Admission Information for International Students

**Admissions**

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**Biwako-Kusatsu Campus in SHIGA**

A Campus where world-class research and education are offered in a serene and natural environment.

Offering top-tier science education and equipped with some of the largest research facilities, Biwako-Kusatsu Campus (BKC) is a campus where students can conduct research activities that take advantage of the campus’s location surrounded by nature and nearby Lake Biwa, Japan’s biggest lake, and where numerous companies have established their own research facilities. It is an innovative campus which creates and disseminates world-class educational research, knowledge and technologies to all regions of the globe. From Biwako-Kusatsu Campus, it takes only about 40 minutes to get to Kyoto Station.

Campus Locations
http://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/access/

**GRADUATE SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES GUIDE 2022**

立命館大学大学院生命科学研究科

Applied Chemistry Course / 応用化学コース
Biotechnology Course / 生物工学コース
Bioinformatics Course / 生命情報学コース
Biomedical Sciences Course / 生命医科学コース

立命館大学大学院 生命科学研究科
Ritsumeikan University Graduate School of Life Sciences
http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/gsls/  Tel. +81-77-561-5021  E-mail gsls@st.ritsumei.ac.jp
International Program for Life Sciences (September enrollment, English-based)

4つの学間の融合と連携で拡がる無限の可能性

International students are accepted for all courses, which are taught in English. The program is designed to foster the acquisition of broad knowledge and specialized skills related to the Life Sciences.

ライフサイエンスを専門に探求する4つの学間を融合させた学部を学び、大学院での最先端の研究を通じて、エネルギー、環境、医療、生物多様性といった幅広い領域への応用と貢献を担う人材を育成します。

【MASTER】Major in Advanced Life Sciences
博士課程前期課程生化学専攻

【DOCTOR】Major in Advanced Life Sciences
博士課程後期課程生化学専攻

Learning Environments / 充実した学習環境

生命科学研究科には、学生の学びを支える教育拠点・学習環境が整えられています。

2020年度に開設された4つの学間の新しい学習環境を体験してみてください。
Using an atomic and molecular level approach to solve problems in regards to materials, energy, and the environment

In the Applied Chemistry Course, students immerse themselves in an expansive field of chemistry theories and technologies, building on a foundation of physical chemistry, inorganic chemistry, analytical chemistry, organic chemistry, and biochemistry in order to explain the functions of existing substances, and to invent new substances. Students in this course develop specialized knowledge in a wide range of fields, from materials chemistry to energy and biotechnological fields.

- Fabrication of Electronically and Electrochemically Functional Materials Through Synthesis and Assembly of Unipolarized Molecules
- Supramolecular Chemistry Laboratory / Professor MADA Hidemoto, Lecturer HAYAKI Yohi

In basic science, molecular assemblies and highly organized structures are created via covalent bonding and various molecular interactions, resulting in basic activity that is crucial for life. Taking into account the structures and properties of basic molecules, our research focuses on the synthesis of new die molecules, which form supramolecular assemblies and translocate organized structures for advanced applications. On the basis of the research findings, we will propose new features and concepts for developing new scientific fields.

### Laboratory

- Inorganic Catalysis Chemistry Laboratory / KADA Yuki
  - Theme / Preparation of Catalysts for Future Material Development

Biological Chemistry Laboratory / KATO Mitsu
- Theme / Molecular Spectroscopy and Computational Studies on the Molecular Structure, Function and Changes of Biomolecules and Related Materials

Biological Reaction Chemistry Laboratory / MINAMI Toshiro
- Theme / Design and Construction of Chemical Reactor Spaces Using Biomolecules

Photochemical Physical Chemistry Laboratory / YAMAMOTO Yoshiyuki
- Theme / Development of High Performance Photofunctional Materials Based on Physical Chemistry

Analytical Biochemistry Laboratory / TAKAGI Kazuhito
- Theme / Radiocarbon Biochemistry

Biological Chemistry Laboratory / TAKAMI Hidetoshi
- Theme / Exploration of Various Biorecognition at the Molecular Level

Polymer Materials Chemistry Laboratory / TAKAYAMA Atsushi
- Theme / Creating future polymer materials for construction of new functional materials

Laser Photochemistry Laboratory / NAGASAKI Yutaka
- Theme / Activation of the Photochemistry of Dye Sensitizers for Photovoltaic Solar Cell Measurements and Quest for Application

Organic Materials Chemistry Laboratory / TANAKA Tomoo
- Theme / Synthesis and Functional Materials for Organic Functional Materials

