

We at the Ritsumeikan Academy present Academy Vision R2020 as an indication of the direction we ought to pursue for 2020.
We will make contributions to society through the fulfillment of our role as an education and research institution pursuing the development of academics and research and the fostering of human resources.

Creating a Future Beyond Borders

To create a rich and sustainable future for humanity and the world:
We will stress individuality and strive to acquire the capacity to respond to the issues the world faces, while creating a diverse community with strong person-to-person connections, through education, research and ties with society.
We will then display that capacity by making contributions to society while transcending our own “borders” and those of organizations, regions, countries and systems.

Transcending Ourselves

The term “self” indicates our individuality as people, as well as the various groups to which we belong.
We will expand our possibilities, making progress by surpassing existing borders and restrictions while recognizing the values of others through our studies at the Ritsumeikan Academy.

Create the Future

We will develop the academy so that each individual contributes to the future while creating new values by developing our diverse community and forging interpersonal connections.

Realizing Academy Vision R2020

Main areas which Ritsumeikan will pursue to achieve the aims of Academy Vision R2020:

- ☐ The creation of fruitful human relations in which we live together harmoniously with others
- ☐ Revitalization and creation of communities
- ☐ Working and living together with nature and society
- ☐ The creation of new academic fields

While utilizing the academy’s progress in “challenge” and “innovation,” we will make efforts at achieving learner-centered education, contributing to the solution of the issues society faces, and strengthening our research foundation which will allow us to pursue a number of research roles. In order to support these efforts, we will emphasize individuality while pursuing academy development which fulfills a social responsibility.

The following indicates our view for what we will pursue in regards to these several aims:

Learner-centered education

In the fostering of human resources, we have supported the formation of communities for students’ learning and growth in developing a culture of students learning together. In addition, we have offered a number of avenues to learning and growth through a variety of collaborative efforts, transcending campuses and national boundaries. We aim to move further towards achieving our goals while stressing the individual perspective of each student in making efforts at a learner-centered education which emphasizes praxis.

- Education-related Goals:
- Achieving learner-centered education which stresses diversity and the individual
 - Supporting many kinds of learning and growth through peer support and the formation of independent student communities
 - Strengthening education through a range of social and international collaboration which goes beyond the campus level
 - Developing the continuum of education through learner-based collaboration
 - Developing “Ritsumeikan academic ability” (encompassing solid academic ability, planning ability, energy, applied skill, enterprise, morality and internationality)
 - Learning from the efforts of APU in producing a progressive education method that guarantees “Ritsumeikan academic ability”
 - Constructing a comprehensive student support system

Pursuing further development and strengthening of our research foundation

In academic research, we have made efforts in collaboration with society and the promotion of fusion and collaboration of research which transcends conventional academic fields. It is important to construct a framework for producing a range of academic research in order to further pursue the academic research we have undertaken and contribute to the solution of the issues facing humanity, communities, the world and the planet. Therefore, we intend to share and make public our research results and give back to society in efforts to strengthen the research support system and research foundation. In addition, we will stress the fostering of human resources through research. And, as a private, integrated academy developing a continuum of education, we will make efforts at research which scientifically, theoretically and practically pursues the learning, education and development of students.

Research-related Goals:

- Pursuing a philosophy of returning academic research results to society in contributing to society through academic research
- Sharing research results with society and the world
- Research collaboration between Ritsumeikan University (RU) and APU, which is focused on contributing to the Asia-Pacific region
- The diversification of research through collaboration and fusion of academic fields
- Strengthening research through social and international collaboration
- Efforts in new fields in response to the requests, expectations and issues of society
- Upgrading education and human resource fostering through research
- Strengthening fundamental research which has wide-ranging potential
- Strengthening the research support system and research foundation to realize our ideals
- Promoting research related to learning/education and people

Academy administration and development which emphasizes individuality in assuming a role of social responsibility

In our education and research efforts, we will exercise our independence as a private university and maintain awareness of our social responsibility and role as an education and research institution in our pursuit of academy development. We will place importance on the realization of an academy rich in both time and space and on the people who come together at the academy.

Academy development and administration-related Goals:

- Awareness of social responsibility and our role as an education and research institution
- Promoting academy administration utilizing the participation of people affiliated with the academy
- Contributions to communities and betterment of the academy through collaboration with society
- Academy administration which emphasizes impartiality, transparency and morality
- An emphasis on the fostering of teaching and administrative staff
- The realization of an academy rich in both time and space
- Demonstrating the potential of private universities

