

AY 2016 Ritsumeikan University

# + R Incentive Scholarship for Individual Students



This scholarship program is designed to encourage and support students with good academic standing in curricular courses who continue to make sincere efforts to further deepen their curricular studies, and students with outstanding performance in extracurricular activities who are expected to achieve an even higher level of excellence.

The “+ R” that precedes the name of the scholarship represents the expectations of Ritsumeikan University for students to achieve significant personal growth through the process of pursuing new academic interests and working to accomplish higher goals in their voluntary activities.

Prepare your application form in advance and submit it to the office by the deadline below.

## Application period

**Monday, April 25, 2016 – Thursday, May 12, 2016**

**<No later than 5:00 p.m.>**

**This is the ONLY chance to apply for this scholarship for AY2016.**

**Contact the student office below for inquiries.**

< Where to submit the application documents >

**Kinugasa Campus:**

**Student Office (2nd floor, Kenshinkan Hall)**

**BKC:**

**Student Office (1st floor, Central Arc)**

**OIC:**

**Student Office (1st floor, BuildingA south-wing)**

< Opening Hours >

**9:30 – 17:00 (Weekdays except Tuesday)、Tuesday : 12:30 – 17:00**

**※11:30 to 12:30 is closed for lunch time.**



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## 1. Contents

### (1) Purpose

This scholarship program is designed to encourage and support students with good academic standing in curricular courses who continue to make sincere efforts to further deepen their curricular studies, and students with outstanding performance in extracurricular activities who are expected to achieve an even higher level of excellence.

- No. of recipients: Approx. 100 students
- Scholarship amount: 200,000 yen or 100,000 yen per year (Select an amount at the time of application.)

\* Selection method and criteria are the same for both. Select the amount that is applicable to the content in your application form.

- Scholarship money is paid by bank transfer. (The bank account must be in the name of the recipient.)
- Eligibility for other scholarships:
  - 1) Recipients of this scholarship are not eligible to receive the Athlete and Creator Development Scholarship.
  - 2) If the organization of which a recipient is a member receives the Financial Aid for Development of a Learning Community (support for developing various learning groups) and the organization and the recipient applied for the financial aid and scholarship respectively for the same purpose and under the same plan, then this scholarship is not granted to the recipient.
  - 3) The university may cancel this scholarship and request the recipient to repay the scholarship money in the following cases: the recipient withdraws from the university; the recipient takes a leave of absence; the recipient is found to have made a false statement or otherwise committed fraud; the recipient is punished by suspension; or there are other reasonable grounds.

### (2) Application category

There are three application categories for this financial aid.. The content of your application must be tied to one of the categories listed below.

#### 1) Activities to achieve the educational goals of Ritsumeikan University

This category is applicable to students who engage in activities to deepen their studies at a college of Ritsumeikan University, or who are striving to achieve their own goal in various fields of study offered by Ritsumeikan University across different specialties, taking advantage of its strength as a comprehensive university.

##### <Examples>

- Students participating in college-wide or university-wide peer support activities, whether curricular or extracurricular, to contribute to enhancing the learning environment
- Students pursuing new academic interests, learning from their experience of participating in a student-initiated seminar or seminar conference at a college
- Students engaging in fieldwork or research activities whether in Japan or overseas, taking advantage of their experience of studying abroad, in order to deepen their studies
- Students actively pursuing their academic interests by participating in project-type activities, learning from their experience of college-based or university-wide studies
- Students working for the wellbeing of the community or society, leveraging the expertise of their college
- Students striving to deepen their studies by presenting the results of their study at an academic meeting or in a research journal

#### 2) Activities to facilitate community development on or off campus

This category is applicable to students who play a positive role in problem solving and cultural and community development as a member of the community on or off campus and as a member of society.

##### <Examples>

- Students participating in activities to solve local problems and facilitate community development as a member of the local community, and striving to further deepen and enhance the activities
- Students engaging in activities to contribute to community development on and off campus, leveraging expertise and skills (in information technology, scientific knowledge and technique, tourism, education, welfare,

sports, law, etc.) gained through college-based or university-wide studies, and striving to further deepen and enhance the activities

- Students engaging in activities to enhance the quality of students' life on campus
- Students involved in various activities to conserve and develop traditional culture

### 3) **Activities to meet the demands of society in line with the educational philosophy of Ritsumeikan University**

This category is applicable to students who engage in social activities in line with the educational philosophy of Ritsumeikan University, "Peace and Democracy".

