires in-depth analyses of corporate training and education systems for technologists, and of organizational design.

R&D Policy and Triple Helix

Innovation comprises more comprehensive phases of technological development and commercialization. Realization of more competitive R&D has become the key to corporate success and sustainable competitiveness. This demands more intensive Government-Industry-University alliances nowadays, and Triple Helix would facilitate innovations henceforth.

Recent Doctoral Dissertation Titles

- A System Dynamics Modelling for Healthcare Demand and Smartphone-based Technology Adoption in Malaysian Public Hospitals
- Analyses of inter-organizational collaboration for personalized medicine development, and organizational structure suitable for successful outcomes
- Exploring Knowledge Process and Organizational Culture to Promote Individual Learning: An Empirical Study in Science Museums
- Maximization of Energy Safety Using Neuro-Fuzzy Systems
- Alliance Management during Joint Development between Corporations -Investigation into important items when undertaking joint development and examination of a general-purpose model-
- Market Creation for Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles: Infrastructure Dependent New Products and Expectations
- Implicit Patent Alliance Acquiring the Appropriability of Innovation
- Exploratory research on collaboration: Approach to individual, organization and strategy
- Institutional study of the regional brand protection system in Japan
- Demonstration of design-driven innovation: Analysis of intellectual property information
- Technological Innovation System Building for Diffusion of Solar Energy Technology in Developing Countries: A Multilevel Analysis in Ethiopia
- An Empirical Analysis on the Promotion of MOT based Training Comparing Japanese and International Institutions
- The Mediation Roles of Social Capital on University spin-off Performance. Lessons from Regional Universities in Japan
- An Assessment of Customer Satisfaction in Micro Finance Institutions (MFI) in Bangladesh- Impact of Information and Communication Technology (ICT)
- A study on Collaboration between Medical Professionals and Japanese Small and Medium-Sized Industrial Enterprises
- Capabilities of the Business Manager in a Family Business - Research on the Capabilities of Manager Responsible for Innovation-

Graduate School Courses Offered in Japanese

RU offers the following Graduate Degree Programs offered in Japanese

※M:Master's Program D:Doctoral Program

For details, please visit the website ▶

Kinugasa Campus in KYOTO

■ Graduate School of Law (M/D)

Since its founding in 1950, the Graduate School of Law has produced many outstanding individuals including research academics, complementing the over 100 years of tradition at the College of Law. The past few years have also seen the school achieve admirable results in cultivating highly-specialized professionals, including lawyers and tax accountants.

■ Four courses

- The Legal Specialist Course—Cultivating specialists in areas requiring essential knowledge of the law.
- The public administration course—Developing specialized knowledge for professional work in the public sector.
- The Law & Politics Research Course—Deepening academic involvement in the various issues of law and politics.
- The Doctoral Research Course—Aiming to foster researchers.

■ Graduate School of Letters (M/D)

The Graduate School of Letters offers two majors comprising 14 programs. The school continues to build upon traditional literature studies developing new academic fields incorporating information technology.

■ Two majors and 14 programs

- A major in Humanities—Philosophy, Educational Anthropology, Japanese Literature, Chinese Literature, English and American Literature, Japanese History, East Asian History, European and American History, Cultural dynamics studies, Modern East Asian Languages and Cultures, Language and Area Studies of English Speaking Countries.
- A major in Informatics of Behavior and Cultures—Geography, Digital Humanities for Arts and Cultures, Archaeology and Cultural Heritage.

■ Graduate School of Core Ethics and Frontier Sciences (Integrated Doctoral Program)

The Graduate School of Core Ethics and Frontier Science was established for the purpose of examining and seeking solutions to the problems that have been passed down to the 21st century and making approaches to common issues for all humanity from the four perspectives of Publicness, Life, Social-Cultural Symbiosis, and Representation, with an emphasis on core ethics. We adopt integrated doctoral program consisting of transversal lectures and exercises from different fields.

■ Four field themes

- Publicness—Publicness in the 21st century
- Life—Life as an Issue
- Social-Cultural Symbiosis—Possibilities and Limitations in Social-Cultural Symbiosis
- Representation—Analysis of Culture and Art through Representative Theory

■ Graduate School of Sociology (M/D)

The Graduate School of Sociology was established in 1972 to promote a comprehensive understanding of an increasingly complex world and to tackle issues of modern society in collaboration with many sociological subfields, as well as social policy, social welfare, anthropology, and economic sociology.

