

## 4. Scholarships

### (1) Outline

Ritsumeikan University has several varieties of support for international students such as scholarships and tuition reduction. This support can be broadly divided into two general categories: tuition reduction and university-recommended scholarships. While most scholarships require that applicants hold a "Student" status of residence, there are some scholarships that do not require this status of residence. Interested students are encouraged to submit applications for Ritsumeikan University Scholarship Application for Privately Financed International Students explained below. In general, scholarships are awarded to students who are proactive in their studies and other activities. There is no guarantee that all international students will be approved to receive a scholarship, however. Additionally, various scholarships have additional eligibility criteria, conditions and application procedures, so financial need alone does not guarantee that applicants will receive scholarship assistance. Some scholarships may require applicants or recipients to have a bank account in Japan while others may require students to be staying in Japan. Please make sure you understand the application method for each scholarship and apply for the appropriate scholarship by the due date.

Scholarship Category		Eligible Applicants
1) Tuition Reduction	(1) Tuition Reduction Scheme for Ritsumeikan University International Students	All students (within their standard program duration)
2) Scholarships (University-Recommended Scholarships)	(2) Scholarships provided by Ritsumeikan University	All students
	(3) Scholarships from central and local governments, private foundations, and individuals (university recommendation required)	
3) Scholarships to which students can apply individually (no university recommendation required)		Varies based on the scholarship
4) Scholarships awarded upon acceptance to Ritsumeikan (university recommendation required)		Varies based on the scholarship

\*For information about scholarships for international students, check manaba+R, the international student mailing list, or the International Center website periodically.

\* For details about scholarships that are not available at the International Office, contact Manabi Station, the Office of Student Affairs, the Office of Graduate Studies, or the Inter-Faculty Graduate School Office.

\*For details, refer to the scholarship list.

## (2) Application Process Flowchart

### Tuition Reduction

Application forms will be checked, eligibility verified, and recipients determined.



Handling of “Tuition Reduction Scheme for Ritsumeikan University International Students”

#### **2023 enrollees (undergraduate)**

##### Spring/Fall Application

Tuition reduction will be reflected on tuition bill.

#### **All other applicants**

##### Spring Application

Amount of reduction will be processed as overpayment.

##### Fall Application

Tuition reduction will be reflected on tuition bill.

#### \* Note:

The above applies to spring enrollees (undergraduate students only). For further information on September enrollees and graduate students, please see the application guideline for tuition reduction or notification provided when recipients of the tuition reduction are announced.

### University-Recommended Scholarships

Applicants will be ranked based on their academic records to determine recipients.  
(Graduate students will also be evaluated based on their essays.)



Scholarships provided by Ritsumeikan University

University selects awardees



Awardees announced via e-mail



Formal notice of award after completion of required paperwork and procedures

Scholarships from central and local governments, private foundations, and individuals

When the university receives the request for nominees, it will select candidates that meet the scholarship conditions



University will contact eligible candidates



Candidates complete designated paperwork and submit the forms to the university



Awarding organization conducts document and interview selection process and informs university of results

### (3) Tuition Reduction

#### Tuition Reduction Scheme for Ritsumeikan University International Students

- With regard to students who enroll to Ritsumeikan University (besides English-basis students who enroll through AO Admissions or University Recommendations), only the top eligible applicants based on academic performance are eligible for tuition reduction. No other students from this category will receive tuition reductions.
- All English based student applicants who enroll through AO Admissions or University Recommendations and all graduate school applicants are eligible for tuition reduction.
- For more details, please refer to the tuition reduction application guidelines.

#### Eligibility Criteria

- Must be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree-seeking program at Ritsumeikan University. (Students on a Leave of Absence are not eligible.)
- Must have the status of residence of "Student".
- Must be a privately-financed international student.

#### Reduction Period

1 year \*(“Graduate I” category students receive a reduction for the duration of their standard program completion period.)

