

Scholarship Information

There are a number of scholarships that prospective students can secure before beginning their studies at RU, in addition to the scholarships and tuition reduction schemes that international students may apply for after commencing their studies. Scholarships are provided not only by RU, but also by organizations such as ADB and the Japanese government.

* Please note that the details of the scholarships below are as of May 2024 and are subject to change without advanced notice. Please refer to the application guidelines of each scholarship and research grant or the website for detailed updated information.

Scholarship Type	Master's Program	Doctoral Program
Prize Fellowships for International Students (Governments, Organizations, etc)	Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho) Scholarship	
	Asian Development Bank-Japan Scholarship Program (ADB)	—
	Japan-International Monetary Fund Scholarship Program for Asia (JISPA)	—
	Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students	
Fellowships for International Students (RU)	Ritsumeikan University Tuition Reduction Scholarship for International Students, Graduate Students Category I (100%)	
	Ritsumeikan University Tuition Reduction Scholarship for International Students, Graduate Students Category II (20%)	
	Ando Momofuku Scholarship for International Students	
	International Students Assistance Scholarship by Ritsumeikan faculty/staff	
Prize Fellowships	SEISEKI-YUSHUSHA Scholarship (For 1st Year of Enrollment) (Academic Excellence Scholarship for 1st Year of Enrollment)	KENKYU-SHOREI Scholarship (Prize Fellowship for Doctoral Degree Students)
	SEISEKI-YUSHUSHA Scholarship (For 2nd Year Students) (Academic Excellence Scholarship for 2nd Year Students)	NEXT Fellowship Program (NEXT Fellowship Students)
	—	RARA SPRING (RARA Student Fellow)
Support System for Career Development	GAKKAI Scholarship (Academic Conference Scholarship)	GAKKAI Scholarship (Academic Conference Scholarship)
	KENKYU-JISSEN-KATSUDO Grant (Grant for Students Participating in Study Programs)	Research Grant for Doctoral Students
	Program to Support the Submission of Academic Papers in Foreign Languages (for Graduate Students)	
	—	Grant for Publication of Doctoral Dissertation

Apply before enrollment

Scholarship Name	Qualifications		Scholarship Conditions		Notes	Recipients in 2023
	Nationality & Age	Eligible Graduate School(s)	Benefits	Period		
Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship*1	Countries recognized by the Japanese government; Under 35	All graduate schools*3	145,000-148,000 yen/ month, tuition fees, travel expenses	Master's 2years Doctoral 3years	Applicants must apply to RU via special MEXT admissions	52*4
Asian Development Bank-Japan Scholarship Program(ADB)*1	Citizens of ADB developing member countries; Under 35	Economics (Master's program only)	147,000 yen / month, tuition fees, travel expenses, book allowance, medical and health insurance	2 years	Applicants must apply to RU for admission and to ADB for scholarship separately	5
Ritsumeikan University Tuition Reduction Scholarship for International Students, Graduate Students Category I (100%)	—	All graduate schools*3	100% exemption from tuition fees	Master's 2years Doctoral 3years	Awarded to Regular Admissions applicants based on entrance exam performance	35
SEISEKI-YUSHUSHA*2 Scholarship (For 1st Year of Enrollment) (Academic Excellence Scholarship for 1st Year of Enrollment)	—	(Master's programs only) All except School of Law and Graduate School of Management	100,000 - 600,000 yen deducted from tuition. (varies by graduate school)	1 year	Awarded to Regular Admissions applicants based on entrance exam performance	413

*1 Recipients of these scholarships may not accept any additional scholarships.

*2 Notification of award is sent to the successful applicants along with admission results.

*3 Actual graduate schools selected each year based on university protocol.

*4 The number of students is for the MEXT University Recommendation Scholarship only.



