Application Guidelines

AY2021 Second Call for Fall Semester
Ritsumeikan University Challenge Scholarship (Individuals)

Ⅰ. About Ritsumeikan University Challenge Scholarship (Individuals)

This scholarship supports the process of individual students who take the challenge of initiating activities with an awareness of problem solving that goes beyond the scope of individual curricular and extra-curricular activities. Through the challenges supported by this scholarship, we aim to encourage students to contribute to solving social problems, expand their potential, and create new values.

Ⅱ. Application Period and Procedures

Application Period	**From Tuesday, September 21, 2021 to Sunday, October 3 until 23:59 pm (Japan Standard Time)**
Application Procedures	Please apply via the URL below. URL: https://cw.ritsumei.ac.jp/campusweb/SVA20D0.html?key=SUR202109141348333042091 70 *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 (Online). *Only applicants who were selected during document screening will be offered an interview.
Announcement of Screening Results	**13:00 pm, Friday, October 22, 2021 (via manaba+R)**
Interview (Online)	**October 29(Fri), 30 (Sat), or 31(Sun), 2021**
Announcement of Recipients	**13:00 pm, Wednesday, November 10, 2021 (via manaba+R)**
Award Ceremony/ Briefing Session (Online)	**18:00 pm, Wednesday, November 10, 2021** *You must attend the award ceremony and briefing session to be officially accepted as a recipient of this scholarship.

※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: 400 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 ¥50,000,¥100,000

② Advancement Support¥50,000, ¥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

Voluntary activities by individual students that contribute to various needs of society in accordance with the university's educational philosophy.

※If the activity is related to individual curricular and/or extra-curricular activities, it must be expected to achieve results which go beyond the scope of regular activities.

※<u>There is a requirement that the activity contents be feasible even during the COVID-19 pandemic</u>.

【Targeted examples】

・Activities which have clearly stated achievement goals and are expected to contribute to the society.

・Activities which go beyond regular curriculum contents (including cases in which individuals have goals of presenting their "graduation thesis" outside the university, and cases in which "graduation research" is a part of the activity, but also include other volunteer activities).

・Activities which go beyond regular club / circle activities (including cases in which individuals take the challenge of extending the activities of their club / circle).

【Examples of exclusion】

・Activities and/or learning for the sole purpose of improving one's career (qualification acquisition, etc.).

・Activities within the scope of regular curriculum (activities for advancing a "graduation thesis" and / or "graduation research," etc.).

・Activities within the scope of regular club / circle activities (individual practice aiming to win a tournament, etc.).

・Activities that are part of an external organization that an individual belongs to.

2. Eligibility

(1) Basic Conditions

Undergraduate student enrolled at Ritsumeikan University (except those currently on a leave of absence).

(2) Other

1) Applicants may only submit one theme per application (Applications for multiple themes will not be accepted).

・Those who have applied for the Ritsumeikan University Challenge Scholarship this year can also apply again.

２）Academic requirements

None (However, the selection will be made in consideration of whether the individual can maintain academic achievement while pursuing the activities).

３）If the theme / purpose of the activity is the same as any of the following scholarships ① to ③, the applicant will be only eligible for one within the same year.

①Ritsumeikan University Athlete and Creator Development Scholarship

②Ritsumeikan University Alumni Association Future Human Resources Development Scholarship (Group)

③Ritsumeikan University Cross-Cultural Exchange Scholarship

4) Applications cannot be accepted during any academic year in 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 supplementary documents to submit, please convert them to PDF format and attach them.

URL : https://cw.ritsumei.ac.jp/campusweb/SVA20D0.html?key=SUR20210914134833304209170

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

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 all of the above criteria, ensuring the safety of activities is an essential condition.

***In addition, 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) Submission of activity result report.

2) Attendance at the awards ceremony.

3) Participation in midterm presentation and exchange meeting, etc.

4) Making public the details of the activity, including the theme and plan, by publishing them online, etc.

5) Other presentation and/or publication upon request by the university.

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.

7. In preparation for Scholarship Apprication

＊Click here to check the activity themes of selected individuals from previous years.

☞ http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/scholarship/grow02.html/#grow-personal-support-tab

＊The following is a link to "Thinking About Your Situation: Advice for All Students,” information related to the infection prevention measures against COVID-19. Please make sure to check the measures before applying for this scholarship.

☞ http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/infostudents/campus-diary/

＊The Division of Student Affairs provides support for students to carry out their independent extracurricular activities during the spread of the COVID-19. If you have any questions about applying for this scholarship, please refer to the contact information on the cover page of the application guidelines.