

Guidelines for the Ritsumeikan University Saionji Memorial Scholarship (Academically Outstanding Students Category) for AY 2026

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Ritsumeikan University

1. Objectives

In accordance with the objectives of the “Ritsumeikan Model of Learning”, this scholarship aims to reward students who, through hard work, have excelled academically in their curricular studies, and encourage such students to serve as role models for study and further growth among their peers.

2. Eligible Student

Students who enrolled in April:

First-year students in their Fall Semester through fourth-year students in their Spring Semester. (Sixth-year students in the case of the College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Department of Pharmacy.)

Students who enrolled in September:

First-year students in their Spring Semester through fourth-year students in their Fall Semester.

3. Application Eligibility

Students who are enrolled in the semester in which the scholarship is awarded (the “scholarship award semester”) and who meet either of the following conditions:

- (1) Students who were enrolled in the semester immediately preceding the scholarship award semester.
- (2) Students whose enrollment status in the semester immediately preceding the scholarship award semester was “Study Abroad” and whose study abroad period ends in the scholarship award semester.

4. Reference Period for Scholarship Selection

The reference period for scholarship selection is the semester immediately preceding the scholarship award semester.

- If a student’s enrollment status during the reference semester was “Study Abroad,” academic results earned during the study abroad period will be treated as having been earned in the semester that includes the end date of the study abroad period. However, this treatment may vary by college; therefore, please also refer to [Table 2](#).
- If a student transfers to another college or department in the scholarship award semester, the selection will be conducted by the student’s former college or department, based on the academic performance achieved to the transfer.

5. Number of Scholarship Recipients

The number of scholarship recipients varies by college (department) and year of enrollement. Please refer to [Table 1](#).

Students who transfer to another college in the scholarship award semester will be included in the quota of the college to which they belonged in the immediately preceding semester.

6. Scholarship Amount

College	Scholarship Amount
College of Law, College of Economics, College of Business Administration, College of Social Sciences, College of International Relations, College of Policy Science, College of Letters, College of Sport and Health Science, College of Comprehensive Psychology, College of Gastronomy Management	150,000 yen per semester
College of Image Arts and Sciences, College of Science and Engineering, College of Information Science and Engineering, College of Life Sciences, College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, College of Global Liberal Arts, College of Arts and Design	300,000 yen per semester

7. Selection Criteria

Selection will be conducted based on criteria established by the university as a whole and by each respective college.

Criteria Established by the University	The GPA for courses required for graduation earned in the semester immediately preceding the scholarship award semester.
Criteria Established by Each College Procedures for handling cases in which applicants have the same GPA.	Please refer to Table 2 .

8. Selection of Scholarship Recipients

Respective colleges will recommend and determine scholarship recipients in order of academic excellence, based on the established selection criteria.

9. Notification to Students

Students will be notified by their respective colleges of the selection results and the procedures for receiving the scholarship.

Spring Semester: 10th June (Wed.) 13:00 (Tentative)

Fall Semester: 11th November (Wed.) 13:00 (Tentative)

10. Announcement of Scholarship Recipients

The names of scholarship recipients, including their college and department will be published on the University website (On-Campus Only).

11. Declining the Scholarship Award

If a student selected as a scholarship recipient wishes to decline the scholarship award, the student must complete the prescribed procedures.

12. Method and Timing of Scholarship Disbursement

The full amount of the scholarship will be disbursed in a lump sum to students who have completed the required procedures.

The scholarship will be paid by bank transfer to the recipient's bank account under the student's own name.

Spring Semester: Mid-August (Tentative)

Fall Semester: Mid-February (Tentative)

13. Obligations of Scholarship Recipients

Students selected as scholarship recipients are required to comply with the following obligations:

- (1) To consent to the publication of their name at the time of the announcement.
- (2) To strive to fulfill the role expected of scholarship recipients as stipulated in the selection guidelines for the Ritsumeikan University Saionji Memorial Scholarship and to serve as a model for other students.
- (3) To submit a Study Outcome Report.

14. Roles Expected of Scholarship Recipients

All scholarship recipients are expected to serve as role models for other students. If requested by their college to provide academic support to other students—such as serving as an ES (Educational Supporter) or study advisor—they are expected to actively fulfill such roles.

