



立命館大学大学院 入学試験要項 2026

Ritsumeikan University Graduate School Application Guidelines

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生命科学研究科 Graduate School of Life Sciences

博士課程後期課程

- ・一般入学試験（日本語基準）
- ・社会人入学試験（日本語基準）
- ・外国人留学生入学試験（日本語基準）

Master's Program

- ・Regular Admissions (English-based Program)

Doctoral Program

- ・Regular Admissions (English-based Program)

■大学院入試情報サイトに掲載している「入学試験要項（研究科共通）」もあわせて確認してください。

– Please check the “Application Guidelines (For all Graduate Schools)” posted on Ritsumeikan University Graduate School Entrance Examination Information Website.

■不測の事態により入学試験要項の記載内容に変更が生じた場合は、「立命館大学大学院入試情報サイト」(<https://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/gr/>) でお知らせします。

In case the contents of Application Guidelines need to be changed due to unforeseen circumstances, the information will be updated on “Ritsumeikan University Graduate School Entrance Examination Information Website” (<https://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/gr/en/>).

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APPLICATION FORM

*以下の事項は「入学試験要項（研究科共通）」で確認してください。

– Please also check the “Application Guidelines (For all Graduate Schools)” which includes important informations below.

- ・出願手順について How to Apply / Application Process
- ・出願上の注意事項 Points to Note when Applying for Admission
- ・大学院入学資格について Qualification for Admission to Graduate Schools
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博士課程後期課程

人材育成目的

生命現象は、分子から細胞、個体、そして生存環境に至る、複雑で広範な階層構造を有するエネルギー変換・情報伝達システムであると見なされます。したがって、それを研究対象とする生命科学では、幅広い自然科学の知識とそれらを秩序立てて統合的に理解する能力が求められます。本研究科の特色は、化学および情報科学を共通基盤として、分野を跨いだ連携により、物質、機能性材料、エネルギー、微生物、植物、そしてヒトを含めた高等動物に関する先端的な研究を展開していることす。このような特色を生かして、本研究科博士課程後期課程では、探求心をもって研究および開発に取り組み、生命科学と関連分野における新しい知見を見出し、新しい技術を生み出すことによって、人間の幸福と自然が調和した持続可能で豊かな社会の実現に貢献する研究者および技術者を育成することを目的としています。

教育目標

博士課程後期課程では、人材育成目的を踏まえ、修了時に以下の教育目標を達成していることが求められます。

- ①専門領域における高度な知識と創造的な研究能力を有する。
- ②専門領域における日本語または英語による高度な論理的文章力、プレゼンテーション能力、コミュニケーション能力を有する。
- ③研究者・技術者としての責任と倫理を自覚した上で、専門領域における卓越した問題設定・解決能力および問題解決へ向けてのリーダーシップを有する。

ディプロマ・ポリシー

博士課程後期課程では、生命科学研究科が定める所定単位を修得し、人材育成目的を踏まえ、修了時に以下の教育目標を達成していることが求められる。その上で、各専門分野における真理探究を深めた論文を提出し、博士課程後期課程における学位論文評価基準に基づく審査に合格した者に博士（理学）を授与する。持続可能な社会への貢献に寄与する論文を提出し、博士課程後期課程における学位論文評価基準に基づく審査に合格した者に博士（工学）を授与する。

- ①専門領域における高度な知識と創造的な研究能力を有する。
- ②専門領域における日本語または英語による高度な論理的文章力、プレゼンテーション能力、コミュニケーション能力を有する。
- ③研究者・技術者としての責任と倫理を自覚した上で、専門領域における卓越した問題設定・解決能力および問題解決へ向けてのリーダーシップを有する。

カリキュラム・ポリシー

博士課程後期課程では、人材育成目的を踏まえ、次のような教育課程編成を行う。科目分野として、「専門科目」、「研究科目」を設定し、これらの科目を体系的に学修することによって、人材育成目的が達成される。なお、各科目の設定意義は下記の通りである。

- ①「専門科目」は、専門領域における高度な知識を養成するために配置された科目である。
- ②「研究科目」は、専門領域における真理探究を深める研究あるいは持続可能な社会への貢献に寄与する研究を自ら推進する能力、日本語または英語による高度な論理的文章力・プレゼンテーション能力・コミュニケーション能力、問題設定・解決能力および問題解決へ向けてのリーダーシップを養成するために配置された科目である。

アドミッション・ポリシー

博士課程後期課程は、人材育成目的を踏まえ、次のような者を募集します。

- ①自然科学および専門領域における確かな知識と研究能力を有する者。
- ②日本語または英語による論理的な文章力、プレゼンテーション能力、コミュニケーション能力を有する者。
- ③研究者・技術者としての責任と倫理の重要性を認識し、専門領域における問題設定・解決能力および問題解決へ向けてのリーダーシップの修得に強い意欲を有する者。

I. 入学試験方式・募集人数・日程等

1. 入学試験方式・募集人数

専攻	入学試験方式	募集人数
生命科学専攻	一般 一般入学試験（日本語基準）	若干名
	社会人 社会人入学試験（日本語基準）	若干名
	留学生 外国人留学生入学試験（日本語基準）	若干名

- ・出願状況および試験結果によっては、合格者数は募集人数を満たさない場合があります。

2. 日程

実施時期	出願期間	試験日	試験予備日	合格発表日	対象入学試験方式
6月	2026年5月14日(木) ～2026年5月28日(木)	2026年 6月20日(土)	2026年 6月27日(土)	2026年 7月16日(木)	一般 社会人 留学生

- ・出願希望者は 2026 年 5 月 7 日 (木) までに、指導を希望する教員に研究計画書を提出する必要があります。
- ・出願前の個別審査については 11 ページを参照してください。
- ・「Ritsu-Mate」での出願登録は、出願期間初日の 10:00 (日本時間) から可能です。
- ・災害等により「試験日」に入学試験を実施できないと大学が判断した場合のみ、「試験予備日」に入学試験を延期します。「試験予備日」に入学試験を延期する場合は「Ritsu-Mate」ならびに「研究科ウェブサイト」で告知します。不測の事態により急遽延期となる場合もありますので、試験日が近づきましたら確認するようにしてください。

3. 入学検定料

35,000 円

- ・出願期間内に納入してください。
- ・納入は、クレジットカード、コンビニエンスストア、PayPal、Alipay もしくは海外送金を利用してください。詳細は『「入学試験要項（研究科共通）」1. 出願手順について (3)入学検定料について』を参照してください。
- ・本学大学院の博士課程前期課程、修士課程または専門職学位課程を 2026 年 3 月修了（見込みを含む）または 2026 年 9 月修了見込みの者が引き続いて博士課程後期課程に進学するために出願する場合は、入学検定料の納入は不要です。

II. 出願資格・要件

※出願資格・要件において「見込み」で受験し、合格した者が、入学前日の2026年9月25日までに「見込み」を解消できない場合は、入学を許可しません。

※大学院の授業内容を理解できる程度の日本語能力を必要とします。

※外国の学校教育課程の年数や取得した学位の取扱い等、下記に該当するかどうか少しでも疑問や不明な点がある場合は、必ず事前の個別審査申出期限前（11ページ参照）に生命科学部事務室に照会してください。

- (1) 修士の学位もしくは専門職学位を有する者または本研究科入学までに授与される見込みの者。
- (2) 外国において、修士の学位もしくは専門職学位に相当する学位を授与された者または本研究科入学までに授与される見込みの者。
- (3) 外国の学校が行う通信教育をわが国において履修し、修士の学位もしくは専門職学位に相当する学位を授与された者または本研究科入学までに授与される見込みの者。
- (4) わが国において、文部科学大臣が外国の大学院相当として指定した外国の学校の課程を修了し、修士の学位もしくは専門職学位に相当する学位を授与された者または本研究科入学までに授与される見込みの者。
- (5) 国際連合大学の課程を修了し、修士の学位に相当する学位を授与された者または本研究科入学までに授与される見込みの者。
- (6) 大学等を卒業し、大学、研究所等において2年以上研究に従事した者で、本学大学院において、修士の学位を有する者と同等以上の学力があると認めた者。（平成元年文部省告示第118号）（＊1）
- (7) 本学大学院において、個別の入学資格審査により、修士の学位または専門職学位を有する者と同等以上の学力があると認めた者で、24歳以上の者または本研究科入学までに24歳に達する者。（＊1）

* 1 (6)または(7)により出願しようとする者は出願に先立ち個別審査を行いますので、11ページを参照のうえ、所定の期日までに必要な手続きを行ってください。

一 般

出願資格・要件の(1)～(7)のいずれかに該当する者。

社会人

企業・官公庁・団体等に勤務し、その身分を有したままで勤務先から入学の承諾を受け、かつ、出願資格・要件の(1)～(7)のいずれかに該当する者。

留学生

わが国における「留学」の在留資格を有する者または本研究科入学までに取得する予定の者で、出願資格・要件の(1)～(7)のいずれかに該当する者。

III. 出願前の事前相談

出願に先立って、つぎのとおり手続きを行ってください。

(1) 出願希望者は 2026 年 5 月 7 日 (木) までに、指導を希望する教員に申し出て、研究内容等について事前に相談したうえで「研究計画書」(様式 SK 1-J) をメール添付で教員へ提出してください。
※コースは指導を希望する教員の所属するコースとなります。
※社会人入試を受験される方は「業務経歴書」(書式自由) も添えて、教員に事前相談を行ってください。ただし、「業務経歴書」は、教員には提出せず、生命科学部事務室に提出してください。