Supramolecular Chemistry Laboratory / MADA Hidemoto / HAYAKI Yohi
- Theme / Biochemistry of Biologically Functional Materials Through Synthesis and Assembly of Unipolarized Molecules

### Laboratory

Bioenergy Laboratory / ISHIBASHI Takumi
- Theme / Molecular Mechanisms of Biodegradation and Formation of Plant Dyestuffs, Functional Biomass Resources

Plant Molecular Biology Laboratory / KASAHARA Masahiro
- Theme / Molecular Mechanism of Plant Responses to Light

Bionic Nanotechnology Laboratory / KUBO Minoru
- Theme / Bioinspiration of Biomass, Organic Agriculture, Function of Microorganisms

Plant Biotechnology Laboratory / TAKEDA Masaaki
- Theme / Generation of New and Unprecedented Plants Through Genome Editing

Biological Chemistry Laboratory / TAKADA Yuki
- Theme / Application of Biological Roles of Dyes by Synthetic Molecular Probes

Structural Biological Laboratory / MATSUMURA Hiroshi
- Theme / Structural Bioscience for Improvement of Natural Environment and Drug Design

Pursuing useful functions from organisms to overcome challenges of the environment, food, resources, and energy

In the Biotechnology Course, students build on a foundation of biochemistry, molecular biology, and microbiology and expand their knowledge of theories and technologies related to the environment, food, resources, and energy. Building on fundamental research topics, such as biological function, structural and functional analysis of ecosystems, and biomaterials science, students apply their knowledge to questions of the environmental, biomedical, and agricultural fields.

- Molecular Mechanisms of Plant Responses to Light
  - Plant Molecular Biology Laboratory / Professor KASAHARA Masahiro

- Organisms adapt to the environment by precisely responding to various stimuli. Cells have molecular mechanisms consisting of sensors that sense environmental stimuli such as light and temperature, as well as small molecules and signaling proteins that transmit stimuli to cells. Our laboratory, studying the molecular mechanisms of cellular and biological responses to light and using the CAMP signaling system in plants and microorganisms.

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- Applied Molecular Microbiology Laboratory / KIMURA Kazuaki
  - Theme / Biochemistry of Biologically Functional Materials

Structural Bioscience Laboratory / KUBO Minoru
- Theme / Biosynthesis of New and Unprecedented Plants Through Genome Editing

- Bioenergy Technology Laboratory / KAWAKAMI Masaaki
  - Theme / Development of the Production System of Valuable Materials Using Enzymes and Fermentation

### Field of activity

- New materials / Nanotechnology / Environmental analysis / Energy conversion / Functional materials
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- Biotechnology / Microorganisms / Bioenergy / Molecular biology / Environmental purification / Biological resources

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Bioinformatics Course

Explaining how biological activities work through the integration of life sciences and information sciences.

In the Bioinformatics Course, students have the opportunity to pursue an expansive range of specialized knowledge related to life science, information science, and biological function analysis technology, which form the basis of explaining the working of biological activities using information science. Specific research topics include mathematical analysis of genetic information, the structure-function relationship of protein molecules, and biological function, with applications in life science, medicine and pharmaceuticals, food products, and information technology.

- Mathematical Models for Understanding Life as Information Processing Machinery
  - Biological Computation Laboratory / Professor TOSHIYUKI YAMAMOTO
  - We aim to theoretically understand how biological systems process information. In other words, principles of biological computation. Our target range is from the operations of molecular machines to the collective behavior of organisms. A single model can sometimes represent phenomena at different scales, e.g., dynamics of chemical reactions and ecosystems, which is an interesting feature of mathematical modeling studies.

- Laboratory
  - Photophysical Biology Laboratory / AZAI Eiji
    - Theme / Synthetic Biological Approaches to the Evolution of Photosynthesis
  - Tissue and Organ Function Analysis Laboratory / MATSUDA Tatsuo
    - Theme / Analysis of tissue and organ function based on the Accurate Cell Level Model
  - Information Biology Laboratory / TETSUHISA Yamasaki
    - Theme / Understanding from Genome to Life System
  - Brain Network Information Laboratory / KITAMURA Takashi
    - Theme / Systems in Motion and Rhythms in Brain: Developing Natural Information Processing from Rhythms
  - Computational Structural Biology Laboratory / TAKAOKA Tomoya
    - Theme / Evolution and Application of Structure-Function Relationship of Biomolecules
  - Biophysical Network Laboratory / TAKAHASHI Kazuaki
    - Theme / How Photophysical Microorganisms Respond to Changes in Their Environment
  - Biological Computation Laboratory / TOSHIYUKI YAMAMOTO
    - Theme / Mathematical Models for Understanding Life as Information Processing Machinery
  - Plant Molecular Physiology Laboratory / FUKUDA Yoshibo
    - Theme / Molecular Mechanisms of Environmental Stress Tolerance in Plants

Biomedical Sciences Course

Aiming to develop preventive medicine and regenerative medicine by clarifying various biomedical phenomena.