15. Revocation of Scholarship Award

If a scholarship recipient fails, without justifiable reason, to fulfill the obligations set forth in Section 13 (Obligations of Scholarship Recipients), fails to complete the required procedures by the designated deadline without justifiable reason, or is subject to disciplinary suspension, the scholarship award may be revoked and repayment of the scholarship may be required.

16. Miscellaneous

Regarding the permissibility of receiving this scholarship in combination with external scholarships, please refer to the regulations and guidelines of each respective scholarship.

Table 1 [Number of Recipients]

April entrants	Student Year	First-year students	Second-year students		Third-year students		Fourth-year students	
	Semester	Fall semester 【 2 】	Spring semester 【 3 】	Fall semester 【 4 】	Spring semester 【 5 】	Fall semester 【 6 】	Spring semester 【 7 】	
September entrants	Student Year		First-year students	Second-year students		Third-year students		Fourth-year students
	Semester		Spring semester 【 2 】	Fall semester 【 3 】	Spring semester 【 4 】	Fall semester 【 5 】	Spring semester 【 6 】	Fall semester 【 7 】
Department of International Relations		6	7	7	7	7	7	1
American University-Ritsumeikan University Joint Degree Program		1	1	1	1	1	1	

* Selected from among RU-home students based on the American University-Ritsumeikan University Joint Degree Program Agreement

*If a student takes odd semester leave (eg.1 or 3 semesters), the students will be classified to another enrollment period.

Table 2 [Grade Criteria, etc]

<p>Criteria Established by Each College</p>	<p>Completion of at least 16 credits required for graduation in the preceding semester. (15 credits for students enrolled in the American University-Ritsumeikan University Joint Degree Program) *Credits granted to students belonging to the Department of International Relations (IR Major and GS Major) for courses taken during study abroad by their host institution (Grades A+ to F and T inclusive) are not counted as part of the credits above. However, courses for which Grades A+ to F were given will be included in the GPA calculation (courses for which Grades T or P are given will not be included).</p>
<p>Handling method when students have identical GPA values</p>	<p>In the case that applicants have the same GPA, recipients will be determined according to the criteria a order below with 1. being the most important and 4 the least important. (1) Student with the higher cumulative GPA (2) Student who obtained more credits required for graduation in the preceding semester (3) Students who earned more A+ (credits) in the reference semester. (4) Students who earned more A (credits) in the reference semester. *If candidates will have same results for all above criteria, the college will select the awardee.</p>

Table 1 [Number of Recipients]

	Fall semester	Spring semester	Fall semester	Spring semester	Fall semester	Spring semester	Fall semester
April entrants	First-year students	Second-year students	Second-year students	Third-year students	Third-year students	Fourth-year students	
September entrants	Second-year students	First-year students	Third-year students	Second-year students	Fourth-year students	Third-year students	
	9	9	9	9	9	9	

*However, a maximum of three September enrollees will be accepted.

*If a student takes odd semester leave (eg.1 or 3 semesters), the students will be classified to another group.

Table 2 [Grade Criteria, etc]

Grade criteria, etc., set independently by the College	<p>Completion of at least 16 credits required for graduation in the preceding semester.</p> <p>*Courses taken during study abroad for which Grades A+ to F are given are included in GPA calculation (courses for which Grades T or P are given are not included in GPA calculation).</p>
Handling method when students have identical GPA values	<p>Recipients will be determined according to the criteria below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Student who earned a larger number of A+ grades in the preceding semester. 2. Student who earned a larger number of A grades in the preceding semester. 3. Student who earned a higher score in small-group core courses (Introduction to Academic Research, Introduction to On-site Research, and Policy Seminar). 4. Student who earned a higher cumulative GPA value. 5. Student who earned a higher cumulative score in the small-group core courses. 6. Student who earned the greater total number of credits required for graduation. 7. Student who earned a larger number of cumulative A+ grades 8. Student who earned a larger number of cumulative A grades <p>*If candidates will have the same results for all above criteria, the college will select the awardee.</p>

Table 1 [Number of Recipients]

Students Enrolled in	Year	1	2		3		4	
	Semester	Fall (2 nd sem.)	Spring (3 rd sem.)	Fall (4 th sem.)	Spring (5 th sem.)	Fall (6 th sem.)	Spring (7 th sem.)	
April	Available slots	2	1	1	0	0	2	
Students Enrolled in September	Year		1	2		3		4
	Semester		Spring (2 nd sem.)	Fall (3 rd sem.)	Spring (4 th sem.)	Fall (5 th sem.)	Spring (6 th sem.)	Fall (7 th sem.)
	Available slots		2	1	1	2	0	0