#### Application Periods

April enrollees: Spring semester (early April)  
September enrollees: Fall semester (early October)

#### Important Notes

- \*Students who wish to receive the tuition reductions above must apply each year. Receipt of tuition reduction does not automatically carry over to subsequent years.
- \*Applicants who have paid the entire year's tuition at the time of application and fall semester applicants will receive a refund of the amount of tuition at the end of the academic year.
- \*Applicants who decide to take a leave of absence from their studies, withdraw, or study abroad after submitting their application should report that decision to the International Center at their campus immediately.
- \*Please see the application guidelines for more information about the selection process for tuition reduction.

### <Ritsumeikan University Tuition Reduction Scheme for International Students / Undergraduate Students>

Japanese Based Students (Majors/courses other than those listed below)	Undergraduate I (100% reduction): Top 10% of eligible applicants
	Undergraduate II (50% reduction): Next top 10% of eligible applicants after Undergraduate I recipients
	Undergraduate III (20% reduction): Next top 50% of eligible applicants after Undergraduate I•II recipients
English Based Students (International Relations-GS) (International Relations-JDP) (Policy Science-CRPS) (Information Science and Engineering-ISSE) (Global Liberal Arts)	Undergraduate I (100% reduction): Top 10% of eligible applicants
	Undergraduate II (50% reduction): Next top 10% of eligible applicants after Undergraduate I recipients
	Undergraduate III (20% reduction): Eligible applicants who did not receive Undergraduate I or II reduction

### <Ritsumeikan University Tuition Reduction Scheme for International Students / Graduate Students>

All Researchers	Graduate I (100% reduction): Decided upon acceptance
	Graduate II (20% reduction): Eligible applicants who did not receive Graduate I reduction

## (4) Scholarships

### 1) University-Recommended Scholarships

University-recommended scholarships include scholarships provided by Ritsumeikan University and scholarships from central and local governments, private foundations, and individuals. A list of all scholarships may be found on pages 63-67 under (7) List of Scholarships. The scholarship award amounts and payment periods vary based on the scholarship.

### 2) Scholarships to which students can apply individually (no university recommendation required)

If the university receives information about scholarships to which students may apply on their own, that information will be shared via manaba+R and e-mail from the International Center, as well as posted on the International Center website. Other scholarships may exist that do not pass information to the university, so please check the scholarship organizations' websites and bulletins on your own.

\*If you apply for any scholarships on your own, please be certain to inform the International Center at your campus.

## (5) Application Procedures for Tuition Reduction and Scholarships

For more details about the application procedures for tuition reduction and scholarships, please refer to information provided by e-mail, on manaba+R, and on the International Center webpage.

## (6) Certificates of Scholarship Receipt

The International Center can issue certificates of scholarship receipt for a fee when necessary for purposes such as extension of stay or passport renewal.

- 1) To Apply:  
Complete all sections and submit the "Application for Certificate Issuance" as well as the processing fee to the International Center at your campus during service hours.
- 2) To Receive:  
Certificates can be picked up at the International Center or mailed.
- 3) Processing Time:  
Approximately one week from application  
\*Processing time for certain certificate types may take longer.
- 4) Fee:  
200 yen/copy
- 5) Available Certificates:  
Tuition Reduction Receipt Certificate, MEXT Scholarship Certificate, Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students Certificate, ADB – JSP Scholarship Receipt Certificate

## (7) List of Scholarships

Recommendations and Newly Awarded Scholarships in 2022

\*Spring/Fall in the Application Period column indicates the period for university-recommended scholarships.

**U:** Undergraduate / **G:** Graduate / **M:** Master's Degree /  
**D:** Doctoral Degree / **RU:** Ritsumeikan University

## 1) Scholarships Offered by Ritsumeikan University

Scholarship Name	Eligibility Criteria (Award in 2022) *Only special notes are mentioned.					Japanese Proficiency	Scholarship Conditions		Application Period in 2022	Recommended Recipients in 2022	Awards in 2022
	Lvl	Major	Yr	Country	Age		Amount	Award Period			
Ando Momofuku Scholarship for International Students	U			Asian Countries	Under 30		1,000,000 yen/year	1 year	Spring	2	2
	G									2	2
International Students Assistance Scholarship by Ritsumeikan Faculty/ Staff	U						250,000 yen/year	1 year	Spring	14	7
	G									7	7
RU Parents' Association of Student Education Assistance International Students Scholarship	U						250,000 yen/year	1 year	Spring	20	20

## 2) Scholarships Offered by Private and Public Foundations (University Recommendation Required)

The following is information regarding the scholarship application situation from the previous year. Whether or not these scholarships will be offered in 2023 depends on the private or public foundations which administer them. In addition, some scholarships that indicate “open application” require students to complete university-recommended scholarship procedures in order to apply.

