





Working as a Peer Supporter or Student Staff Member

At Ritsumeikan University, there are many systems of peer support in which students support and learn from one another independently. Around 40 organizations and 4,000 students are involved in peer support activities. A way for students to assist other students, peer support is an opportunity for meeting, learning and growth among students from diverse national and regional backgrounds and value outlooks.

Peer support has a long history at Ritsumeikan University, beginning with the “Orientation Conductor” activities to support new enrollees and discussed at the Plenary Council* of the University as early as 1991. Today it is one of the university’s distinguishing features.

*Plenary Council: Based on the idea that all constituents of the university should participate in self-government, Ritsumeikan University has established a system that enables the different groups that constitute the university —undergraduate students, graduate students, faculty and staff, and the university authorities (Executive Board of Trustees)—to engage actively in improvements and reforms to the conditions of education, research, and student life. This system is known as the “Plenary Council.” The members of the Plenary Council are representatives of the Student Council and Graduate Student Council as the self-governing organizations of undergraduate and graduate students respectively, the Faculty/Staff Union, and the university authorities (Executive Board of Trustees), with the Ritsumeikan Co-operative participating as an observer.

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Name	Main Activities	Inquiries regarding Applications, etc.	QR Code
Orientation Conductors	Provide various forms of support for new students’ adjustment to campus life, in collaboration with the Colleges and Office of Student Affairs.	Kinugasa: Administrative Office of your College BKC: Administrative Office of your College OIC: MANABI Station (Building A, 1F/AC Office)	
SSP Peer Supporters	Support the operation of the SSP, which supports students’ independence and growth.	Student Success Program (SSP), Office of Student Affairs	
BBP Staff	Provide support for international exchange, language learning and study abroad, organize events and activities, and offer guidance on how to use Beyond Borders Plaza (BBP).	Language Education Center, International Center	
Educational Supporter (ES)	They are undergraduate students who support instructors and students in class.	Kinugasa: Administrative office of each college BKC: Administrative office of each college OIC: Manabi Station (Building A 1F AC Administrative office)	
Library Staff	Maintain a comfortable atmosphere in the library and respond to users’ questions as peer supporters.	Kinugasa: Hirai Kaichiro Memorial Library BKC: Media Center Media Library OIC: OIC Library	