Table 2 [Grade Criteria, etc]

Grade criteria, etc., set independently by the College	To be eligible for the scholarship, students must have completed the following credits in the immediately preceding semester.	
	Semester	The number of credits to be completed in the immediately preceding semester
	2 nd semester	16 credits or more
	3 rd semester	16 credits or more
	4 th semester or above	16 credits or more * The selection is made based on the GPA earned from the GLA courses. The number of credits to be considered will include credits that have been transferred from ANU to RU.
	*The following students are not eligible for the scholarship: (1) The Cohort B students commencing their studies in Canberra (2) Students whose semester GPA for credits required for graduation, earned in the semester immediately preceding the award semester, is "0.00" due to study abroad.	
Handling method when students have identical GPA values	If multiple students have the same GPA, the selection will be conducted as follows.	
	2 nd semester	(1) Student(s) who earned a larger number of A+ grades in the immediately preceding the award semester. (2) Student(s) who earned a larger number of credits in the immediately preceding the award semester. (3) Student(s) who earned a larger number of A grades in the immediately

		<p>preceding the award semester.</p> <p>(4) Student(s) who earned a larger number of B grades in the immediately preceding the award semester.</p> <p>(5) Student(s) who earned a larger number of C grades in the immediately preceding the award semester.</p> <p>(6) Student(s) with a higher total score in the compulsory courses (100 points scale for each course) in the immediately preceding the award semester.</p>
	3rd semester	<p>(1) Student(s) who earned a larger number of A+ grades in the immediately preceding the award semester.</p> <p>(2) Student(s) with higher cumulative GPA.</p> <p>(3) Student(s) who earned a larger cumulative number of credits.</p> <p>(4) Student(s) who earned a larger number of A grades in the immediately preceding the award semester.</p> <p>(5) Student(s) who earned a larger number of B grades in the immediately preceding the award semester.</p> <p>(6) Student(s) who earned a larger number of C grades in the immediately preceding the award semester.</p> <p>(7) Student(s) with a higher total score in the compulsory courses (100 points scale for each course) in the immediately preceding the award semester.</p>
	4th semester or above	<p>(1) Student(s) with higher cumulative GPA.</p> <p>(2) Student(s) who earned a larger cumulative number of credits (including transferred courses).</p>

Table 1 [Number of Recipients]

Course	General Students	First year students Fall Semester (2nd semester) (*1)	Second year students Spring Semester (3rd semester) (*1)	Second year students Fall Semester (4th semester) (*1)	Third year students Spring Semester (5th semester) (*1)	Third year students Fall Semester (6th semester) (*1)	Fourth year students Spring Semester (7th semester) (*1)	
	Transfer Students						Third year students Spring Semester (6th semester) (*1)	Fourth year students Fall Semester (7th semester) (*1)
Information Systems Science and Engineering Course		1	7 (*2)	7 (*2)	7 (*2)	7 (*2)	7 (*2)	0
Other Courses		8						0
All Courses (*3)		1	3	3	3	3	4	1

*1 If students change their student status in an odd semester (e.g., 1st or 3rd semester) due to a leave of absence or inability to advance, they will be applied to a different semester.

*2 One student will be selected from the top of each course.

*3 1st year students will be selected one of the top students from the runner-up in the Information Systems Science and Engineering Course and other courses. In the spring semester of 2nd to 4th year students, the top 3 to 4 students will be selected from the runner-up in each course. In the fall semester of the 4th year students, only transfer students and students who have reached the 7th semester due to a change of student status will be eligible for selection, and one student from the top of those will be selected.

Table 2 [Grade Criteria, etc]

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<p>Handling method when students have identical GPA values</p>	<p>The following criteria will be applied sequentially to the selection.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Student who earned more credits required for graduation in the preceding semester 2. Student with the higher cumulative GPA value 3. Student with more “A+” grades in the preceding semester 4. Student with more “A” grades in the preceding semester 5. For transfer students, those who have a high cumulative GPA at their university prior to transfer <p>If the result is the same for all five of the above criteria, recipients will be determined by the College.</p>						