

Application Guidelines

AY 2020 Ritsumeikan University +R Alumni Association Future Human Resources Development Scholarship

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The purpose of this scholarship is to support individual student challenges to initiate activities which confront and find solutions to social problems. Funded by “the Alumni Association Future Human Resource Development Fund,” a donation from alumni, this scholarship gives inspiration as a message from seniors to “expand your own possibilities and take on challenges!”

MESSAGE FOR YOU

Your “challenge” will make you stronger and will clear the path for your future.

During this difficult time of COVID-19, you are surely experiencing changes in your student life and you may be facing many worries. Amidst these worries, overcome your challenges and clear a path to a new future. The Ritsumeikan Alumni Association supports the “you” that believes in the future and starts moving towards that future.

Kenji Murakami, President of Ritsumeikan University Alumni Association

II. Application Period and Procedures

Application Period	Monday, June 8 th , 2020- Monday, June 22 nd until 1:00 pm (Japan Standard Time)
Application Procedures	Please apply via the URL below. URL: https://cw.ritsumei.ac.jp/campusweb/SVA20D0.html?key=SUR20200610150203580111619 *See “3. Application Procedures” in these guidelines for details

III. Selection Methods and Schedule

Selection Process	Selection will be based on document screening and an interview (Web-based). *Only applicants who were selected during document screening will be offered an interview.
Announcement of Screening Results	Wednesday, July 8th, 2020 at 5:00 pm (via manaba+R)
Interview (Web-based)	Saturday, July 11th or Sunday, July 12th

Announcement of Recipients	Wednesday, July 22 nd at 10:00 am (via manaba+R)
Award Ceremony/ Briefing Session (Web-based)	Monday, July 27 th at 6:00 pm <u>*You must attend the award ceremony and briefing session to be officially accepted as a recipient of this scholarship.</u>

※**Inquiries about applications:** plusr@st.ritsumei.ac.jp

*Inquiries are accepted by e-mail at any time, but please note that the response time is from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm on weekdays.

1. Scholarship Information


(1) Outline

- 1) Number of recipients: 100 students (max.)
- 2) Scholarship Categories:
 - ① First Step Support
Plans that are concrete and considered feasible, regardless of demonstrable past achievements.
 - ② Advancement Support
Plans that have demonstrable past achievements and that are expected to continue to achieve significant results.
- 3) Scholarship Amount
 - ① First Step Support ¥100,000
Plans that are concrete and considered feasible, regardless of demonstrable past achievements.
 - ② Advancement Support ¥100,000, ¥ 200,000, ¥300,000
*The scholarship amount will be determined after considering the application content.
- 4) Payment Method: The scholarship is paid by bank transfer. (The bank account must be in the name of the recipient.)

(2) Target Activities

This scholarship is applicable to individual extracurricular activities that contribute solutions to various social problems in line with the educational philosophy of Ritsumeikan University.

In light of the current difficulties caused by COVID-19, only activities that are able to be implemented during this time will be considered.

* You can check the list of previous activity themes on the website from here 



2. Eligibility

(1) Basic Conditions

- 1) Undergraduate student enrolled at Ritsumeikan University (except those currently on a leave of absence).
- 2) Graduate student at Ritsumeikan University and fulfilling one of the following conditions (except those currently on a leave of absence):
 - ① Enrolled in a Master's Program or the 1st or 2nd year of an Integrated Doctoral Program
 - ② Enrolled in a Professional Graduate Degree Program.

(2) Other

- 1) Applicants may only submit one theme per application. (Applications for multiple themes will not be accepted)
- 2) No specific academic criteria are set.

However, applicants should be students with a strong intention to graduate from Ritsumeikan University or complete their graduate school courses of enrollment at Ritsumeikan University.

- 3) This scholarship cannot be combined with the Ritsumeikan University + R Challenge Scholarship in the same academic year.

In addition, this scholarship cannot be concurrently paid in the same academic year if the purpose of the activity is the same as the scholarship or grant of any of the following ① to ③.

- ① Athlete and Creator Development Scholarship
 - ② Financial Aid for Development of a Learning Community
 - ③ Financial Aid for Intercultural Exchange
- 4) Applications cannot be accepted during any academic year during which the student is being punished by suspension.

3. Application Methods

Please apply by filling out the form linked to the URL below. If you have evidential documents to submit, please convert them to PDF format and attach them.

URL: <https://cw.ritsumei.ac.jp/campusweb/SVA20D0.html?key=SUR20200610150203580111619>

4. Selection Criteria and Methods

(1) Selection criteria

1) First Step Support

- ① Feasibility and concreteness of the activity plan
- ② Clarity of the goal(s) of the activity
- ③ Possibility of the results of the activity giving something positive back to society

2) Advancement Support

In addition to criteria ① to ③ above, the following two criteria will be evaluated:

- ④ Demonstrable past achievements of the activity

However, this year, the effects that COVID-19 may have on activities will be taken into consideration.

- ⑤ Whether or not a certain strategy was discovered from the past activity to solve an issue, and the feasibility of putting that strategy into action.

***In addition to the above, in the event that implementation becomes difficult due to policies enacted to prevent the spread of COVID-19 or due to a worsening of the pandemic, selection will be made taking into consideration the contents of alternative measures.**

(2) Selection methods

- 1) Applicants will be screened based on the submitted documents and be selected for a group interview.
- 2) Successful applicants will be selected based on a web-based interview. (group interview)

*Those who were absent from the group interview without notice will be deemed to have withdrawn their application.

5. Obligations of Recipients

- 1) Submit an achievement report.
- 2) Attend the award ceremony.
- 3) Participate in the midterm exchange meeting.
- 4) Make public the details of the activity, including the theme and plan, by publishing them online, etc.
- 5) Make achievements known to the public when requested to do so by the university or Alumni Association.

6. Cancellation of Scholarship

The university may cancel this scholarship and request that the recipient repay the scholarship amount in the following cases:

- 1) The recipient withdraws from the university.
- 2) The recipient takes a leave of absence.
- 3) The recipient is found to have made a false statement or otherwise committed fraud within the application process.
- 4) The recipient is punished by suspension.
- 5) The recipient does not fulfill the above listed "Obligations of Recipients" without a justifiable reason.