Admissions & Aid

Information on scholarships to apply for before enrollment



Graduate Student Career Path Support Center

Information on scholarships and grants offered by Graduate Student Career Path Support Center

Apply after enrollment (for self-financed international students)

Scholarship/ Grant Name	Eligibility Criteria	Scholarship Conditions		Application Period	Recipients in 2023
	Year Level/Age	Benefits	Period		
Ritsumeikan University Tuition Reduction Scholarship for International Students, Graduate Students Category II (20%)	All Levels	20% exemption from tuition excluding (admission fee)	1 year	Spring / Fall	747*1
Ando Momofuku Scholarship for International Students	All Levels (Under30)	1,000,000 yen / year	1 year	Spring	4
International Students Assistance Scholarship by Ritsumeikan Faculty/Staff	All Levels	250,000 yen / year	1 year	Spring	7
Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students	All Levels	48,000 yen / month	1 year	Spring	19
			6 months	Fall	34
SEISEKI-YUSHUSHA Scholarship (For 2nd Year Students) (Academic Excellence Scholarship for 2nd Year Students)	Enrolled in the 3rd semester of Master's Degree Program	100,000 - 600,000 yen (depending on graduate schools) / year	1 year	Spring or Fall One time in the 2nd year	365
KENKYU-SHOREI Scholarship (Prize Fellowship for Doctoral Degree Students)	Doctoral Degree Program	S*2: Equivalent to the yearly tuition A: Equivalent to the yearly tuition B: Equivalent to half of the yearly tuition	1 year	Spring or Fall One time (Not all of graduate schools) (recruit in the fall semester.)	156

*1 After enrollment, all students in English-based programs who meet the eligibility requirements and complete an application by the deadline are granted the award. The number of recipients listed only includes newly enrolled student. The current Tuition Reduction Scheme is in place up through AY2025, with the scheme for AY2026 onwards as of yet undecided.

*2 Students who have a status of JSPS Research Fellowship for Young Scientists DC1/DC2, or who passed the 1st stage screening.

Scholarship/ Grant Name	Summary of the Scholarship / Grant	Eligibility	Amount
GAKKAI Scholarship (Academic Conference Scholarship)	This scholarship assists with part of expenses for participation and presentations at academic conferences.	All Levels	5,000 yen : online attendance 10,000 yen : attendance on site 15,000 yen : online presentation / proceeding (submitted paper) is published 30,000 yen : presentation in Japan 100,000 yen : presentation overseas
KENKYU-JISSEN-KATSUDO Grant (Grant for Students Participating in Study Programs)	This grant is designated to support a part of participation fee when graduate students participate in study programs (KENKYU-JISSEN-KATSUDO) organized by target graduate schools.	Master's Degree Program	15,000-30,000 yen : domestic 20,000-200,000 yen : overseas
Research Grant for Doctoral Students	The purpose of this grant is to reduce the financial burden for the realization of outstanding research plans by outstanding students, and to promote research activities that contribute to the completion of their doctoral dissertations as early as possible, thereby supporting the completion of their doctoral dissertations within the standard period of study.	Doctoral Degree Program	Three types: 100,000 yen/ 300,000 yen/500,000 yen
Program to Support the Submission of Academic Papers in Foreign Languages (for Graduate Students)	The purpose of this program is to encourage and prompt graduate students to internationally disseminate their research results through research article publication in English.	All Levels	up to 50,000 yen : Proofreading Expenses up to 50,000 yen : Submission Expenses
Grant for Publication of Doctoral Dissertation	This program is to encourage and prompt graduate students to publish their dissertation. This program will provide financial assistance to support those who earned a doctoral degree from Ritsumeikan University to publish their doctoral dissertation. Published books will be stored and shelved in Ritsumeikan University Libraries.	Doctoral Degree Program	Maximum of 1,000,000 yen

Other available scholarships for international students

For more information about scholarships available for international students, please refer to the International Student Handbook.

Inquires : International Center at BKC cger-bkc@st.ritsumei.ac.jp

