

3. Miscellaneous Membership Fees (Academic Year 2022 Entry)

The university undertakes the collection of miscellaneous membership fees from its associated organizations, which students are required to pay together with tuition. For details concerning the associated organizations, refer to following pages. These Membership Fees are collected along with university fees during the Enrollment Procedures.

[Master's Program]

(JPY)

Graduate School		Graduate Students Association Fee*	Academic Society Fee	Alumni Association Fee	Faculty Alumni Fee	Total
Economics	Graduates from Ritsumeikan University	4,000	7,000	—	—	11,000
	Graduates from Other Institutions	4,000	7,000	30,000	—	41,000
International Relations Policy Science	Graduates from Ritsumeikan University	4,000	8,000	—	—	12,000
	Graduates from Other Institutions	4,000	8,000	30,000	—	42,000
Science and Engineering Information Science and Engineering Life Sciences	Graduates from Ritsumeikan University	4,000	—	—	—	4,000
	Graduates from Other Institutions	4,000	—	30,000	—	34,000

[Doctoral Program]

(JPY)

Graduate School		Graduate Students Association Fee*	Academic Society Fee	Alumni Association Fee	Faculty Alumni Fee	Total
Economics	Graduates from Ritsumeikan University	4,000	7,000	—	—	11,000
	Graduates from Other Institutions	4,000	7,000	—	—	11,000
International Relations Policy Science	Graduates from Ritsumeikan University	4,000	8,000	—	—	12,000
	Graduates from Other Institutions	4,000	8,000	—	—	12,000
Science and Engineering Information Science and Engineering Life Sciences Technology Management	Graduates from Ritsumeikan University	4,000	—	—	—	4,000
	Graduates from Other Institutions	4,000	—	—	—	4,000

Notes:

* The Graduate Students Association Fee for AY 2022 will be 1,000 yen. The Federation of Graduate Students Associations has decided to collect only 1,000 yen out of the normal (annual) fee of 4,000 yen in order to provide financial support to graduate students so that they can maintain and improve their research activities even in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- 1) The Graduate Students Associations membership fee and the Alumni Association's membership fee should be paid in a lump sum. (Biannual payment is not allowed.) The academic society's fee is collected per semester, however, annual fee is collected, if you choose to pay Tuition Fees for 2 semesters together at once.
- 2) The Alumni Association's membership fee (lifetime fee) should be paid in the year of admission only. Students from Ritsumeikan University are exempt from payment of the Alumni Association fee, which is supposed to have been paid when they were in their fourth year at the college of the university (sixth year for students from the college of Pharmaceutical Sciences). However, students who have been admitted to a graduate school under the grade-skipping system without paying the Alumni Association fee during their fourth (sixth year for students from the college of Pharmaceutical Sciences) year and students from the APU are required to pay the Alumni Association fee.

4. Details concerning the associated organizations, the university undertakes the collection of membership fees

(1) Federation of graduate students associations

Federation of Graduate Students Associations is an autonomous organization joined by all graduate students of Ritsumeikan University established to help graduate students explore their academic interests to a fuller extent and to facilitate further development of the university and its graduate schools. The federation is tasked with working with the university to improve educational and research environments at the graduate schools and enhancing amenities to make campus life more comfortable for graduate students. At Ritsumeikan University, the autonomous and independent activities of the federation are considered important in encouraging personal growth of graduate students and improving campus environments.

The annual membership fee is used to cover the expenses of the activities of the federation and the Graduate Students Association of each graduate school (e.g. expenses to purchase office supplies and materials for common use).

Ritsumeikan University determines whether to collect membership fees on behalf of the federation after examining the budget and financial report submitted by the federation annually. Also, the actual arrangements to receive and spend membership fees are made through the university, not directly by the federation.

(2) Academic societies

Most of the colleges and graduate schools of Ritsumeikan University have their own academic societies. Each of these academic societies aims to contribute to the development of research in each respective field and offer grants-in-aid to researchers. Specifically, these academic societies are involved in: (i) publishing “research journals (bulletin of the academic society), (ii) organizing academic meetings, (iii) offering financial assistance for research activities, (iv) hosting academic lectures, (v) conducting surveys of various kinds and organizing inspection tours, and (vi) organizing seminar meetings. Members are sent periodical research journals (the bulletin of the academic society) containing research papers written by Ritsumeikan University’s faculties, selected graduation and master’s theses, book reviews, and up-to-date information on the academic society itself. Members are also given opportunities to participate in academic lectures featuring renowned lecturers and seminar meetings, which help to facilitate study and research at the respective colleges and graduate schools.

Each of the academic societies consists of the faculty, graduate students, and students of each respective college and graduate school. (Any individual who graduated from or completed the program of any of the relevant colleges or graduate schools can join its academic society by following the specified procedures.) The university recognizes the significance of these academic societies and deems students, by enrolling themselves in one of the colleges and graduate schools that have an academic society, automatically become members of the academic society in question. The academic society membership fee is added to tuition fees and is collected by the university on behalf of each academic society. If the tuition fees for the first academic year paid to the university falls short of the amount of the membership fee (full or half amount), the student is considered to have opted not to join the academic society. While students who are not members of the academic societies incur no disadvantage in their study and research at the university, they are not entitled to participate in events held by the academic societies or receive supports from them.

■ Overview of each academic societies

Academic society name	Main functions	Membership of the society	Head office
The Academic Society of International Relations	(i) publishing “research journals (bulletin of the academic society) (ii) organizing academic meetings	Faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students affiliated with the College of International Relations, Graduate School of International Relations.	Administrative Office, College of International Relations
The Academic Society of Policy Science	(iii) offering financial assistance for research activities (iv) hosting academic lectures	Faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students affiliated with the College of Policy Science, Graduate School of Policy Science.	Administrative Office, College of Policy Science
The Academic Society of Economics	(v) conducting surveys of various kinds and organizing inspection tours (vi) organizing seminar meetings	Faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students affiliated with the College of Economics, Graduate School of Economics.	Administrative Office, College of Economics

(3) Alumni association

Membership of the Alumni Association of Ritsumeikan University consists of all the individuals who graduate from and completed programs at the university's colleges and graduate school, as well as the university's faculty and administrative staff members. The association's objectives are to maintain ties between alumni and their alma mater, and to contribute to the success of its members, to the advancement of Ritsumeikan University, and to wider society. To these ends it pursues a number of projects that foster interaction and goodwill and enrich each other. The association has about 380,000 members, 52 prefectural associations in Japan, and 34 overseas associations, as well as around 600 associations organized by colleges, departments, seminar classes, student groups, occupational categories, and regions.

The major activities of the Alumni Association include: holding the national Alumni Association assembly, organizing general meetings of prefectural alumni associations, organizing events to welcome new members, planning cross-industrial exchange programs, offering scholarships to current students, publishing and disseminating the Alumni Association's bulletin, the Ritsumei (three times annually), managing an official website and Facebook page, implementing relief efforts after the Great East Japan Earthquake disaster, and supporting Ritsumeikan University sporting teams. Members are also issued a membership card, which allows them to use libraries and other facilities within the university. The membership fee of 30,000 Japanese yen is a lifetime fee. On request and on behalf of the association, the university collects the fee together with tuition fee payments. (Graduates of Ritsumeikan University who paid the membership fee while enrolled in an undergraduate college are exempt from further payment.)