

Ritsumeikan University Graduate School of Economics Application Guidelines for AY 2012 TOKUBETSU-IKUEI Scholarship (Spring Semester)

The **TOKUBETSU-IKUEI Scholarship** is a scholarship corresponding to students' third and fourth semester periods (only an enrolled semester counts toward a 'semester' and the period of a leave of absence is not considered an enrolled semester) and will be awarded after a rigorous selection process of applications. This program is intended to provide students who have achieved great results in academics with scholarship benefits for the purpose of actively encouraging them to pursue their studies after admission.

Students applying for the scholarships must follow the application guidelines stated below.

1. Types of Scholarships/Amount/Scholarship Eligibility

Scholarship	Graduate School	Amount	Scholarship Eligibility
S-type	Economics	660,000 yen	A few students ranked highly among the enrolled students (In some cases, all applicants may become ineligible for the scholarship.) Notes: Applicants from the Graduate School of Letters/Science and Engineering will not be sought.
A-type	Economics	500,000 yen	Those in the top 15 percent among the enrolled students (Students from the Graduate School of Science and Engineering must be in the top 20 percent of the class.)
B-type	Economics	200,000 yen	Those in the top 40 percent among the enrolled students (The top 40 percent also includes the recipients of S-type and A-type scholarship.)

2. Qualifications

- 1) All students who were enrolled in a Master's degree program or in the third semester of an integrated doctoral program as of Apr. 1, 2012 are eligible (except students who transferred to the 3rd year of an integrated doctoral program and took the entrance examination for working students and government-sponsored international students and exchange students under an agreement with an overseas university).
- 2) Recipients of the S-type scholarship must fulfill the following conditions in addition to 1).
 - A. Students from a doctoral research course at Graduate School of Law and research course at Graduate School of Sociology and students enrolled in an integrated doctoral program at the Graduate School of Core Ethics and Frontier Sciences
 - B. Master's degree students who strongly wish to enroll in a doctoral degree program

of Ritsumeikan University

3) Students who are on a leave of absence in the 2012 spring semester are not eligible.

[Ineligible applicants]

Students who meet the following conditions are ineligible for application at this time.

- Students enrolled in September 2010 who have their fourth semester in the 2012 spring semester
- Students enrolled in April 2011 who do not have their third semester in the 2012 spring semester

***Notes on applying**

This scholarship can be provided in combination with other non-university scholarships. However, applicants are required to check if any regulations in the requirements for non-university scholarships stipulate recipients are prohibited from receiving any other scholarships.

3. Period of Payment

One year equivalent to the third and fourth semesters (enrollment period)

4. Application Method

1) Period

Monday, April 16, 2012 – Monday, April 23, 2012<5:00 p.m. deadline>

2) Required documents

a. Application form (designated by the university)

b. Outline of research development

c. Doctoral Degree Program Application Request and Evaluation by Academic Advisor

*These documents must be submitted only by applicants who wish to receive the S-type scholarship and are applicable as described in 2) B of 2. Qualifications in the Application Guidelines.

d. Copy of academic records by the end of the second semester (the enrolled semester only)

e. *If other documents are required, each Graduate School will notify applicants of the documents.

3) Where to submit

Administrative office of each Graduate School

4) Other

Applicants cannot specify the type of scholarship in their applications. Whether or not the applicants will receive the scholarship (S or A or B) will be determined by screening.

5. Screening Method

Applications will be examined. An interview will be conducted if necessary.

6. Screening Criteria

Applicants will be evaluated comprehensively based on their academic records (the number of credits earned and GPA) and research progress.

*Specific screening criteria for each Graduate School will be described as follows.

7. Notification of Results

The screening results will be posted at the beginning of June, on the bulletin board of the Graduate School of Economics. The student ID card numbers of the selected recipients will be announced.

8. Method of Payment

Half the amount of the scholarship will be transferred to the bank account of each selected recipient every semester after the necessary procedures are completed. (Payment is scheduled in late July and late December. Please be aware that the stipend will not be provided to cover tuition.)

9. Return of Scholarship

Scholarship recipients may be asked to return the scholarship if they are deemed to be unsuitable as a recipient. The details will be announced at the time of payment procedures.