〈研究計画書〔様式 SK 1-J〕について〉

Word ファイル形式のデータを以下のページよりダウンロードして作成してください。

■生命科学研究科ウェブサイト「入試について」→「入試要項」<https://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/gsls/admission/>

〈指導を希望する教員への連絡方法〉

研究科ウェブサイトや研究者データベース等でメールアドレスを公開している教員に対しては、直接メールで申し出てください。

■研究科ウェブサイト <https://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/gsls/education/faculty/>

■研究者学術情報データベース <https://research-db.ritsumei.ac.jp/rithp/TOP>

連絡先公開のない教員と連絡をとりたい場合は、指導を希望する教員を明確にしたうえで、生命科学部事務室までメールを送信してください。

■生命科学部事務室 連絡先 in-gsls@st.ritsumei.ac.jp

IV. 出願書類一覧

1. 出願書類

証明書の提出等、出願上の注意事項については、『「入学試験要項（研究科共通）」2. 出願上の注意事項』を参照してください。

本学が様式を指定している出願書類については、本入学試験要項の巻末に綴っています。（研究計画書については生命科学研究科ウェブサイトにデータ掲載）。

出願書類の提出方法については、7ページを参照してください。

志願する入学試験方式の欄を確認し、各書類の説明を確認してください。

	書類名	入学試験方式		
		一般	社会人	留学生
(1)	入学試験志願票	○	○	○
(2)	外国籍志願者情報	△	△	○
(3)	修了（見込）証明書	○ ^{※1}	○ ^{※1}	○ ^{※1}
(4)	成績証明書	○ ^{※1}	○ ^{※1}	○ ^{※1}
(5)	研究計画書	○ ^{※2}	○ ^{※2}	○ ^{※2}
(6)	TOEIC® L&R テストの成績通知書	△ ^{※3}	—	—
(7)	日本語能力を証明する書類	—	—	△
(8)	志望理由書	—	—	○
(9)	履歴書	—	○	—
(10)	業務経歴書	—	○	—
(11)	推薦書	—	△	△

○：必須、△：該当者のみ、—：不要

※1 出願時点において、本大学の大学院に正規生として在籍する者は提出不要です（学内のシステムで確認します）。

※2 指導を希望する教員へメール添付で提出してください。

※3 提出できない場合は、筆記試験を受験する必要があります。（8ページ参照）。

(1) 入学試験志願票

「Ritsu-Mate」で出願情報登録後にダウンロードして印刷し、顔写真を貼付したもの

※顔写真：3ヶ月以内に撮影した、肩より上、無帽、無背景のカラー写真（縦3cm×横2.4cm）

写真は加工・補正をしないでください。

(2) 外国籍志願者情報【様式 GS 1】

日本国籍を有しない者のみ

(3) 修了（見込）証明書

出願資格・要件にかかる出身学校のもの（原本）

※外国の大学院を修了した者については、学位の取得が確認できること

【中国の大学院を修了または修了見込みの者 ※台湾、香港、マカオの大学院は含まない】

〈修了した者〉

修了証明書に代えて、以下①、②の両方を印刷して提出してください。

①「Online Verification Report of Higher Education Qualification Certificate」（「教育部学历证书电子注册备案表」の英語版）

②「Online Verification Report of Higher Education Degree Certificate」（「中国高等教育学位在线验证报告」の英語版）

〈修了見込みの者〉

修了見込証明書に加えて、以下の書類を印刷して提出してください。

「Online Verification Report of Student Record」（「教育部学籍在线验证报告」の英語版）

(4) 成績証明書（原本）

出願資格・要件にかかる出身学校のもの

(5) 研究計画書

指導を希望する教員へメール添付で提出してください。提出期日については4ページの「Ⅲ. 出願前の事前相談について」を確認してください。

(6) TOEIC® L&R テストの成績通知書（コピー可）

TOEIC® L&R IP テストは、立命館大学において団体受験として実施された「マークシート方式」のみ可とします。（TOEIC® L&R IP オンラインテストは認めません。）

なお、成績通知書の有効期限は、出願期間開始日から起算し過去2年以内に受験したものとします。

(7) 日本語能力を証明する書類

つぎの①②のうちいずれかの書類を提出してください。

ただし、日本の大学院博士課程前期課程または修士課程を修了した者または本研究科入学までに修了見込みの者は、提出不要です。

①つぎのいずれか

- ・日本語能力試験（N1）に合格したことを証明する「合否結果通知書」または「認定結果および成績に関する証明書」（コピー可）
- ・日本留学試験（日本語）の「成績確認書」または「成績通知書」など、受験番号が確認できるもの（コピー可）

②上記書類を提出できない場合は「日本語能力確認書」〔様式 GS 2〕

(8) 志望理由書（A4用紙（横書き）1枚 ※Word等で作成すること）

志願者自身が日本語で作成してください（日本語300字以上）。

記入内容：タイトル（「志望理由書」）、志願者氏名、立命館大学へ出願を希望する理由（入学後の研究計画も含めて）

(9) 履歴書（市販用紙）

(10) 業務経歴書（用紙および書式自由）

在職中に本人が行った業務内容の概要と業績（研究論文・技術報告・特許・実用新案等）をリスト化したものと提出してください。

(11) 推薦書（任意）

社会人 用紙および書式自由

留学生 〔様式 GS 3〕

2. 注意事項

- 1) 「出願書類」および「Ritsu-Mate」に記入する氏名は、『「入学試験要項（研究科共通）」2. 出願上の注意事項 (1)氏名の記入方法』を参照してください。
- 2) 一旦受理した書類は理由の如何にかかわらず返却しません。

V. 出願書類の提出

1. 出願書類の提出

出願期間内に入学検定料を納入のうえ、所定の出願書類を提出してください。出願書類の提出は郵送または生命科学部事務室への持参に限ります。

出願書類の受付期間は、国内からの郵送の場合は出願期間最終日の消印有効、国外からの郵送の場合は出願期間最終日までに必着、持参する場合は出願期間最終日 17:00 必着です。

出願書類の到着状況は、自身が利用したサービスの追跡サイト等で確認してください。提出された書類に不備がある場合は連絡します。

〈生命科学部事務室に持参する場合〉

- ① A4 サイズの書類が折らずに入る封筒を用意してください。
- ② 「Ritsu-Mate」から「宛名ラベル」をダウンロードして印刷してください。
- ③②の宛名ラベルを①の封筒に貼付し、出願書類を一括して封入したうえで、窓口受付時間に提出してください。

〈日本国内から郵送で出願する場合〉

- ① A4 サイズの書類が折らずに入る封筒を用意してください。
- ② 「Ritsu-Mate」から「宛名ラベル」をダウンロードして印刷してください。
- ③②の「宛名ラベル」を①の封筒に貼付し、出願書類を一括して封入したうえで「簡易書留速達郵便」にて送付してください（郵便局窓口から送付してください。ポストへの投函不可）。

〈日本国外から出願する場合〉

- ① A4 サイズの書類が折らずに入る封筒を用意してください。
- ②①の封筒に必要事項を記入のうえ出願書類を一括して封入し、国際スピード郵便（EMS）等、航空扱いの国際宅配便等配送状況を確認できる方法で送付してください。

2. 出願書類提出先

郵送受付：立命館大学 生命科学部事務室 大学院入学試験担当

〒 525-8577 滋賀県草津市野路東 1-1-1

電話 077-561-5021 (直通)

窓口受付：上記事務室（びわこ・くさつキャンパス リンクスクエア 2階）

月：12:30～17:00

火～金：10:00～11:30、12:30～17:00（土・日・祝日を除く）

VI. 選考方法・受験票

1. 選考方法

一般

(1) 選考方法

書類選考、筆記試験および面接試験結果を総合評価し合格者を決定します。

(2) 試験科目

筆記試験	英語による専門分野に関する問題 2 問 ※ TOEIC® L&R テストの成績通知書が提出できない場合は、必ず受験する必要があります。 ※成績通知書のスコアによっては試験を免除する場合があります。詳細は生命科学部事務室 大学院入学試験担当に問い合わせてください。
面接試験	研究テーマ・内容に関して、パワーポイントを用いて 15 分程度のプレゼンテーションを行っていただきます。 ※あらかじめパワーポイントでプレゼンテーション用の資料を作成し、試験当日にノートパソコンとともに持参してください。

(3) 試験時間割

入室・説明	第 1 時限 筆記試験	第 2 時限 面接試験
9：40～10：00	10：00～11：30	午後

※詳細は「Ritsu-Mate」にてお知らせします。

(4) 試験会場

立命館大学びわこ・くさつキャンパス（詳細は「Ritsu-Mate」にてお知らせします。）

社会人 留学生

(1) 選考方法

書類選考および面接試験を総合評価し合格者を決定します。

〈面接試験〉

研究テーマ、内容に関してパワーポイントを用いて 15 分程度のプレゼンテーションを行っていただきます。

※あらかじめパワーポイントでプレゼンテーション用の資料を作成し、試験当日にノートパソコンとともに持参してください。

※海外在住の受験者がオンライン面接を希望する場合は、オンライン面接を実施します。

(2) 試験時間割

立命館大学で面接を実施する場合、詳細は「Ritsu-Mate」にてお知らせします。

なお、オンライン面接を実施する場合については別途日時を指示します。

(3) 試験会場

立命館大学びわこ・くさつキャンパス（詳細は「Ritsu-Mate」にてお知らせします。）

※オンライン面接の場合は、試験会場の指定は行いません。

2. 受験票

受験票は試験日の約 1 週間前から「Ritsu-Mate」よりダウンロードできます。印刷したうえで試験当日に持参してください（『「入学試験要項（研究科共通）」4. 入学試験受験にあたって（2）受験票について』参照）。