Scholarship Name	Eligibility Criteria (Award in 2022) *Only special notes are mentioned.					Japanese Proficiency	Scholarship Conditions		Application Period in 2022	Recommended Recipients in 2022	Awards in 2022
	Lvl	Major	Yr	Country	Age		Amount	Award Period			
Mombukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students (12 months)	U						48,000 yen/month	1 year	Spring	5	5
	G									4	4
Mombukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students, Special additional recruitment (6 months)	U						48,000 yen/month	6 months	Fall	4	4
	G									4	4
The Asahi Glass Foundation	G	Medical, dental, pharmaceutical (Excl. veterinary)	M1 D1	Thailand, Indonesia, China, Korea	under 30	required	150,000 yen/month	Minimum years required for graduation	Spring	1	0
Asian Foundation for International Scholarship Interchange	U			Asia, South America, Africa	under 30	required	60,000 yen/month	1 year	Fall	0	0
	G				under 35		(M) 60,000 yen/month (D) 70,000 yen/month			0	0
Ajinomoto Scholarship Foundation	G	Food, nutrition, or health fields		Asia, South America, Africa	under 30	required	150,000 yen/month	Maximum 2 years	Spring	1	0
The Iwatani Naoki Foundation Scholarship for International Students	G	Natural sciences and related fields		East/Southeast Asian countries	(M) under 30 (D) under 35	required	150,000 yen/month	Maximum 2 years	Fall	2	0
	G									0	0
Ichikawa International Scholarships Foundation (Spring Application)	G			Asian countries	under 35	required	120,000 yen/month	Minimum years required for graduation	Fall	2	2
Ichikawa International Scholarships Foundation (Fall Application)	U			Asian countries	under 30	required	100,000 yen/month	1 year	Spring	4	3
Otsuka Toshimi Scholarship Foundation	G	Business administration, sciences related to health and pharmaceuticals			38 or under *6		2,000,000 yen, 1,500,000 yen, or 1,000,000 yen/year	1 year	Fall	2	0
Kato Asao International Scholarships Foundation	G			Asian countries	(M) under 30 *6 (D) under 35 *6	required	(M) 130,000 yen/month (D) 150,000 yen/month	2 years	Fall	2	2
	G										
Kamenori Foundation	G	Humanities and social sciences	M1 D1	China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea, and designated ASEAN countries		required	200,000 yen/month	Minimum years required for graduation	Fall	0	0