In the Biomedical Sciences Course, students explore interdisciplinary applications related to the medical field. Possible research topics cover a broad spectrum of the life sciences field and include unknown biological phenomena and pathogenic mechanisms of various diseases as well as applications of state-of-the-art pharmaceutical product development and frontier medical technologies.

- Laboratory
  - Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine Laboratory / KAWAMURA Kenji
    - Theme / Innovative Stem Cell Reprogramming and Stem Cell Differentiation
  - Protein Modification Biology Laboratory / SHIBATA Kenji
    - Theme / Role of Protein Modifications in Biological Phenomena and Disease Onset
  - Pharmacology Laboratory / TAKAOKA Shunji
    - Theme / Remodeling of Hostile Networks: Ursolic Acid's Adaptability of the Brain
  - Applied Molecular Physiology Laboratory / NAMDAI Shu
    - Theme / Health and Disease of Heart Rate Regulation and Therapeutic Applications

Life science and biotechnology research aims to understand biological activities, and laboratories are dedicated to this goal. Fields such as biochemistry, molecular biology, and biophysics are actively studied. Life scientists employ various approaches such as genetic manipulation, biochemical analysis, and computational modeling to understand biological systems. These efforts are crucial in advancing our understanding of diseases and developing new therapies. The interdisciplinary nature of the Biomedical Sciences Course reflects the complexity of biological systems and the need for a holistic approach to tackling health challenges.

- Laboratory
  - Molecular Biology Laboratory / NISHIYAMA Akira
    - Theme / Applications of Molecular Biology for Understanding Life Systems
  - Prosthetic Laboratory / MIYAMOTO Takayuki
    - Theme / Prosthetics for the Hand
  - Medical Physics and Biotechnology Laboratory / MAKUKE
    - Theme / Study of Pathological Fluidization and Treatment of Diabetes

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- Laboratory
  - Medical Chemistry Laboratory / NISHIYAMA Satoru
    - Theme / Analysis of Herbal Drugs and Medicinal Compounds Mediated by Natural Antisense Transcripts

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Applied Chemistry Course /応用化学コース

YOSHIOKA Daisuke

Photostructural Chemical Laboratory /物理構造化学研究室

Iwate University

As a student of physics, I have always been interested in the world of science, from the earliest days of my education. I enjoyed learning about the many different aspects of physics, and I was particularly fascinated by the way in which the subject could be used to explain the workings of the physical world. I have always been interested in the way in which science can be used to solve real-world problems, and I am confident that I will be able to contribute to this field in the future. I am particularly interested in the field of materials science, and I am looking forward to exploring this area in more depth during my time at university.

Biotechnology Course /生命科学コース

KURODA Natsuko

Structural Bioscience I Laboratory /I. U. G. Group Holdings, Inc.

As a student in the field of life science, I have always been fascinated by the way in which biology can be used to understand the workings of the living world. I have always been interested in the way in which biology can be used to solve real-world problems, and I am confident that I will be able to contribute to this field in the future. I am particularly interested in the field of bioengineering, and I am looking forward to exploring this area in more depth during my time at university.

Biological Informatics Course /生物情報学コース

SANECHELLA Akari

Tissue and Organ Function Analysis Laboratory /FUJI FM Software Co., Ltd.

As a student in the field of biological informatics, I have always been fascinated by the way in which information can be used to understand the workings of the living world. I have always been interested in the way in which information can be used to solve real-world problems, and I am confident that I will be able to contribute to this field in the future. I am particularly interested in the field of bioinformatics, and I am looking forward to exploring this area in more depth during my time at university.