VII. 合格発表

合否結果は合格発表日の 10:00 に「Ritsu-Mate」で発表します。あわせて合格者には入学手続についてご案内します。出願書類提出後、書類送付先を変更する場合は、氏名、受験番号および変更後の新住所等を生命科学部事務室へ連絡してください。

入学手続については、『「入学試験要項（研究科共通）」5. 入学手続について』を参照してください。

「立命館大学大学院 入試情報サイト」URL

<https://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/gr/exam/supplement.html/>

※合否結果に関するお問い合わせには一切お答えできませんのでご了承ください。

出願前の個別審査について（該当者のみ）

本学大学院では、大学院教育の活性化等を図る観点から、社会人等であって大学院で学修を行う意欲と能力を有する個人について、大学院教育を受ける機会を提供するため、学歴に関する出願資格を有しない者を対象に出願前の個別の入学資格審査を行います。

本学大学院の行う個別審査によって、博士課程前期課程においては大学を卒業した者、博士課程後期課程においては修士の学位または専門職学位を有する者と同等以上の学力があると認められた者には、大学院入学試験への出願が認められます。

個別審査により出願資格を得ることが認められている入試方式において個別審査を希望する者は、所定の期日までに必要な手続きをとってください。

なお、出願資格の有無について少しでも不明な点がある場合は必ず個別審査申出期限前に生命科学部事務室に照会してください。

※個別審査はあくまで入学資格の有無にかかる審査であり、入学者選抜とは別個のものですので、この審査に合格した後にさらに入学試験を受ける必要があります。

1. 手続手順

Step1：審査申出期限までに個別審査を希望する旨を生命科学部事務室に申し出る。

※申請にあたりあらかじめ入学後に指導を希望する教員に申し出て、研究内容等について事前相談を行ってください。



Step2：個別審査に必要な提出書式を受領する。



Step3：指定された審査書類提出期限までに生命科学部事務室に必要書類を提出する。



Step4：審査結果の通知を受け取り、合格であれば、入学試験要項に基づき出願する。

2. 審査方法

書類審査（必要に応じて面接を行う場合があります）

3. 審査内容

つぎのような個々人の学修歴や実績の情報などに基づいて、博士課程前期課程においては大学を卒業した者、博士課程後期課程においては修士の学位または専門職学位を有する者と同等以上の学力があると認められるか審査を行います。

- ・専修学校、各種学校等の課程の修了等の学修歴等
- ・社会における実務経験や取得した資格等
- ・大学の正規学生、科目等履修生として修得した一定の単位
- ・その他、旧制諸学校で修了した課程の内容

4. 審査申出期限・審査書類提出期限

〈審査申出期限〉

6月実施入学試験：2026年4月15日（水）

〈審査書類提出期限〉

別途指示します。

5. 提出書類

一旦受理した書類は、理由の如何にかかわらず返却しません。

〈博士課程後期課程〉

提出書類	備考
<ul style="list-style-type: none">①個別審査の申請書（兼履歴書）②志望理由書・研究計画書等③学歴や在学中の成績を証明する書類の原本（コピー不可） (例：修了証明書、在籍証明書、成績証明書等)④修士論文に相当する研究実績⑤その他、個別に提出を指示する書類	<ul style="list-style-type: none">・①②の様式は生命科学部事務室に照会してください。・申請にあたりあらかじめ入学後に指導を希望する教員に相談してください。

6. 提出先・問い合わせ先

立命館大学 生命科学部事務室 大学院入学試験担当

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電話 077-561-5021 (直通) email: in-gs@st.ritsumei.ac.jp

7. 審査費用

無料

8. 審査結果の通知

〈審査結果の通知日〉

6月実施入学試験：2026年5月7日（木）まで

〈通知方法〉

郵送またはメールで通知します。

9. 審査結果の有効範囲・期限

研究科ごとに、同一の入学時期の入学試験に限り有効です。

Master's Program

Professional Training Objectives

The phenomena of life are considered to be a system of energy conversion and information transmission comprising a wide range of complex, stratified structures at the molecular, cellular, individual, and surviving environmental levels. Life sciences that focus on these phenomena require a wide range of knowledge about natural science and the capacity to understand them in an orderly and integrative manner.

Our graduate school conducts cutting-edge research on substances, functional materials, energy, microorganisms, plants, and higher animals, including humans, through interdisciplinary collaboration based on chemistry and information science. The master's program applies these strengths to contribute to the development of life sciences and their related fields while fostering innovative researchers capable of contributing to a rich and sustainable society that is in harmony with nature and human well-being.

Applied Chemistry Course

In the Applied Chemistry Course, students acquire a high level of expertise and research ability in the field of applied chemistry, allowing them to explain the functions of existing substances, and to invent new substances as well as develop a greater international presence. Students able to complete this course should be able to make applicable developments in a variety of fields ranging from materials to energy science.

Biotechnology Course

In the Biotechnology Course, students inquire into the phenomena of life on individual, cellular, and molecular levels. Building upon the fundamental research topics focused on environment, food, resources, and energy, students will be able to make applicable developments in related fields such as fermentation, the chemical industry, pharmaceuticals, and biomass conversion.

Bioinformatics Course

In the Bioinformatics Course, students incorporate research from a wide range of natural sciences, from mathematics and physics to chemistry, in addition to biology and information science, and use information science as their method of analysis. Students should be able to analyze and understand phenomenon down to the molecular level, and capable of contributing to the progression of the life sciences as whole.

Biomedical Sciences Course

In the Biomedical Sciences Course, students develop an integrative understanding of complex life phenomena. Students in this course will acquire specialized skills and research knowledge in foundational medicine, preventative care, and social medicine along with the capability to actively contribute to solving problems facing the field such medical, health care, food and environment issues.

Educational Objectives

In the Master's Program, in light of our professional training objectives, our educational objectives are to train people to acquire the following capabilities.

- ① Individuals with reliable knowledge and research abilities in the natural sciences and specialist areas.
- ② Individuals with logical writing skills, presentation abilities, and communication skills in Japanese or English within specialized fields.
- ③ Individuals who are capable of setting out problems and solving them in specialist areas, on the basis of their awareness of their own responsibility as researchers or technicians.

Diploma Policy

In the Master's Program, a master's degree will be conferred upon individuals who have fulfilled the educational objectives and earned the prescribed credits as specified by the Graduate School of Life Sciences. Furthermore, Master of Science degree recipients must have submitted a dissertation aimed at the pursuit of truth in their specialized field and passed an evaluation of their academic dissertation based on dissertation evaluation standards for the master's program. Master of Engineering degree recipients must have submitted a dissertation aimed at applications toward a sustainable society, and passed an evaluation of their academic dissertation based on dissertation evaluation standards for the master's program.

- ① Those who possess sound knowledge and research abilities in the natural sciences and specialized fields.
- ② Those who possess logical writing skills, presentation skills and communication skills in Japanese or English within specialized fields.
- ③ Those who, in addition to being aware of their responsibility as a researcher / engineer, possess the ability to pose and solve problems in specialized fields.

Curriculum Policy

In the Master's Program, the curriculum is formed as described below, in accord with the educational objectives. The Graduate School will establish Common Subjects, Major Subjects, and Research Subjects as subject categories, where educational objectives will be achieved through the systematic completion of these subjects.

The definition of each subject type is as follows.

- ① Common Subjects: Subjects established to support career formation and to cultivate sound knowledge in the natural sciences and the ability to communicate in Japanese or English.
- ② Major Subjects: Subjects established to cultivate sound knowledge in specialized fields.
- ③ Research Subjects: Subjects established to cultivate the ability to conduct research aimed at the pursuit of truth in specialized fields, or research that contributes to the advancement of a sustainable society, as well as logical writing skills, presentation skills, communication skills in Japanese or English, and the ability to pose and solve problems.

Admission Policy

In the Master's Program, in light of our professional training objectives, we admit applications from individuals with the following qualities.

- ① Individuals with basic academic abilities in the natural sciences and specialist areas and full of intellectual curiosity.
- ② Individuals with sufficient language skills to understand science and technology in Japanese or English.
- ③ Individuals who are strongly motivated to acquire the ability to set out and solve problems in specialist areas, on the basis of their awareness of their own responsibility as researchers or technicians.

I. Admission Method, Number of Students Accepted and Schedule

1. Admission Method and Number of Students Accepted

Major	Course	Admission Method	Number of Students Accepted
Advanced Life Sciences	Applied Chemistry	Regular	A Few
	Biotechnology		
	Bioinformatics		
	Biomedical Sciences		

- The Number of Students Accepted includes all Course.
- Depending on the applications received and results of the entrance examination, the number of successful candidates could be less than the Number of Students Accepted.

2. Schedule

Month	Application Period	Examination Date	Notification of Results	Admission Method
May	Thursday, April 2, 2026 – Thursday, April 16, 2026	Thursday, May 7, 2026	Thursday, May 28, 2026	Regular

- In “Ritsu-Mate”, the application registration can be made from 10:00 am (Japan time) of the first day of the application period.
- Persons who want to apply for the graduate school must contact the prospective supervising professor and get pre-counseling on what they can study at the graduate school, etc. before submitting an application. For detail, please see page 17 of the “III. Contacting a Prospective Supervising Professor prior to Your Application”.