<Examples>

- Students participating in activities to promote peace and democracy (e.g. organizing a peace exhibition and students' forum, serving as a peace commentator, producing peace-related teaching materials, carrying out fieldwork concerning peace, war and poverty and conducting human rights activities) and striving to further deepen and enhance the activities
- Students pursuing new goals by engaging in activities that contribute to the peace of international society and facilitate regional cooperation, as part of their departmental and non-departmental studies

## 2. **Eligibility**

### (1) **To be eligible to receive this scholarship:**

- You should be a Full-time status student at Ritsumeikan University.
- You should be a first- to fourth-year student (or first- to sixth-year student if you are enrolled in the College of Pharmaceutical Sciences).
  - \* Students who were admitted to the GS major at the College of International Relations in September 2015 are considered first-year students at the time of the application period in May.
- If you were punished by suspension under Article 57 of the Ritsumeikan University Regulations, you cannot apply for the scholarship during the academic year in which the suspension period occurred.

(2) The single-year GPA you earned in the academic year preceding the application should be in the upper 50% of all the students of the same year at your college. (This condition does not apply to first-year students. )

\*The GPA standard will be posted on CAMPUS WEB on middle of May. A GPA of 2.5 to 3.5 is usually required to rank in with the top 50 percent of students in the same year. Contact the Office of Student Affairs for inquiries about the GPA standard in the previous academic year.

- Students who took a leave of absence or participated in a Ritsumeikan study abroad program in AY2015 will be considered for the scholarship as follows.

Category	Screening
Those who took a leave of absence during AY2015	Screening based on grades as of AY2014 fall semester
Those who took a leave of absence in AY2015 fall semester	Screening based on grades as of AY2015 spring semester
Those who participated in a Ritsumeikan study abroad program during AY2015 (study abroad completed)	Screening based on grades as of AY2015 fall semester that have been approved by the University
Those who participated in a Ritsumeikan study abroad program in AY2015 fall semester (study abroad completed)	Screening based on grades as of AY2015 fall semester that have been approved by the University
Those who participated in a Ritsumeikan study abroad program in AY2015 fall semester (study abroad in progress)	Screening based on grades as of AY2015 spring semester if grades for AY2014 have not been announced.

### (3) **Documents to be submitted**

To apply for the scholarship, the following documents should be submitted:

- AY2016 Application Form for +R Incentive Scholarship for Individual Students

### (4) **Re-application**

Students who have previously received this scholarship are not eligible to reapply. However, those who meet

one of the requirements below can reapply.

- 1) Those who have research plans and objectives different from their plans and objectives when they previously received this scholarship.
- 2) Those who have more advanced research plans and objectives than their previous plans and objectives when they previously received this scholarship.

### **3. Selection criteria and conditions**

#### **(1) Selection criteria**

- 1) Understanding of the purpose of the scholarship
- 2) Past achievements of the applicant
- 3) Clarity of the goal set by the applicant
- 4) Feasibility of the activity plan prepared by the applicant

#### **(2) Selection method**

- 1) Applicants will be screened based on the submitted documents and be selected for a group interview.
- 2) Following the interview, recipients will be selected.  
\* Those who were absent from the group interview without notice will be deemed to have declined the application.

#### **(3) Announcement of application results and Guidance**

- 1) Document screening results & Announcement of Interview time  
1:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 7, 2016@ Campas Web(Ritsumeikan HP)
- 2) Announcement of recipients  
1:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 5, 2016@ Campas Web(Ritsumeikan HP)  
Briefing session for recipients (Mandatory).

### **4. Obligations of recipients**

If selected as a recipient of this scholarship, you should behave in a manner that is exemplary to other students and positively make your achievements known to other students.

You are also obligated to

- (1) attend a briefing session for scholarship recipients;
- (2) submit a written report on your achievements; and
- (3) make your achievements known to the public when requested by the university.

### **5. schedule**

Process	application
<b>Application period</b>	<b>Monday, April 25, 2016 – Thursday, May 12, 2016 (No later than 5:00 p.m.)</b>
Document screening Result	1:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 7, 2016
Interview	Saturday, June 11, 2016 – Sunday, June 26, 2016
Announcement of results	1:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 5, 2016
Briefing session for recipients	6:00 p.m., Thursday, July 5, 2016

### **6. Contacts for inquiries**

Kinugasa Student Office	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor, Kenshinkan Hall	plusr@st.ritsumei.ac.jp
BKC Student Office	1 <sup>st</sup> floor, Central Arc	
OIC Student Office	1 <sup>st</sup> floor, Building A Southwing	