Biomedical Sciences Course /医薬科学コース

SATO Yuki

Medical Chemistry Laboratory /Nitto Denko Corporation

As a student in the field of biomedical sciences, I have always been fascinated by the way in which medicine can be used to understand the workings of the living world. I have always been interested in the way in which medicine can be used to solve real-world problems, and I am confident that I will be able to contribute to this field in the future. I am particularly interested in the field of drug discovery, and I am looking forward to exploring this area in more depth during my time at university.
各種奨学金について

学内ではさまざまな奨学金を設けています。山詰に置いては、問い合わせ先、募集要項等を必ず確認してください。
また、公費や公助団体の奨学金の申請や作業を行っているため、大学院学生に対しては、多くの団体や政府機関で実施しています。
詳細はこちらをご覧ください：http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/ju/jy/career/feelow/master/index.html

前課題課程対象

1年次対象成績優秀者奨学金

奨学金提供者：日本科学技術論文奨学金

奨学金対象：1年次対象成績優秀者

奨学金額：300,000円

入学者の30%程度

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前課題課程対象

2年次対象成績優秀者奨学金

奨学金提供者：日本科学技術論文奨学金

奨学金対象：2年次対象成績優秀者

奨学金額：300,000円

入学者の30%程度

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後課題課程対象

研究奨励奨学金

奨学金提供者：日本科学技術奨学金

奨学金対象：研究奨励奨学金

奨学金額：300,000円

入学者の30%程度

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日本学術振興会特別研究員を目指している方へ

学内での奨学金に限らず、日本学術振興会特別研究員を目指している方へ、奨学金対象の募集があります。以下に募集要項を掲載しています。

【募集要項】

奨学金名：日本学術振興会特別研究員奨学金
奨学金額：月額200,000円（支給予定額）
奨学金の利用対象：本学在籍の大学院生
奨学金の授与条件：過去2年間の成績が良好なもの

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VOICE

学内セミナーの活用、早めの準備、そして自身の研究を楽しむことが、研究のためのキーワードです。

根據：松原哲也

日本学術振興会特別研究員

前課題課程対象

日本学術振興会特別研究員として、大学院生としての生活に役立つこと、研究内容を深く理解すること、研究のためのキーワードです。
Scholarships

For Master’s and Doctoral students

Tuition Reduction Scheme for Privately-Financed International Students
This scholarship is provided to the privately-financed international students in order to reduce their financial burden.

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<td>100% exemption from tuition</td>
<td>To be decided on the evaluation of entrance examination</td>
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<td>Category II</td>
<td>20% exemption from tuition</td>
<td>Apply after enrollment</td>
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*Their residence status must be “Student” in order to apply.

MEXT Scholarship
- Monthly Allowance: JPY 143,000~145,000 (based on 2019 figures)
- Tuition Exempted
- Travel Expenses (to Japan/return): To be covered by scholarship
- Recommend to contact a professor whom you want to be supervised by in advance. Be sure to check our website to find our researcher’s works.
- Screening Method: Based on submitted application documents and e-mail interviews.
- Please visit our website to check if we recruit any students for the MEXT Scholarship in the year you are planning to apply.

For Master’s Students

SEISEKI-YUSHUSHA Scholarship for 1st Year of Enrollment (Academic Excellence Scholarship for 1st Year of Enrollment)
This scholarship is awarded to students who achieved great results in their entrance examinations and are entering the Master’s Program or the Integrated Doctoral Program in the first year at Ritsumeikan University.
Each graduate school will select prospective recipients for this scholarship among those who passed the entrance examinations by their designated method with outstanding results and the prospective recipients will be informed of their eligibility at the time of the announcement of the entrance examination results.

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http://en.ritsumeikai.ac.jp/admissions/shingaku-shorei-scholarship/
* For 2nd year, applicants must apply for this scholarship in the third semester while enrollment. Scholarship recipients will be selected on the basis of their applications at an application screening.

For Doctoral Students

KENKYU-SHOREI Scholarship
Students falling under the requirement below will be eligible to apply for KENKYU-SHOREI A/B.
Students who are currently enrolled in a Doctoral Program 1st year or more, and have achieved excellence or can be expected to achieve excellence in the field of research in light of Human Resource Development Goals for each graduate school.
*Applications for A and B will be accepted together, “A” for outstanding students and “B” for students corresponding to A.
Scholarship A 100% reduction in tuition
Scholarship B 50% reduction in tuition

More information on scholarship JASSO scholarship: 48,000 yen/month (for 6 months after enrollment)
For further information on scholarships, please refer to the following website.
http://en.ritsumeikai.ac.jp/e-ug/financial_info/scholarships.html/

Living Expenses
Living expenses will vary depending on each student’s individual lifestyle, but the following is a list of estimated expenses for the average student.

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Total: 117,000 - 167,000 yen

International Student Dormitory – BKC International House
The BKC International House sits in a quiet neighborhood, so it offers students both a peaceful setting and the convenience of close proximity to all of the university’s facilities. The BKC International House aims to help international students transition to living in Japan while providing an environment where students can adjust to the local language and culture as well as interact with fellow scholars from around the world.