3. Application Fee

5,000 yen

- The payment must be completed during the application period.
- Payment can be made by credit card, using the convenience store payment system, PayPal, Alipay or Overseas Remittance. For detailed information, please see “(3) Application Fee”, “1. How to Apply / Application Process” specified in the “Application Guidelines (For all Graduate Schools)”.

II. Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must be those who have the residence status of “student” in Japan or who will obtain the one before being enrolled in graduate school and meet at least one of the following application criteria from (1) to (10):

- (1) Persons who have graduated from a university (Universities must meet the criteria established in Article 83 of the School Education Act) or who are expected to graduate from such before being enrolled in the graduate school
- (2) Persons who have been awarded a bachelor's degree by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education or who are expected to be awarded such a degree before being enrolled in the graduate school
- (3) Persons who have completed a 16-year program at an overseas school or who are expected to complete such a program before being enrolled in the graduate school
- (4) Persons who have completed a 3-year program or a program of more than 3 years (*2) and have been awarded a degree by an overseas university or school (*1) which is recognized as being equivalent to a bachelor's degree or who are expected to complete such a program before being enrolled at the graduate school. (the 2016 ordinance of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, No. 19)
- (5) Persons who have completed a 16-year program of an overseas school by taking its correspondence course in Japan or who are expected to complete such a program before being enrolled in the graduate school
- (6) Persons who have completed the program of an overseas school in Japan that is recognized as being equivalent to an overseas university by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology or who are expected to complete such a program before being enrolled in the graduate school
- (7) Persons who have completed a specialized program at a special training school designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology after the date designated by said minister or who are expected to complete such a program before being enrolled in the graduate school
- (8) Persons who hold a specialized or first-category teaching license for elementary schools, junior high schools, high schools, kindergartens, or schools for disabled children under the Educational Personnel Certification Law or who are expected to obtain such a license before being enrolled in the graduate school and who are above 22 years of age or who will reach 22 years of age before being enrolled in the graduate school, or who have other teaching licenses and are designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (or who are expected to meet specific requirements before being enrolled in the graduate school) (the 1953 Notification of the Ministry of Education, Science, Sports and Culture, No. 5-10 to 12)
- (9) Persons who have been admitted to a graduate school under the grade-skipping system and who are recognized as having enough academic ability to study at Ritsumeikan University's graduate schools (*3)
- (10) Persons who have been recognized as having an academic ability equal to or higher than university graduates by Ritsumeikan University's graduate schools as a result of individual preliminary screening and who are above 22 years of age or who will reach 22 years of age before being enrolled in the graduate school (*3)

*1 The university or the school shall be evaluated by an organization approved by a relevant official institution in the country for their education and research activities or recognized as so by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

*2 The program shall include a correspondence course which enables students to study in Japan by a university or school which is approved by the educational system of the country and satisfy the above requirements.

*3 Persons who intend to apply under category (9) or (10), they will be subject to the individual preliminary screening. They should refer to page 31 and complete the necessary procedures by the specified dates.

- Contact the Administrative Office, College of Life Sciences before the deadline to request for the individual preliminary screening (please refer to page 31 for the request Deadline) if you have any inquiries about the requirements above, such as the number of years you received education overseas or a degree obtained at an overseas educational institution.
- Those who do not meet the criteria stated in “(2) Certificate【Certificate issued by universities in China】”, “2. Points to Note when Applying for Admission” specified in the “Application Guidelines (For all Graduate Schools)” must take the individual preliminary screening. For example, persons whose final academic background is zhuanye (专科) (3-year college degree) in China. For information about the individual preliminary screening, please refer to page 31.
- Those who pass the admission screening who, at the time of application, only fulfilled the criteria above based on expecting to complete their academic program, etc. by the time of enrollment but who do NOT actually complete that program by September 25, 2026 will have their admission revoked.
- In addition to the above criteria, applicants must have the ability to understand lectures in English at Ritsumeikan University's graduate school.

III. Contacting a Prospective Supervising Professor prior to Your Application

(1) Applicants must contact the prospective supervising professor and get pre-counseling on what they can study at the graduate school etc. before submitting an application.

*Your course will be the course which your prospective supervising professor is involved in.

<How to contact the prospective supervising professor>

(1) Find prospective supervising professors on the graduate school website, or Ritsumeikan University Researcher database.

■ Website of the Graduate school of Life Sciences

<https://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/gsls/researchers/>

■ Ritsumeikan University Researcher database:

<https://research-db.ritsumei.ac.jp/rithp/TOP?lang=en>

(2) Access the following link and fill in the application form for pre-counseling.

<https://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/gsls/application/>

After your application confirmed, we will arrange pre-counseling accordingly.

(3) When you submit your research plan (University-designated Form 1), make sure it includes the name of the professor who gave you pre-counseling.

IV. Required Documents

1. Required Documents

Regarding the Notice on Application including the information of certificates, etc., please refer to "Points to Note when Applying for Admission" specified in the "Application Guidelines (For all Graduate Schools)".

Application forms designated here by Ritsumeikan University are included at the end of this Application Guidelines. Please also refer to "How to Submit Application Documents" on page 20.

Please check the documents marked **✓** and ***** in the "Admission Method" column you are applying for, and check the explanation of each document.

	Required Documents	Admission Method
		Regular
(1)	Application Sheet	✓
(2)	Application Sheet for Non-Japanese Applicants	*
(3)	Certificate of Graduation / Expected Graduation	✓ *
(4)	Academic Transcript	✓ *
(5)	Certificate of Language Ability	*
(6)	Research Plan Form	✓
(7)	Declaration of Financial Resources	✓
(8)	Questionnaire	✓
(9)	Letter of Recommendation	*
(10)	The Certificate of Degree Conferment or a Written Acknowledgement of Application for Degree	*
(11)	Official Documents such as "Verification Letter of Issuing Teaching License"	*

✓ : Necessary * : If applicable

* Those who are enrolled in undergraduate schools or graduate schools of Ritsumeikan University as regular students at the time of application DON'T need to submit.

(1) Application Sheet

Must be printed out from "Ritsu-Mate" after you complete your application information on the same website with a photograph of the applicant's face attached.

* Color facial photo (taken within three months before the application, above the chest level, without a hat or cap, facing front, no background, and 3 cm long × 2.4 cm wide). Digital alteration of the photo is not permitted.

(2) Application Sheet for Non-Japanese Applicants 【Form GS 1】

Only required from applicants who do not have Japanese nationality.

(3) Certificate of Graduation / Expected Graduation

Certificate issued by the higher education institution you attended, which meets the application criteria.

Only original is accepted.

* Those who cannot submit the original certificate are required to consult it by email.

email: gsls@st.ritsumei.ac.jp

* For those who have finished undergraduate abroad, the degree must be confirmed with this document.

【Those who have graduated / who are expected to graduate from universities in China

* except for Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau】

Instead of the certificate of graduation / expected graduation, please print and submit the documents below.

⟨Those who have already graduated⟩

Online Verification Report of Higher Education Qualification Certificate (English translation of "教育部学历证书电子注册备案表")

⟨Those who expect to graduate⟩

Online Verification Report of Student Record (English translation of "教育部学籍在线验证报告")

(4) Academic Transcript

Academic Transcript must be issued by the higher education institution which meets the application criteria.

Only original is accepted.

*Those who cannot submit the original certificate are required to consult it by email.

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(6) Research Plan Form 【Form SK 1-E】

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(7) Declaration of Financial Resources 【Form SK 2】

In case the acceptance of scholarship from the outside foundation, please submit the notification of scholarship award.

(8) Questionnaire 【Form SK 3】**(9) Letter of Recommendation (optional) 【Free form or Form SK 4】**

Should be written by the dean, person of higher position, or an academic advisor at applicant's school or institution.

(10) The Certificate of Degree Conferment or a Written Acknowledgement of Application for Degree (Only original is accepted.)

Only those who fall under “II. Eligibility Requirements-(2)”.

(11) Official Documents such as “Verification Letter of Issuing Teaching License” (Only original is accepted.)

Only those who fall under “II. Eligibility Requirements- (8)”.

2. Important Notes for Application

(1) All submitted documents should be printed in English on A4-sized paper or US-letter sized paper by word-processing software. For certificates, the original or “certified copy of original”* should be submitted. Please attach and official translation with the translator's name, address, contact information and signature or official seal for documents that are written in neither English nor Japanese. Translation by the issuing institution, translation agency, or qualified translator should be acceptable.

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V. How to Submit Application Documents

1. Prior to Submission of Application Documents

After completing the payment of the application fee during the application period, send all specified application documents by email. Scan all the application documents and send them as the attached data to the email address. You will receive a confirmation email once the data is confirmed.

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2. How to Submit Application Documents

Hard copy of the specified application documents must be submitted. Applications can either be mailed or submitted in person at the Administrative Office, College of Life Sciences. Applications must be submitted no later than 5:00 pm on the final day of the application period if submitted in person.

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- (1) Prepare an envelope that is big enough to fit unfolded A4 documents.
- (2) Download the address label, using "Ritsu-Mate" and print out the label.
- (3) Paste the address label (mentioned in (2)) on the envelope (mentioned in (1)), enclose all your application documents and send them by Kani-kakitome Sokutatsu-yubin (simplified registered express mail). They must be sent from a post office. Mailing your application from a mailbox is unacceptable.
- (4) Must be sent postmarked on or before the deadline.

