

MONBUKAGAKUSHO Scholarship Program in Ritsumeikan University, Japan
“Global Cooperation Program for Japan and ASEAN Linkage (GCP-JAL)”
Advance Notice of the Application for September 2018 Enrollment

In September 2014, the MONBUKAGAKUSHO* Scholarship Program, "Global Cooperation Program for Japan and ASEAN Linkage (GCP-JAL)" of the Graduate School of International Relations, Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, Japan, began accepting international MONBUKAGAKUSHO scholarship students. We are planning to recruit scholarship students for September 2018 enrollment admissions in November 2017 (tentative). We welcome applications from excellent candidates who understand the purpose of the program described below.

* MONBUKAGAKUSHO: the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), Japan

1. Host Graduate School

- Master's/ Doctoral courses, Graduate School of International Relations, Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, Japan

2. Majors, Programs, and Degrees

- Master's course: Major; International Relations, Program; Global Cooperation Program (GCP), Degree; Master of Arts in International Relations
- Doctoral course: Major; International Relations, Degree; Doctor of Philosophy

3. Standard Period of Study

- Master's course: 2 years
- Doctoral course: 3 years

* International student recipients of a MONBUKAGAKUSHO scholarship are to receive the scholarship within the standard period of study and not beyond that period.

4. Description of GCP-JAL

"Global Cooperation Program for Japan and ASEAN Linkage (GCP-JAL)" of the Graduate School of International Relations is a special program aiming to develop professional human resources who are expected to reinforce international collaboration among ASEAN countries as well as relationships between such countries and Japan.

International students with a MONBUKAGAKUSHO scholarship study here in English with other international students in an open environment. We provide them with lectures on international politics (for example, democracy and regional security), international economy (for example, market economy and regional integration), and contemporary development issues (for example, poverty and environment issues).

We hope that each student will become an “international cooperation professional” who is active in the fields of administrative management, policy making, and international development and will

collaborate with us for many years to come.

- Students are to enroll in the Global Cooperation Program (GCP), in which all courses are conducted in English.
- Through course work, students are able to learn about not only ASEAN regional integration and global development issues, but also lessons from Japanese development history.
- Students exchange their thoughts with students of many nationalities on various topics such as democracy, market economy, poverty reduction, sustainable development and security in our special seminars conducted by various professors with professional backgrounds.
- International students learn and discuss together with Japanese students in lecture, research and seminar. Through this unique environment, valuable relationships between them will be built.

5. Eligibility (to be announced officially in late October 2017 on our website)

- Age: Those born after April 2, 1983
- Timing of Entrance (Enrollment) : September 2018
- Applicant cannot be on active military duty or military-employed civilian
- Applicant cannot be receiving scholarships from any other organization or government, including ones in the applicant's home country
- International students with outstanding academic achievements and sufficient English ability to pursue our courses conducted in English. Academic results of the most recent two years will be screened (guideline: overall, 2.3 scores or more out of 3 points is required).

6. Number of Recruits

- Master's course: Several
- Doctoral course: Several

7. Entrance Examination Schedule

Screening is based on the submitted documents and three email interviews. As interviews will be scheduled sometime within 2 weeks after the application deadline, please be reachable by phone and email during this period. Application documents must arrive by the deadline. Please note that documents postmarked before or on the due date but arrive after the application deadline will not be accepted.

8. Scholarship Outline

<For your reference about last year information>

<http://en.ritsumeai.ac.jp/admissions/file/2017MEXTOutline.pdf>

9. Detailed Information on Website

Please check the following link for the admissions guidelines and more detailed information about government scholarship international student admissions (such as admission requirements, details of government scholarships, application documents, and FAQ). The September 2018 enrollment

Admissions Guidelines, which is an official announcement, is scheduled to be posted on the following website in late October 2017 (Scheduled application period: November 2017).

http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/eng/html/admissions/finance/host/fin_01_1.html/

<For your reference>

Ritsumeikan University <http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/eng/>

Graduate School of International Relations

<http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/gsir/eng/>

<http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/gsir/eng/education/gcp-jal.html/>

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