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	Lvl	Major	Yr	Country	Age		Amount	Award Period			
Kyoritsu International Foundation Scholarship	G		D1, etc.	Asian countries		required	100,000 yen/month	1 year	Fall	1	0
Kyoritsu Maintenance Scholarship Fund	U		1-3	Asian countries		required	60,000 yen/month	1 year	Fall	1	0
KDDI Foundation	G	*1			35 or under *6		100,000 yen/month	6 months or 12 months	Spring	1	1
International Japanese Cultural Research Foundation	G	Currently enrolled doctorate students in Kyoto Prefecture	D1-3			required	100,000 yen/month	Maximum 3 years	Spring	1	0
Kobayashi International Scholarship Foundation	U		3-4	Asian countries	35 or under *6	required	150,000 yen/month	Minimum years required for graduation	Fall	1	1
	G						180,000 yen/month			1	1
SGH Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students (Prev. Sagawa Scholarship Foundation)	U		3	ASEAN countries	under 27 *6 under 35 *6	required	120,000 yen/month	2 years	Spring	1	0
	G		M1							1	0
SGH Special Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students (Prev. Sagawa Scholarship Foundation)	G		D2	ASEAN countries	under 35 *6		180,000 yen/month	2 years	Spring	0	0
Sato Yo International Scholarship Foundation (Fall Application)	U		2-4	Asian countries (excluding China, Taiwan, Korea)		required	150,000 yen/month	2 years	Spring	1	0
	G						180,000 yen/month			1	1
Sato Yo International Scholarship Foundation (Spring Application)	U		1	Asian countries (excluding China, Taiwan, Korea)		required	150,000 yen/month	2 years	Fall	1	0
	G		M1 D1				180,000 yen/month				
JEES International Scholarship (Study Support)	U		2-4			required	40,000 yen/month	Maximum 2 years	Spring	3	0
G											
JEES Scholarship for the Promotion of Japanese Language Learning	U	*2				required	50,000 yen/month	6 months	Around May (open application)	0	0
	G									0	0
JEES Scholarship: Support for Study in Japanese	U	*3				required	50,000 yen/month	6 months	Around May (open application)	1	1
	G									1	1
JEES Scholarship for the Promotion of Japanese Language Learning (Priority Countries)	U			Designated priority countries		Required	50,000 yen/month	Maximum 2 years	Spring	1	1
	G										
LIAJ (Life Insurance Association of Japan) International Student Scholarship	U	*4	3	Designated Asian countries		required	100,000 yen/month	2 years	Fall	2	1
	G		M1							0	0
Korea Scholarship Foundation	U			North and South Korea	under 30 *6	required	25,000 yen/month	1 year	Spring	2	1
	G				under 40 *6		(M) 40,000 yen/month (D) 70,000 yen/month			0	0
Kyoto City International Foundation Zhang Fen Jun Scholarship Fund	U	Currently enrolled university students in Kyoto City	2 and up	Designated Asian countries		required	50,000 yen/month	1 year	Spring	1	0
Docomo Scholarship	G	Communication technology and information processing (incl. humanities and social sciences majors)*5	M1	Designated Asian countries		required	120,000 yen/month	2 years	Spring	1	0
T. Banaj Indian Students Scholarship	U			India			100,000 yen/month	Minimum years required for graduation	Fall	1	0
Daiyukyo Foundation of International Exchange, Assistance & Research	U	OIC students currently living in Osaka Prefecture	1			required	50,000 yen/month	Minimum years required for graduation	Fall	1	0
Toyota Tsusho Scholarship	U	Social sciences (economics, law, etc.), humanities, or science and engineering	3			required	100,000 yen/month	2 years	Fall	1	0
	G										

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	Lvl	Major	Yr	Country	Age		Amount	Award Period			
Nishimura International Scholarship Foundation	U	Those currently living in Osaka Prefecture	3	Asian countries		required	120,000 yen/month	Minimum years required for graduation	Spring	1	1
	G		M1 D1							0	0
JGC-S Scholarship Foundation	G	Science and engineering				required	300,000 yen/year	1 year	Spring	1	1
Hashimoto Jun Memorial Scholarship	U	Kinugasa students in Humanities		East Asian countries		required	120,000 yen/month	Minimum years required for graduation	Spring	2	0
	G									2	1
Hashiya Scholarship Foundation	U			Indonesia		required	100,000 yen/month	Minimum years required for graduation	Fall	2	0
	G										
PAL Inoue Foundation	U		2 and up			required	25,000 yen/month	1 year	Spring	1	1
Shiga Intercultural Association for Globalization Biwako Scholarship	U	BKC students currently living in Shiga Prefecture				required	20,000 yen/month	1 year	Spring	2	2
	G									1	0
Heiwa Nakajima Foundation Scholarship	U					required	100,000 yen/month	1 year	Fall	1	0
	G									1	0
Mitsubishi Corporation Scholarship	U		3-4				120,000 yen/month	Minimum years required for graduation	Fall	2	2
	G									150,000 yen/month	3
Yasuda Scholarship Foundation	U	Law, economics, and business administration	2			required	100,000 yen/month	Maximum 3 years	Fall	3	0
Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Scholarship	U		3-4		under 45	required	100,000 yen/month	Minimum years required for graduation	Fall	5	2
	G		M1-2 D2-3				140,000 yen/month			5	3

\*1 Studying telecommunications or a related theme in the fields of law, politics, economics, society, culture, or technology

\*2 Those studying in the field of Japanese Language Teaching, who passed last year's Japanese Language Teaching Competency Test at a test site in Japan

\*3 Those who passed last year's JLPT level N1 or N2 with excellent score

\*4 Those interested in the financial industry, especially in life insurance

\*5 Those studying communication technology or information processing, Humanities and Social Studies majors researching communication technology or information processing.

\*6 The age as of April 1, 2022

- Scholarship requirements are subject to change.
- Scholarships that require Japanese language proficiency have "required" in the Japanese Proficiency column.



### 3) Other Scholarships Offered by Private Foundations that Students Must Apply for Independently (No University Recommendation Required)

\*Confirm application details at the website for each foundation.

Scholarship Name	Eligibility Criteria (Award in 2022) *Only special notes are mentioned.					Japanese Proficiency	Scholarship Conditions		Application Period
	Lvl	Major	Yr	Country/ Region	Age		Amount	Award Period	
Otsuka Toshimi Scholarship Foundation	G	*1				required	2,000,000 yen, 1,500,000 yen, or 1,000,000 yen/year (500,000 yen/year if you receive it concurrently with another scholarship)	1 year	Around March-April
Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association,	G			Taiwan	Those born on or after Apr. 2, 1987		144,000- 145,000 yen/month	Minimum years required for graduation	September-October
Nitori International Scholarship Foundation	U		2-4			required	50,000-80,000 yen/month	1 year	1st half: July-November
	G		M1-2						2nd half: January-May
Donghua Educational and Cultural Exchange Foundation Scholarship	U		3-4	China (incl. Taiwan, Macau, Hong Kong)			100,000 yen/month	1 year	November
	G		All						
Japan-China Friendship Association Ariake Japan Scholarship	G	*1		China	Those born on or after Apr. 2, 1993		70,000 yen/month	1 year	November
Taiwan Dokyokai Scholarship	U			Taiwan		required	120,000 yen/year	1 year	June-September
	G								
The Frances & Sachio Semmoto Foundation	U		2-3 as of October 1, 2022	*2	Under 29 as of March 31, 2022		80,000 yen/month	1 year	June-August
Kiyomizu Temple Scholarship	U	Kinugasa or Suzaku students					100,000 yen/month	1 year	July 1-July 15
	G								
More Jobs Better Lives Foundation	U	*3	*3	*3	30 or under as of April 2022		100,000 yen/month	Minimum years required for graduation	September-October
	G				35 or under as of April 2022		120,000 yen/month	Minimum years required for graduation	

\*1 For more details with regard to majors, please confirm by checking the scholarship foundation's website.

\*2 Eligible countries for the Semmoto Foundation Scholarship: Laos, Cambodia, Myanmar, Indonesia, Vietnam, Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, and the United States

\*3 For more details, please confirm by checking the scholarship foundation's website.

\* Scholarship requirements are subject to change.

\* Scholarships that require Japanese language proficiency have "required" in the Japanese Proficiency column. For more details, please check the scholarship's website.

### 4) Scholarships Awarded Upon Entrance to Ritsumeikan (University Recommendation Required)

Scholarship Name	Eligibility Criteria (Award in 2022) *Only special notes are mentioned.					Japanese Proficiency	Scholarship Conditions		Application Period in 2022	Recommended Recipients in 2022	Awards in 2022
	Lvl	Major	Yr	Country/ Region	Age		Amount	Award Period			
Konosuke Matsushita Memorial Foundation	G		M1	Asia, Africa, Latin America		required	300,000 yen enrollment support, travel support, 120,000 yen/month	Minimum years required for graduation	August	2	1
Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students	U		1				48,000 yen/month	1 year	Spring	174	174
								6 months	Fall	50	50
	G	M1	D1	1 year	Spring	12		12			
				6 months	Fall	42		42			