■ Four major research fields

- Modern Society
This research field aims to provide students with opportunities and tools for sociological analysis and insight.
- Human Welfare
This research field aims to enable students to engage with social issues in human development, welfare policy, and social work practice.
- Sports & Society
This research field aims to enable students to analyze sports culture and the relation between sports and society.
- Media & Society
This research field aims to enable students to analyze media culture and media society from various perspectives.

■ Graduate School of Image Arts (M)

The Graduate School of Image Arts leverages all the benefits of Ritsumeikan's organization as a comprehensive university to provide broad education, aiming to cultivate skills, techniques and analytical methodology related to visual image production (extending beyond the making of visual image products and including development and application) and visual image studies as well.

■ Subject Zones

- Film Arts
- Game Entertainment
- Creative Technology
- Content Business Management
- Society and Images

■ Graduate School of Language Education and Information Science (M)

The Graduate School of Language Education and Information Science offers a master's degree in the study of language teaching, linguistics and communication studies.

■ Two courses

- The Language Education course consists of the English Language Education program and the Japanese Language Education program to foster professional language teachers.
- The Language Information and Communication course - The objective of the course is to develop deep understanding of students in various subdisciplines of linguistics.





Biwako–Kusatsu Campus in SHIGA

Graduate School of Sport and Health Science (M/D)

The Graduate School of Sport and Health Science aims to foster highly-specialized professionals and researchers who have expertise in the field and advanced practical and leadership skills as well as the capacity to contribute to society. The school supports your research with top-level faculty and cutting-edge facilities and equipment.

■ Two courses in the Master's program

- Sport and Exercise Science—Focusing on education and research to analyze sports performance from a scientific approach and to elucidate the maintenance and furtherance of health based on scientific evidence.
- Sport Pedagogy and Management—Focusing on education and research to improve student's educational and management abilities in the field of sport and health science.

Graduate School of Pharmacy (M/D)

Founded on the six-year pharmaceutical sciences undergraduate program offered at the College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, the Graduate School of Pharmacy aims to foster capable pharmacists who can contribute to community-based health care and take up leadership positions at pharmaceutical education and research institutions. The school offers four-year doctoral programs in two academic fields.

■ Two academic fields

- Clinical Pharmacy—Aims to train students on medical information management, risk management, infection control, pharmacokinetics and drug toxicity.
- Pathophysiological Analysis—Aims to train students to acquire knowledge on pathogenesis and etiology of diseases, drug action, and assessment of effects of drugs and environmental chemicals on the human body.



Osaka Ibaraki Campus in OSAKA

Graduate School of Business Administration (M/D)

The Graduate School of Business Administration is a strong academic community that provides a solid practice ground for future business leaders and academic researchers. The school acknowledges the need to respond to the tumultuous global market and increasingly globalized business competition. Our research consists of seven fields, each focusing on the global issues and the latest academic debates. The students will expand their research into practical business agenda, and are expected to become truly influential leaders of the future generation of business practice and management research.

■ Seven research fields

Technology Management and Strategies, Organization and Human Resources, Marketing, International Business, Accounting, Finance, and Design and Management.

Graduate School of Management / MBA (M)

The Graduate School of Management aims to develop business leaders who can contribute to the sustainable development of Japan and the whole world through creating businesses. We offer two units based on students' previous work experience.

■ Two units

- Management Development Unit—Focusing on advanced management expertise needed to create and grow businesses, this unit aims to train those who have more than two years of work experience to become highly capable business leaders.
- Career Development Unit—Focusing on basic business skills and mindsets, this unit prepares students with little or no work experience for their future career pathways.

Graduate School of Human Science (M/D)

At the Graduate School of Human Science, faculty members and graduate students work together, seeking to realize new academic fields in the area of Human Science.

■ Three research fields

- Psychology: To expand students' academic understanding, courses including cognitive psychology, developmental psychology, social psychology, and research methods are offered.
- Human Services: Offering subjects that correspond to Character Human formation and Clinical Education, analysis of Disability and behavior family function and Clinical sociology, and Development and Clinical Studies in welfare.
- Clinical Psychology: Offering subjects that correspond to the curriculum stipulated by the Japanese Certification Board for Clinical Psychologists, our school is designated Type 1 graduate school for Clinical Psychologists.