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VI. Screening Method and Examination Sheet

1. Screening Method

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2. Examination Sheet

The examination sheet will be used to check your application number. It is downloadable from “Ritsu-Mate” about one week before the examination date. Applicants do not need to bring the examination sheet on the day of the exam.

VII. Notification of Results

The results will be posted on “Ritsu-Mate” at 10:00 am (Japan time) on the day of the result announcement.

Successful applicants will also be informed of the admission procedures.

If your address changes after you submitted the documents for application, send your name, your Application Number, and the new address to Administrative Office, College of Life Science by email.

Regarding the enrollment procedures, please refer to “Enrollment Procedures (Information)” specified in the “Application Guidelines (For all Graduate Schools)”.

URL of the “Ritsumeikan University Graduate School Entrance Examination Information Website”:

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– Please note that the university will not respond to any inquiries regarding results of the entrance examination.

Doctoral Program

Professional Training Objectives

The phenomena of life are considered to be a system of energy conversion and information transmission comprising a wide range of complex, stratified structures at the molecular, cellular, individual, and surviving environmental levels. Life sciences that focus on these phenomena require a wide range of knowledge about natural science and the capacity to understand them in an orderly and integrative manner.

Our graduate school conducts cutting-edge research on substances, functional materials, energy, microorganisms, plants, and higher animals, including humans, through interdisciplinary collaboration based on chemistry and information science. The doctoral program applies these strengths to engage in research and development with a spirit of inquiry, extend one's knowledge in life sciences and related fields, and develop new technologies.

Our ultimate goal is to develop future researchers and engineers capable of contributing to a rich and sustainable society that is in harmony with nature and human well-being.

Educational Objectives

In the Doctoral Program, in light of our professional training objectives, our educational objectives are to train people to acquire the following capabilities.

- ① Individuals who possess specialist knowledge and the ability to engage in creative research in the natural sciences and specialist areas.
- ② Individuals with high-level logical writing skills, presentation abilities, and communication skills in Japanese or English within specialized fields.
- ③ Individuals with the ability to set out and solve problems in specialist areas and the leadership qualities required to work toward their resolution, on the basis of their awareness of their own responsibility as researchers or technicians.

Diploma Policy

In the Doctoral Program, a doctoral degree will be conferred upon individuals who have fulfilled the educational objectives and earned the prescribed credits as specified by the Graduate School of Life Sciences. Furthermore, Doctor of Science degree recipients must have submitted a dissertation aimed at the pursuit of truth in their specialized field and passed an evaluation of their academic dissertation based on dissertation evaluation standards for the doctoral program. Doctor of Engineering degree recipients must have submitted a dissertation that contributes to the advancement of a sustainable society and passed an evaluation of their academic dissertation based on dissertation evaluation standards for the doctoral program.

- ① Those who possess advanced knowledge and creative research abilities in the natural sciences and specialized fields.
- ② Those who possess advanced logical writing skills, presentation skills and communication skills in Japanese and English within specialized fields.
- ③ Those who, in addition to being aware of their responsibility as a researcher/engineer, possess the ability to pose and solve problems in specialized fields as well as leadership skills in problem-solving.

Curriculum Policy

In the Doctoral Program, the curriculum is formed as described below, in accord with the educational objectives.

The Graduate School will establish Major Subjects and Research Subjects as subject categories, where educational objectives will be achieved through the systematic completion of these subjects. The definition of each subject type is as follows.

- ① Major Subjects: Subjects established to cultivate advanced knowledge in the natural sciences and specialized fields.
- ② Research Subjects: Subjects established to cultivate students' ability to independently conduct research which either deepens the pursuit of truth in specialized fields, or which contributes to the advancement of a sustainable society, as well as to develop advanced logical writing skills, presentation skills, communication skills, the ability to pose and solve problems, and leadership skills for addressing challenges.

Admission Policy

In the Doctoral Program, in light of our professional training objectives, we admit individuals with the following qualities.

- ① Individuals with reliable knowledge and research abilities in the natural sciences and specialist areas.
- ② Individuals with logical writing skills, presentation abilities, and communication skills in Japanese or English.
- ③ Individuals who are strongly motivated to develop the ability to set out and solve social problems in society and the leadership qualities required to work toward their resolution, on the basis of their awareness of their own responsibility as researchers or technicians.

I. Admission Method, Number of Students Accepted and Schedule

1. Admission Method and Number of Students Accepted

Major	Admission Method		Number of Students Accepted
Advanced Life Sciences	Regular	Regular Admissions (English-based Program)	A Few

- Depending on the applications received and results of the entrance examination, the number of successful candidates could be less than the Number of Students Accepted.

2. Schedule

Month	Application Period	Examination Date	Notification of Results	Admission Method
May	Thursday, April 2, 2026 – Thursday, April 16, 2026	Thursday, May 7, 2026	Thursday, May 28, 2026	Regular

- In “Ritsu-Mate”, the application registration can be made from 10:00 am (Japan time) of the first day of the application period.
- Persons who want to apply for the graduate school must contact the prospective supervising professor and get pre-counseling on what they can study at the graduate school, etc. before submitting an application. For detail, please see page 26 of the “III. Contacting a Prospective Supervising Professor prior to Your Application”.

3. Application Fee

5,000 yen

- The payment must be completed during the application period.
- Payment can be made by credit card, using the convenience store payment system, PayPal, Alipay or Overseas Remittance. For detailed information, please see “(3) Application Fee”, “1. How to Apply / Application Process” specified in the “Application Guidelines (For all Graduate Schools)”.
- The application fee will be exempted for those who have completed or are going to complete a Master’s Degree program or Professional Degree program in March 2026 or September 2026 at any Graduate Schools of Ritsumeikan University and will continue their study in the Doctoral program.

II. Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must be those who have the residence status of “student” in Japan or who will obtain the one before being enrolled in graduate school and meet at least one of the following application criteria from (1) to (7):

- (1) Persons who have been awarded a master’s degree or professional degree or who are expected to be awarded such a degree before being enrolled in the graduate school
- (2) Persons who have been awarded a degree equivalent to a master’s degree or professional degree abroad or who are expected to be awarded such a degree before being enrolled in the graduate school
- (3) Persons who have been awarded a degree equivalent to a master’s degree or professional degree by completing a correspondence course offered by an overseas school in Japan or who are expected to be awarded such a degree before being enrolled in the graduate school
- (4) Persons who have been awarded a degree equivalent to a master’s degree or professional degree by completing the program of an overseas school in Japan that is designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology as corresponding to an overseas graduate school or who are expected to be awarded such a degree before being enrolled in the graduate school
- (5) Persons who have been awarded a degree equivalent to a master’s degree by completing a program at United Nations University or who are expected to be awarded such a degree before being enrolled in the graduate school
- (6) Persons who have been engaged in research activities at a university or research institute for at least two years after graduating from a university or its equivalent and who have been recognized by Ritsumeikan University’s graduate schools as having an academic ability equal or above to holders of a master’s degree (the 1989 Notification of the Ministry of Education, Science, Sports and Culture No. 118) (*1)
- (7) Persons who have been recognized by Ritsumeikan University’s graduate schools as having an academic ability equal to or higher than holders of a master’s degree or professional degree as a result of individual preliminary screening and who are above 24 years of age or who will reach 24 years of age before being enrolled in the graduate school. (*1)

*1 Persons who intend to apply under category (6) or (7) should be subject to the individual preliminary screening. Please refer to page 31 and complete the necessary procedures by the specified dates.

- Contact the Administrative Office, College of Life Sciences before the deadline to request for the individual preliminary screening (please refer to page 31 for the request deadline) if you have any inquiries about the requirements above, such as the number of years you received education overseas or a degree obtained at an overseas educational institution.
- Those who pass the admission screening who, at the time of application, only fulfilled the criteria above based on expecting to complete their academic program, etc. by the time of enrollment but who do NOT actually complete that program by September 25, 2026 will have their admission revoked.
- In addition to the above criteria, applicants must have the ability to understand lectures in English at Ritsumeikan University’s graduate school.

III. Contacting a Prospective Supervising Professor prior to Your Application

(1) Applicants must contact the prospective supervising professor and get pre-counseling on what they can study at the graduate school etc. before submitting an application.

<How to contact the prospective supervising professor>

(1) Find prospective supervising professors on the graduate school website, or Ritsumeikan University Researcher database.

- Website of the Graduate school of Life Sciences
<https://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/gsls/researchers/>
- Ritsumeikan University Researcher database:
<https://research-db.ritsumei.ac.jp/rithp/TOP?lang=en>

(2) Access the following link and fill in the application form for pre-counseling.
<https://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/gsls/application/>
After your application confirmed, we will arrange pre-counseling accordingly.

(3) When you submit your research plan (University-designated Form 1), make sure it includes the name of the professor who gave you pre-counseling.

IV. Required Documents

1. Required Documents

Regarding the Notice on Application including the information of certificates, etc., please refer to “Points to Note when Applying for Admission” specified in the “Application Guidelines (For all Graduate Schools)”.

Application forms designated here by Ritsumeikan University are included at the end of this Application Guidelines. Please also refer to “How to Submit Application Documents” on page 29.

Please check the documents marked ✓ and * in the “Admission Method” column you are applying for, and check the explanation of each document.

