# **Graduate School of International Relations 2023 DMDP Application Guidelines for Internal Selection**

(Note: Applicants via Regular Admissions for DMDP do not need to apply for this selection)

#### 1. Dual Master's Degree Program

Dual Master's Degree Program (DMDP) is an innovative program that allows students to earn two Master's Degrees from two universities in as short as two years by studying at an overseas graduate school for approximately one year while enrolling the Graduate School of Ritsumeikan University.

Note: Program outlines as well as application requirements of each partner university are subject to change. For updates, please contact the Administrative Office.

# 2. DMDP Partnership Universities

| American University (School of International Service: SIS) | USA      |
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| University of East Anglia (※)                              | UK       |
| The University of York                                     | UK       |
| Royal Holloway, University of London                       | UK       |
| Kyung Hee University (※)                                   | S. Korea |
| National Chengchi University                               | (Taiwan) |

(\*\*) As we have been coordinating with the partner universities including the possibility of student transfer from RU, we will notify you if there is a change.

### 3. Application

## **■** Eligibility

- 1. To be a 1<sup>st</sup> year student of Master's Program
- 2. To fulfill language requirements of the host university you wish to apply
- 3. To be able to present a research plan in English at an interview
- 4. To have fundamental knowledge of international relations

Eligibility might become flexible to an extent depending on a partnership university's policy, etc. If you are interested in applying but do not meet some requirements, please consult with the Administrative Office in advance.

#### **■** Required Documents

- 1. DMDP application form with your academic advisor's comment (prescribed): the form can be downloaded from DMDP website.
- 2. Research Plan written in both English (of approximately 500 words) and Japanese (of approximately 1,000 letters)
  - \*A4 size, free format
  - \*Submission of research plan written in Japanese is not mandatory for students in English-based programs.
- 3. An official score report of the TOEFL® or IELTS (A photocopy is acceptable; TOEFL®-ITP Test is not acceptable).
  - \*This is applicable to those whose mother tongue is not English.
  - \*Those who wish to apply for an U.K university, IELTS score is required.
  - \*Scores over two years old are invalid.
  - \*Only TOEFL iBT® scores from a single test date will be considered (MyBest<sup>TM</sup> scores will not be taken into consideration)

## **■** Application Due

# **Application Due Date**

# Wednesday, April 5, 2023 (04:00 pm)

### **■** Place of Submission

Please submit your application documents on manaba+R> Graduate School of IR Student Page> "DMDP" tab> upload documents.

## \*Consultation in Advance (required)

Since you may need to register courses suitable for your desired host university at RU, <u>please consult with a GSIR admin staff member before course registration.</u>

You are also requested to consult with your academic advisor at the earliest possible time with regards to your research/study plan.

# **■** Other precautions

Please note that you cannot withdraw your application after it has been submitted.

#### Contact to:

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