Suzaku Campus in KYOTO

School of Law (Juris Doctor Program)

The School of Law nurtures "Global-Citizen Lawyers" that think and act based on the global perspective and common sense. We educate students having various backgrounds to be the legal professions, each person of whom has rich humanity, a keen sense of human rights, and profound education with a global perspective and high-level specialties.

■ Specialized subjects

- Bankruptcy Law, Tax Law, Economic Law, Intellectual Property Law, Labor Law, Environmental Law, International Private Law and International Public Law

Graduate School of Professional Teacher Education (Master of Education)

The Graduate School of Professional Teacher Education nurtures highly skilled teachers who have the ability to tackle issues that are getting more and more complicated at schools.

We aim to combine theoretical education and practical training and cooperate with not only our affiliated schools but also other schools in Kyoto, Shiga and Osaka where the University has its campuses so that we can provide unique programs associated with a series of fieldwork and a long-term internship to the students. The students will learn from various type of teachers, from experts in education study to instructors with experience of teaching, and are expected to acquire excellent skills required for teachers and school leaders. We offer 3 courses, 1) Clinical Research on Human Development and Education, 2) Educational Methods and Learning Sciences, and 3) International Education which propose the distinctive education of Ritsumeikan University.

Application Information

■ How to Apply

Ritsumeikan University releases application information approximately 1 year before admission.

Step1. Find out more about the programs we offer by visiting our website.

<http://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/admissions/>

**Step2. Contact the department in charge of your desired program of study.
Obtain the guidelines and read carefully.**

Applying for Pre-enrollment Scholarship Programs: (Ex. Monbukagakusho, Asian Development Bank)

■ International Center at BKC: cger-bkc@st.ritsumei.ac.jp

- Please check our English website beginning in October 2020 for more information on how to apply for scholarships for the 2021 academic year.

Applying as a Self-financed Student:

- Graduate School of International Relations: ir-adm@st.ritsumei.ac.jp
- Graduate School of Economics: gs-ec@st.ritsumei.ac.jp
- Graduate School of Science and Engineering: se-admw1@st.ritsumei.ac.jp
- Graduate School of Information Science and Engineering: gsise@st.ritsumei.ac.jp
- Graduate School of Life Sciences: gsls@st.ritsumei.ac.jp
- Graduate School of Policy Science: gsp-sadm@st.ritsumei.ac.jp
- Graduate School of Technology Management: moten@st.ritsumei.ac.jp

Step3. Submit all application forms.

Send all your application documents during the application period.

Sample list of required application materials (for a full list, please see the guidelines)

- Application for graduate admission at RU
- Letter of recommendation
- Research proposal
- Certificate of graduation
- A photocopy of applicant's passport information page
- Proof of linguistic talent / practical expertise (TOEFL®test, TOEIC®test, etc)



Frequently Asked Question

Q1. What are the application requirements?

Requirements differ based on the graduate schools and their procedures. Please review the Application Guidelines of each graduate school and check the appropriate eligibility criteria mentioned in "Requirements for Application".

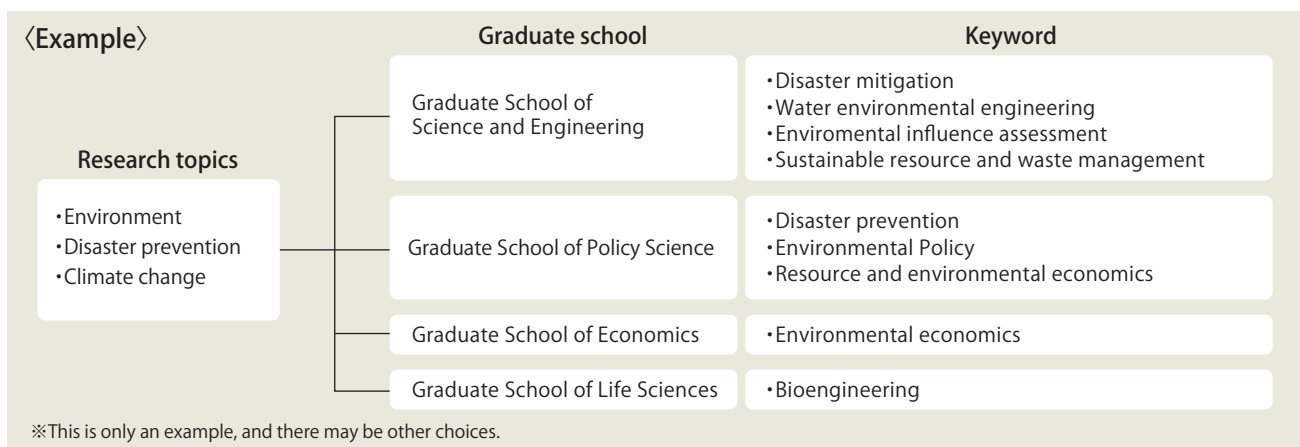
Q2. What is the screening method like?