	Required Documents	Admission Method
		Regular
(1)	Application Sheet	✓
(2)	Application Sheet for Non-Japanese Applicants	*
(3)	Certificate of Completion / Expected Completion	✓ *
(4)	Academic Transcript	✓ *
(5)	Certificate of Language Ability	*
(6)	Research Plan Form	✓
(7)	Declaration of Financial Resources	✓
(8)	Questionnaire	✓
(9)	Letter of Recommendation	*

✓ : Necessary * : If applicable

* Those who are enrolled in undergraduate schools or graduate schools of Ritsumeikan University as regular students at the time of application DON'T need to submit.

(1) Application Sheet

Must be printed out from “Ritsu-Mate” after you complete your application information on the same website with a photograph of the applicant’s face attached.

*Color facial photo (taken within three months before the application, above the chest level, without a hat or cap, facing front, no background, and 3 cm long × 2.4 cm wide). Digital alteration of the photo is not permitted.

(2) Application Sheet for Non-Japanese Applicants 【Form GS 1】

Only required from applicants who do not have Japanese nationality.

(3) Certificate of Completion / Expected Completion

Certificate issued by Graduate School you attended, which meets the application criteria.

Only original is accepted.

*For those who have completed graduate schools abroad, the degree such as Master, etc. must be confirmed with this document.

*Those who cannot submit the original certificate are required to consult it by email.

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【Those who have completed / who are expected to complete a program at Graduate School in China

*except for Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau】

⟨Those who have already completed⟩

Instead of the certificate of completion, please print and submit both ① and ② below.

① Online Verification Report of Higher Education Qualification Certificate (English translation of “教育部学历证书电子注册备案表”)

② Online Verification Report of Higher Education Degree Certificate (English translation of “中国高等教育学位在线验证报告”)

⟨Those who expect to complete⟩

In addition to the certificate of expected completion, please print and submit the documents below.

Online Verification Report of Student Record (English translation of “教育部学籍在线验证报告”)

(4) Academic Transcript

Academic Transcript must be issued by the Graduate School which meets the application criteria.

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Individual Preliminary Screening (Only if applicable)

Ritsumeikan University offers individual preliminary screenings for prospective adult learners, etc. with the academic capacity and motivation to study at the graduate level, but whose academic credentials do not meet the minimum application requirements. Those who wish to apply for enrollment into a Master's Program who have been determined through the preliminary screening to have academic ability equal to or greater than that of a university graduate will be allowed to apply for the admission screening. Likewise, those who wish to enroll into a Doctoral Program who have been determined through the preliminary screening to have academic ability equal to or greater than that of a Master's or Professional Degree Program graduate will be allowed to apply for the admission screening.

If you wish to apply for the individual preliminary screening, complete the necessary procedures by the designated deadline.

*It should be noted that the purpose of the individual preliminary screening is only to check whether or not you meet the requirements for application regarding academic ability. It is completely separate from the entrance examination. Passing the individual preliminary screening will simply allow you to apply to take the entrance examination, which you will then need to pass in order to be granted admission to the graduate school.

1. Procedures for the Individual Preliminary Screening

STEPS 1: Request for the individual preliminary screening to the administrative office of the graduate school.

STEPS 2: Obtain required documents to be submitted for the screening.

STEPS 3: Submit required documents by the designated deadline.

STEPS 4: Receive a result of the screening. If you pass the screening, apply for the graduate school in accordance with the application guidelines of the graduate school.

2. Screening Method

Document Screening (plus an interview, if necessary)

3. The matters to be considered during the screening consist of the academic history and qualifications of the individual applicants to be recognized as having an academic ability equal to or higher than university graduates, which include

- Any learning programs that the applicant has completed at a special training school or vocational school, etc.
- Work experience and qualifications the applicant has got
- Certain credits that the applicant has earned as a degree / a non-degree student
- Learning programs that the applicant has completed at a school under the prewar educational system.

4. Deadline to Request for the Individual Preliminary Screening and Submit Documents

<Deadline to request a screening>

Please contact the Administrative Office, College of Life Sciences by Wednesday, March 11, 2026.

<Deadline to submit documents>

The date will be notified individually.

5. Documents to be Submitted

Documents once accepted cannot be returned under any circumstances.

(1) Applicants for admission to a Master's Program are required to submit the following documents.

Documents to be submitted	Remarks
(1) Application form for an individual preliminary screening (which doubles as a personal resume) (2) Essay on your reason for applying for admission and Research plan (3) Certificate of academic background and academic record (Only Original is acceptable.) (e.g.) certificate of graduation, certificate of enrollment, academic transcript etc. (4) Other documents required by the administrative office.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regarding the formats of (1) and (2), inquire at the administrative office of the graduate school. If you wish, you may submit additional materials, such as another certificate, essay, piece of work, or reference data, together with these documents.

(2) Applicants for admission to a Doctoral Program are required to submit the following documents.

Documents to be submitted	Remarks
(1) Application form for an individual preliminary screening (which doubles as a personal resume) (2) Essay on your reason for applying for admission and Research plan (3) Certificate of academic background and academic record (Only Original is acceptable.) (e.g.) certificate of graduation, certificate of enrollment, academic transcript etc. (4) Research achievement that corresponds to a master's thesis (5) Other documents required by the administrative office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regarding the formats of (1) and (2), inquire at the administrative office of the graduate school.

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7. Screening Fee

None

8. Result of the Screening

The result of the individual preliminary screening will be sent to you by mail or email at least one week prior to the deadline of the application for admission.

9. Validity of the Qualification

The qualification for applying for admission granted as a result of the individual preliminary screening is valid for any application for the same admission in each graduate school.

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該当する項目のみ記入・添付してください。

※日本国籍を有しない者のみ提出してください。多重国籍で日本国籍を有する者は提出不要です。

Complete only the sections that apply to you.

*Only required from applicants who do not have Japanese nationality. This form is not required if you have multiple citizenships that include Japanese nationality.

I. 在留資格について／Status of residence

以下のうち該当するものを選択□・記入してください。／Complete only the sections that apply to you.

A-1 現在（出願時点）在留カードを有しておらず、入学時に在留資格「留学」を取得する予定である。

Currently (at the time of application), I do not have a Japanese Residence Card and I plan to obtain a "Student" status of residence at the time of enrollment.

A-2 現在（出願時点）在留カードを有しておらず、入学時に「留学」以外の在留資格を取得する予定である。

Currently (at the time of application), I do not have a Japanese Residence Card and I plan to obtain a status of residence other than "Student" at the time of enrollment.

B-1 現在（出願時点）、在留資格「留学」の在留カードを有している。

Currently (at the time of application) I have a "Student" status of Japanese Residence Card.

現在通っている学校の卒業（または退学）年月を記入し、以下貼付欄に在留カードのコピーを貼付してください。

Please write the scheduled date of graduation (or leaving) from the current educational institution and attach a copy of your residence card in the attachment area.

現在通っている学校の卒業（または退学）予定年月

Scheduled date of graduation (or leaving) from the current educational institution.

*If you have already graduated (or left), enter the date of graduation (leaving).

(MM/YYYY)

B-2 現在（出願時点）、在留資格「留学」以外の在留カードを有している。

Currently (at the time of application) I have a Japanese Residence Card other than the "Student" status.

以下のうち該当するものを選択し、以下貼付欄に在留カードのコピーを貼付してください。

Select the following applicable items and please attach a copy of your residence card in the attachment area.

入学までに在留資格「留学」へ変更する予定である。／I plan to change my status of residence to "Student" by the date of enrollment.

在留資格「留学」へ変更する予定はない。／I do not plan to change my status of residence to "Student".

C 現在（出願時点）、特別永住者証明書や外務省発行の身分証明書、日米地位協定に基づく身分証明書を有している。

Currently (at the time of application), I have a Special Permanent Resident Certificate, an identification card issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or an identification card based on the Status of Forces Agreement between Japan and the U.S.

〈在留カードのコピー（表裏両面）貼付欄／Attachment area of a Japanese Residence Card (Both sides)〉

※ B-1、B-2 に該当する者のみ／Only those who fall under B-1, B-2.

表面／Front of card



裏面／Back of card



II. パスポートのコピーの提出／A photocopy of applicant's passport information page

※出願時に有効期限内のパスポートを取得している者のみ（日本の永住権を有している方は提出不要）

*Only those who have a valid passport at the time of application (Permanent residents of Japan are not required to submit.)

パスポートの氏名・生年月日が記載されたページをA4 サイズの用紙にコピーし、本様式とあわせて提出してください。

Make a photocopy of your passport information page showing your name and date of birth on an A4-size paper and submit it together with this form.

GS1

copy of passport

III. その他／Others

該当する項目のみ回答してください。／Complete only the sections that apply to you.

1. 職歴／Work experience

勤務先(所在地)／Name of employer (Address)	勤務内容／Job description	勤務期間／Period of employment
		(MM/DD/YYYY)
		(MM/DD/YYYY)

2. 兵役／Military service

開始／from	(MM/YYYY)	終了／End	(MM/YYYY)

以上のとおり、相違ありません。／I certify that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

日付／Date :

(MM/DD/YYYY)

氏名／Name :

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日本語能力確認書

Confirmation of Japanese Language Proficiency

志願者氏名

Name of applicant : _____

住所

Address : _____

指導を希望する教員に下記項目の記入を依頼してください。

Please ask the prospective supervising professor at Ritsumeikan University to fill in the following columns.

