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Support for students enrolled or planning to enroll in and researchers working or planning to work at universities in the United States
—Ritsumeikan to provide nearly 530 million yen in assistance—

The Ritsumeikan Trust (Nakagyo-ku, Kyoto; Chancellor: Yoshio Nakatani) has decided on a policy to actively accept international students and researchers to Ritsumeikan University and Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU) in response to the growing concern among international students who are enrolled or planning to enroll in U.S. universities and researchers who are working or planning to work at U.S. universities about their ability to continue their studies and research due to the suspension of international student intake by the U.S. government. Ritsumeikan will provide approximately 530 million yen in assistance to students (up to 100) and young researchers (up to 16) who meet the conditions for acceptance.

Ritsumeikan University and APU, as institutions of higher education responsible for ensuring the continuation of international academic exchange, will enact the following support measures to provide learning and research opportunities to aspiring individuals.

■ Support measures

- (1) Intake as regular or non-regular students starting in the fall semester of 2025^{*1}
- (2) Housing assistance^{*2}
- (3) Intake of young researchers (Ritsumeikan University only)
- (4) Other kinds of support
 - Support for travel to Japan: Travel expenses, assistance with travel to Japan, etc.
 - Tuition and fees: For regular students, support will be provided in the form of tuition reductions or scholarships.^{*3}
 - Expenses for non-regular students (part-time student fees, etc.) will be fully waived.
 - Other: Japanese language buddies, exchange programs, daily life counseling, etc.

*1: Regular students

We will administer additional entrance examinations for September 2025 admission for students with Japanese citizenship or a valid status of residence.

Ritsumeikan University will accept graduate students, while APU will accept undergraduate students.

Non-regular students

We will accept students to the undergraduate colleges or graduate schools as part-time students or other types of students.

*2: Residence at each university's international dormitory or Seminar House (dormitory fees and other fees will be waived).

*3: Based on the results of their entrance examinations, regular students will be eligible for selection for university-designated scholarships.

Ritsumeikan will continue to take flexible and proactive measures to maintain an international education and research environment and to support the endeavors of each and every student and researcher.

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