Screening is conducted mainly based on submitted materials. Written tests and / or interviews are also conducted in some graduate schools. Please refer to the Application Guidelines for details.

Q3. How can I search for my desired program of study and a professor?

RU has many graduate schools. Research areas may be offered by a single graduate school or by more than one graduate school. Prospective students are expected to find out which graduate school offers a program related to their area of research interest and decide from which faculty member they should receive supervision by checking the website for each graduate school or for the laboratory of each faculty member prior to the application submission.

The following is an example of a research areas that fall within the scope of more than one graduate school :



You may search across all graduate schools for a potential supervisor using the Ritsumeikan University Researcher's Database. You can find a faculty member or a graduate school by entering keywords such as dissertation title or research topic. Alternatively you may consult the websites of each graduate school.

Ritsumeikan University Researcher's Database <http://research-db.ritsumei.ac.jp/scripts/websearch/index.htm?lang=en>

Q4. How can I contact researchers / professors ?

If a researcher / professor does not release their own personal Email on the website, it is possible to make a request to get in direct contact with them by emailing the administrative office of each graduate school shown on the previous page.

Q5. Must I contact my desired professor before applying?

Some graduate schools require you to contact and consult with the professor first. Please refer to the Application Guidelines for details as it can be necessary to consult with the administrative office of your relevant graduate school depending on the type of examination.

Q6. How can I acquire a student visa before I come to Japan for the first time?

The International Center will assist international students who are entering Japan for the first time to obtain a visa. After you pass the admissions screening, please ask the administrative office of the graduate school at which you will enroll to get information on the necessary procedures.

Q7. Is Japanese language ability required?

The entire program, including lectures, is conducted in English, and students are not required to have Japanese language training. That being said, some knowledge of the Japanese language would make it easier to adjust to life in Japan.

RU offers Language Support Programs to international graduate students. For details, please refer to P.14.

Access

KYOTO

- Kinugasa Campus
- Suzaku Campus

From Kansai International Airport to Kyoto Station
75 min. by JR Limited Express "Haruka"

From Tokyo Station to Kyoto Station
2 hr. 20 min. by JR Shinkansen (bullet train)

From Kyoto Station to Kinugasa Campus
40 min. by taxi / 42 min. by bus

From Kyoto Station to Suzaku Campus
Approx. 10min. by train and on foot

SHIGA

- Biwako-Kusatsu Campus (BKC)

From Kansai International Airport to Minami Kusatsu Station
Approx. 95 min. by JR Limited Express "Haruka" and train

From Tokyo Station to Minami Kusatsu Station
Approx. 2 hr. 40 min. by JR Shinkansen (bullet train) and train

From Minami Kusatsu Station to BKC
Approx. 15 minutes. by bus

OSAKA

- Osaka Ibaraki Campus (OIC)
- Osaka Umeda Campus

From Kansai International Airport to Ibaraki Station
Approx. 80 minutes. by bus

From Tokyo Station to Ibaraki Station
Approx. 2 hr. 40 min. by JR Shinkansen (bullet train) and train

From Ibaraki Station to OIC
5 minutes on foot

From Kansai International Airport to Osaka Station
Approx. 1 hr. by bus

From Osaka Station to Osaka Umeda Campus
5 minutes on foot

* Estimated time does not include time needed to change trains.

Campus Locations



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For more information, visit the website ☐ <http://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/admissions/>