確認方法: _____

所見：

指導を希望する教員氏名： 印　日付：

推 薦 書【任意】

Letter of Recommendation (Optional)

志願者へ 下に自分の氏名と住所を記入し署名のうえ、推薦者に手渡してください。

To the applicant: 推薦書は、推薦者が厳封してください。氏名と住所については活字体で記入してください。

Fill in your name, address and signature below and deliver to the person who will write this recommendation. The written recommendation should be sealed by the respondent and be enclosed with the application for admission. Please print all information except signature.

私はこの推薦書が入学目的以外に使用されることはないものと理解し、将来本状の内容を知る要求はいたしません。

I understand that this letter will be used only for the purpose of admission and hereby waive my right to see it.

姓

Last (family) name (print)

名

First name

Middle name

現住所

Current address

署名

Signature

推薦者へ 上記の者は立命館大学に入学を希望しております。つきましては、下記事項についての評価をお聞かせください。秘密は厳守いたします。記入の後は、厳封のうえ、志願者に渡してください。

The person whose name appears above has applied for admission to Ritsumeikan University. We would like to have your assessment of the applicant as called for below. Any information you provide will be considered strictly confidential. After completing this letter, please seal it in the envelope, and deliver or mail it to the applicant.

1. 本人を知るようになってどのくらいになりますか。また、どんなご関係ですか。

How long have you known the applicant and in what context?

2. 本人に関するご意見（本人が日本で勉学するのに必要な資質、能力等について率直なご意見を記入してください。また、本人の研究に関する評価を詳しく記入してください。）

In your statement concerning the applicant, we would appreciate your candid opinion of the applicant's qualifications for study in Japan. Please indicate in detail your assessment of the applicant's ability in his/her field of study.

3. ご存知の学生たちの中で、本人はどの辺りに位置するか示してください。

（該当するものを○で囲んでください。）

Please indicate where the applicant would rank among students with whom you are acquainted.
(Circle the appropriate word.)

極めて優れている	優れている	良 い	平 均 的
Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Average
(top 5%)	(top 15%)	(top third)	(middle third)

推薦者氏名

Print name :

現住所

Current address :

電 話 Phone number :

役 職 Title :

日 付 Date :

署 名 Signature :

立命館大学
Ritsumeikan University

Application Documents Checklist:

- Please print all forms double-sided.
- Documents will be accepted as original if they bear the original, authorized seal of the issuing agency (The seal must be original. Photocopied seals will not be accepted).
- All forms and documents must be in English or Japanese or accompanied by an English or Japanese translation.

1. Application Sheet

*Must be printed out from “Ritsu-Mate” and attach your facial photograph

2. Application Sheet for Non-Japanese Applicants 【University-designated Form GS 1】

3. Research Plan Form 【University-designated Form SK 1】

4. Declaration of Financial Resources 【University-designated Form SK 2】

5. Questionnaire 【University-designated Form SK 3】

6. Letter of recommendation by the dean, or person of higher position, at the applicant's school or institution 【Free form or University-designated Form SK 4】

* Not compulsory to submit.

* Must be addressed to the Dean of the Graduate School of Life Sciences

7. Original certificate of graduation or expected graduation from the higher education institution you attended, which meets the application criteria

*Those who cannot submit the original certificate are required to consult it by email.
email: gsls@st.ritsumei.ac.jp

8. Original certificate/transcript of grades from the higher education institution you attended, which meets the application criteria

*Those who cannot submit the original certificate are required to consult it by email.
email: gsls@st.ritsumei.ac.jp

9. Certificate of language ability

(e.g TOEIC® Listening & Reading Test, TOEFL iBT® Test or IELTS)

*Copies are acceptable.

10. Photocopy of applicant's passport, if applicable (must show applicant's picture and name)

11. Graduates of Chinese institutions : PDF copy of Online Verification Report of Higher Education Qualification Certificate

(graduates of universities in China, only) or PDF copy of Online Verification Report of Student Record (students currently enrolled in Graduate School or university in China, only)

Application period: Thursday, April 2, 2026 – Thursday, April 16, 2026

All documents must arrive by express mail on or before the deadline if applicants apply from overseas.
Please allow sufficient time for delivery.

【FORM SK 1-E】

Research Plan Form

Please download a Word file from the following link to fill out.

<https://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/gsls/application/>

In the spaces below please provide a statement of your planned field of study and tentative study plan. Please write in English, do not use abbreviations, and use the Anno Domini system for any dates (e.g. "I graduated in 2007.")

Title:
Subject:
Plan & Method:

Please refer to the following web site for the researchers to determine the prospective supervising professor.

URL: <https://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/gsls/eng/academics/researchers.html/>

	Prospective Supervising Professor	Reason	Have you obtained approval for your research plan above?
1			
2			
3			

【FORM SK 2】

Declaration of Financial Resources

1. Are you promised to receive a scholarship from a government, private organization, etc.?

YES Please specify the benefactor: _____

NO

2. If "Yes" above,

- Please specify the scholarship periods: from _____ to _____
- Please submit proof of the scholarship award or conditional award together with the other application documents.

3. Please indicate the source and amount of funding for the entire duration of your studies at Ritsumeikan:

Source of Support	Amount (in Japanese yen)
Personal Savings	¥ _____
Parent or Sponsor *Please specify:	¥ _____
Scholarship *Benefactor:	¥ _____
Others:	¥ _____ ¥ _____
TOTAL	¥ _____

*Please provide copies of award letters for all private scholarships or bursaries.

I hereby certify that all information submitted is true and accurate and that the stated funds are available for my educational expenses at Ritsumeikan University.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____ (Month/Day/Year)

【FORM SK 3】

Questionnaire
September 2026 Enrollment
Regular Admission (English-based Program)
Graduate School of Life Sciences

INSTRUCTIONS (記入上の注意)

1. The application should be typed. (明瞭に記入してください。)
2. Numbers should be in Arabic numerals. (数字は算用数字を使用してください。)
3. Years should be written using the Anno Domini system. (年号はすべて西暦で記入してください。)
4. Proper nouns should be written in full and not abbreviated. (固有名詞はすべて正式な名称とし、一切省略しないでください。)

* Personal data entered in this application will only be used for selection purposes.

(本申請書に記載された個人情報については、選考以外の目的では使用いたしません。)

(Sex)

1. Name in full in native language _____

(姓名(自国語)) (Family name) , (First name) (Middle name)

Male(男)

Female(女)

2. Your prospective supervising professor and your contact status (希望指導教員および連絡状況) .

Name of Professor (希望指導教員名) _____

Contact Status (連絡状況) Yes, I have been in contact with this professor.

No, I have not been in contact with this professor.

Specific topic of your research plan (特に○○に関する研究) : _____

3. Field of specialization studied in the past (Be as detailed and specific as possible.) (過去に専攻した専門分野(できるだけ具体的に詳細に記入してください。)

4. State the titles or subjects of books or papers (including graduation thesis authored by the applicant), if any, with the name and address of the publisher and the date of publication. (著書、論文(卒業論文を含む)があればその題名、出版社名、出版年月日、出版場所を記載してください。)

5. Employment Record: Begin with the most recent employment, if applicable. (職歴)

Name and address of organization (勤務先および所在地)	Period of employment(YYYY/MM/DD) (勤務期間)	Position (役職名)	Type of work (職務内容)
	From To		
	From To		

6. Japanese language proficiency: Evaluate your level and insert an X where appropriate in the following blank space.

(日本語能力を自己評価のうえ、該当欄に×印を記入してください。)

	Excellent (優)	Good (良)	Fair (可)	Poor (不可)
Reading (読む能力)				
Writing (書く能力)				
Speaking (話す能力)				

7. Accompanying Dependents (Provide the following information if you plan to bring any family members to Japan.)

同伴家族欄(渡日する場合、同伴予定の家族がいる場合に記入してください。)

* All expenses incurred by the presence of dependents must be borne by the grantee. He/She is advised to take into consideration various difficulties and the great expense that will be involved in finding living quarters. Therefore, those who wish to be accompanied by their families are advised to come alone first and let their dependents come after suitable accommodation has been found.

〔(注)同伴者に必要な経費はすべて留学生の負担であり、家族用の住居をみつけることは相当困難であり賃貸料も非常に高額になることを、あらかじめご承知おきください。留学生はまず単身で来日し、適当な住居をみつけた後、家族を呼び寄せるをおすすめします。〕

Name (氏名)	Relationship (続柄)	Age (年齢)

8. Person to be notified in applicant's home country in case of emergency:

(緊急の際の母国の連絡先)

i) Name in full:

(氏名) _____

ii) Address: with telephone number, facsimile number, email address

(住所:電話番号、ファックス番号およびE-mailアドレスを記入してください。)

現住所(Present address):

電話番号/FAX番号(Telephone/Facsimile number):

Email address:

iii) Occupation:

(職業) _____

iv) Relationship:

(本人との関係) _____

9. Immigration Records to Japan (日本への渡航記録)

Date(日付) (YYYY/MM/DD)	Purpose(渡航目的)
From To	
From To	

10. 学歴 Academic record

INSTRUCTIONS

- 幼稚園・保育所教育は含まれない。
- 「大学予備教育」は後期中等教育に含まれる。
- 「大学入学資格試験」に合格している場合には、その旨「特記事項」欄に記入すること。
- 「飛び級」をしている場合には、その旨を「特記事項」欄に記入すること。(例) 高校3年次を飛び級により短期卒業)
- 住居の移転や大学の再入学者を理由に、同教育課程で複数の学校に在籍していた場合は、同じ欄に複数の学校の在籍を記載し、すべての修学状況を修学年数に含めること。
- 修了済みの課程年数合計は在籍期間を算出し、記入すること。(長期休暇も含める)
- 下記に書ききれない場合は、別紙に記入することも可能。しかしその場合は、別紙に記入する旨を明記すること。

1. Exclude kindergarten education and nursery school education.
 2. Preparatory education for university admission is included in upper secondary education.
 3. If the applicant has passed the university entrance qualification, indicate this in the Remarks column.
 4. Any school years or levels skipped should be indicated in the Remarks column.
 Example: Skipped senior year for the early graduation.
 5. If you attended multiple schools at the same level of education due to moving house or readmission to university, then write the schools in the same column and include the number of years of study and current status for each school.
 6. Calculate and write the total number of years studied based on the duration as a student. (including extended leaves such as summer vacation)
 7. You may use a separate piece of paper if the space below is insufficient. In such a case, please stipulate that the information is on a separate page.