Rooms Include:
- Refrigerator
- Internet Connection
- Bed & Bedding (with cleaning)
- Desk & Chair
- Air Conditioning & Lighting
- Sink & Toilet
- "Type B" rooms include individual showers!

Common Use Facilities
- Kitchen Lounge (with TV & DVD player)
- Shower Rooms
- Laundry Rooms & Dryers
- Multipurpose Hall with Tatami Corner (with TV & DVD player)
- Billiard Table, Table Tennis, Basketball Hoop
- Bicycle Parking

Student Life
Graduate School of Life Sciences has many international students from all over the world.

HOSSAIN Md. Saddam
Level of Study: Doctoral Program Graduate Company: Pharma Foods International Co., Ltd.
What are you doing now? How are you using what you have learned in your job?
Currently, I am working as a chief research scientist in the Biomedical division of Pharma Foods International Co., Ltd. in Japan. We have proprietary "AL2Agene" Technology for antibody drug development. My main tasks are the identification of potential antibody drug candidates and the development of lead antibody candidates against autoimmune diseases, cancer, etc. Group work, collaborative work, and discussions are three important tasks in any research-oriented job. During my Ph.D. studies, the International research environment at Ritsumeikan greatly helped me grow these skills. Currently, I am practicing these skills with my colleagues and increasing my confidence in work. Also, handling my workload in a proper technical way is very important for leading a successful career. My research experience with renowned professors and researchers helped me make the right decisions in my current work.

CHEDVORAPONG Vipavee
level of study: doctoral Program Graduate Company: FUMI CO., LTD.
What do you think are the advantages of studying in GSLS, Ritsumeikan University?
First, the facilities and data resources are ample, not only within the university but also outside it as well. We have access to resources from other universities and companies which Ritsumeikan has contracts with. These ample resources made research more productive. Second, the weekly seminars and monthly personal discussions encouraged me to keep progressing with my research. In addition, the support for attending conferences benefited me from both experience and education perspectives. The location, teachers, and staff familiar with assisting international students made my daily life easier, thus allowing me to focus on my research without anxiety. Lastly, to improve my Japanese skills, there were Japanese courses for international students, which can start from the basic level or you can choose to start from the intermediate level. The university's library also provided Japanese textbooks to improve your proficiency on your own.

KUMAR Siddhant
Level of Study: Doctoral Program Course: Advanced Life Sciences
How do you think your experience at Ritsumeikan University will help you achieve your goals?
The university provides a very healthy environment for doing research. The knowledge I gained from Ritsumeikan will help me showcase my research activities in the future. Moreover, the university even provides Japanese language courses which helped me get involved in Japanese culture. The Ritsumeikan University work environment creates a lot of opportunities for the future. The university even helps us to find various job opportunities comfortably. The healthy work environment provided by the university will help me in my professional career, too.

NUR Chamidah
Level of Study: Doctoral Program Course: Advanced Life Sciences
What is your favorite thing about Ritsumeikan University?
I do like the ambience of student life on this campus. As an applied chemistry student, I might need some rare substances and advanced instruments for my research, but the laboratory can provide it all in no time. I should also mention that I love the Japanese culture. So, studying at Ritsumeikan University can give me both a chance to gain more research skills and experience the amazing ambience of Japanese culture. Once I enrolled in this university, the staff kindly offered me some programs for international students to be directly involved in some activities and learn about Japanese culture.

CHEN Yuhang
Level of Study: Master’s Program Course: Bioinformatics Course
Were you worried about your new life at Ritsumeikan University before your arrival?
If so, how did your worries change after arriving?
The most worrying thing was the language problem. Because my Japanese is not good, I was very worried about how to communicate with classmates, how to order meals in restaurants, how to communicate if I encounter problems, etc. The university provides Japanese classes to solve this problem. Although my Japanese does not yet allow me to communicate well, people around me are very friendly and patient. I believe that working hard at learning Japanese will solve these problems.

MAJUMDER Toma RanI
Level of Study: Doctoral Program Course: Advanced Life Sciences
Why would you recommend studying at Ritsumeikan University to future students?
Ritsumeikan University is one of the top private universities in Japan and one of the country's largest. The international environment, high-quality education standards, strong research-oriented background, and research facilities, along with the number of scholarships it provides, are the top reasons to recommend this university. The career planning events and placement support systems for both Japanese and international students are very helpful for deciding future goals. Studying abroad is very challenging and exciting. I encourage everyone to try applying for an international graduate program at Ritsumeikan University.