初等教育 (小学校) Primary Education (Elementary School)	学校名 Name of school											
	から From	年 yyyy	月 mm	~	まで To	年 yyyy	月 mm	修業年限 Period required for graduation		年 yrs		
	特記事項 Remarks											
前期中等教育 (中学校) Lower Secondary Education (Middle School/Junior High School)	学校名 Name of school											
	から From	年 yyyy	月 mm	~	まで To	年 yyyy	月 mm	修業年限 Period required for graduation		年 yrs		
	特記事項 Remarks											
後期中等教育 (高校) Upper Secondary Education (Senior) High School)	学校名 Name of school											
	から From	年 yyyy	月 mm	~	まで To	年 yyyy	月 mm	修業年限 Period required for graduation		年 yrs		
	特記事項 Remarks											
高等教育 (大学学部) Tertiary(Higher) Education (Undergraduate)	学校名 Name of school					学部名 Name of Faculty						
	所在地 Location	州・省 State/Province				市・町 City/Town						
	から From	年 yyyy	月 mm	~	まで To	年 yyyy	月 mm	修業年限 Period required for graduation		年 yrs		
	修了状況(※渡日時点) Status(*As of arrival in Japan)	<input type="checkbox"/>	修了 Completed	<input type="checkbox"/>	修了見込 Expected to complete	<input type="checkbox"/>	退学 Withdrawal	<input type="checkbox"/>	その他※特記事項欄に詳細を記入すること Other *Fill in the details in the Remarks column below.			
	学位 Degree	<input type="checkbox"/>	学士 Bachelor-level									
	特記事項 Remarks											
高等教育 (大学院) Tertiary (Higher) Education (Graduate)	学校名 Name of school					学科名 Name of Department						
	所在地 Location	州・省 State/Province				市・町 City/Town						
	から From	年 yyyy	月 mm	~	まで To	年 yyyy	月 mm	修業年限 Period required for graduation		年 yrs		
	修了状況(※渡日時点) Status(*As of arrival in Japan)	<input type="checkbox"/>	修了 Completed	<input type="checkbox"/>	修了見込 Expected to complete	<input type="checkbox"/>	退学 Withdrawal	<input type="checkbox"/>	その他※特記事項欄に詳細を記入すること Other *Fill in the details in the Remarks column below.			
	学位 Degree	<input type="checkbox"/>	学士 Bachelor-level	<input type="checkbox"/>	修士 Master-level	<input type="checkbox"/>	博士 Doctor-level	<input type="checkbox"/>				
	特記事項 Remarks											
高等教育 (大学院) Tertiary (Higher) Education (Graduate)	学校名 Name of school					学科名 Name of Department						
	所在地 Location	州・省 State/Province				市・町 City/Town						
	から From	年 yyyy	月 mm	~	まで To	年 yyyy	月 mm	修業年限 Period required for graduation		年 yrs		
	修了状況(※入学時点) Status(*As of arrival in Japan)	<input type="checkbox"/>	修了 Completed	<input type="checkbox"/>	修了見込 Expected to complete	<input type="checkbox"/>	退学 Withdrawal	<input type="checkbox"/>	その他※特記事項欄に詳細を記入すること Other *Fill in the details in the Remarks column below.			
	学位 Degree	<input type="checkbox"/>	学士 Bachelor-level	<input type="checkbox"/>	修士 Master-level	<input type="checkbox"/>	博士 Doctor-level	<input type="checkbox"/>				
	特記事項 Remarks											
入学時点で修了済みの課程年数合計 Total years of education you will complete as of enrolment in the university in Japan												年 yrs

I understand and accept all the matters stated in the Application Guideline for September 2026 Admission, and hereby apply for admission to Ritsumeikan University.

Date of application:

(申請年月日)

Applicant's signature:

(申請者署名)

Applicant's name

(in Roman block capitals) :

(申請者氏名)

【FORM SK 4】

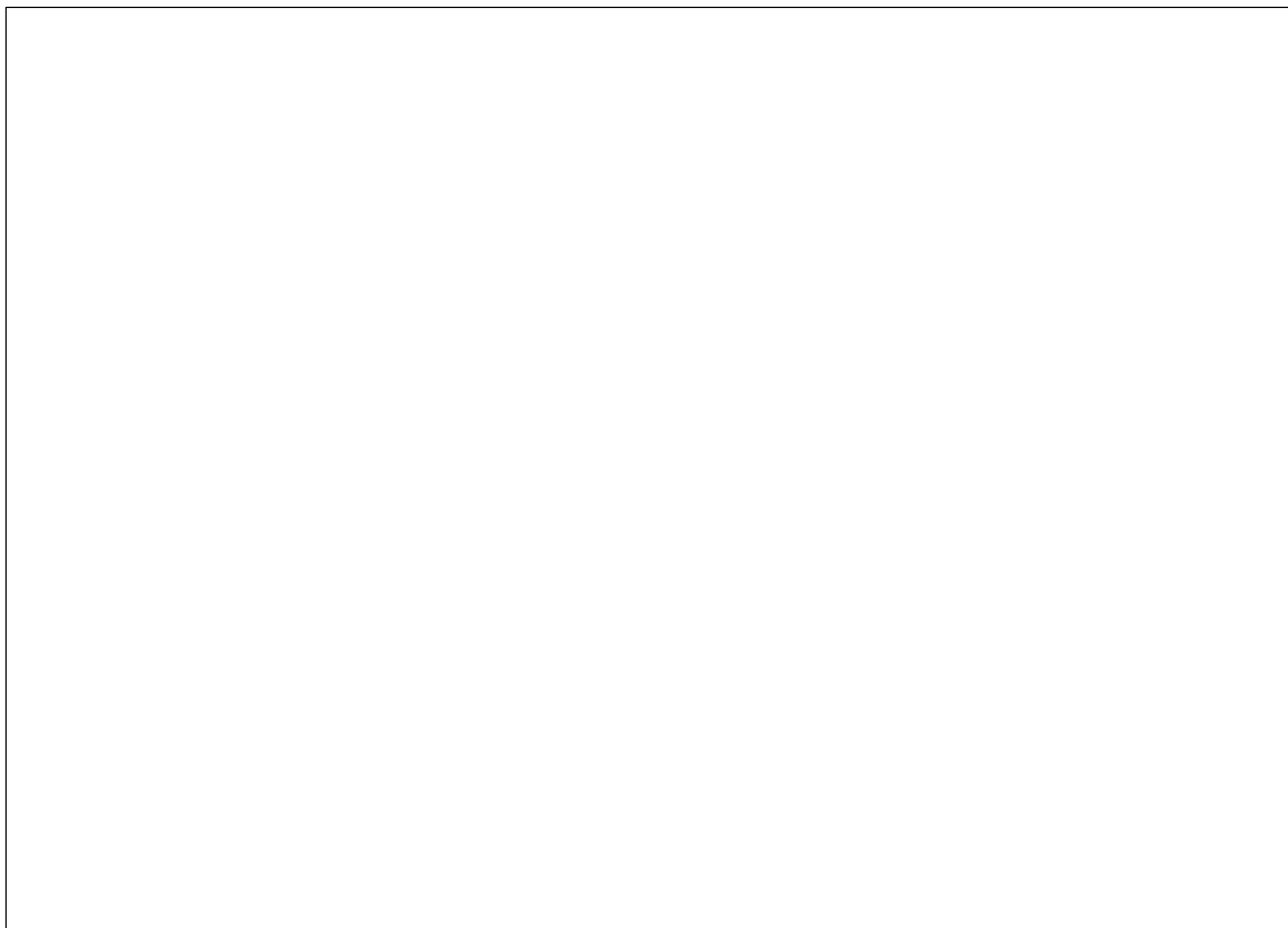
Letter of Recommendation

To the Recommender:

The candidate named below has applied for admission to a Master's/Doctoral program at Ritsumeikan University. Please complete this form to aid us in our assessment of the candidate. Once completed please seal the form in an envelope and return it to the candidate. Thank you.

Applicant's Name: _____ *(Family)* _____ *(First)* _____ *(Middle)*

Please comment on the candidate's academic performance, potential, and motivation to the best of your knowledge, including any research or involvement in campus activities. Feel free to add any details that you feel will help us in our evaluation.



Recommender's Information

Name:	Signature:
Institution:	Position:
Relationship to Candidate:	Date:

