

Academic Year 2024, September Enrollment Application Guidelines for the
“Chinese Government Graduate Student Overseas Study Program
(国家建設高水平大学公派研究生項目)”

(Graduate Schools of Law, Economics, International Relations, Policy Science, Letters, Core Ethics and Frontier Sciences and Technology Management)

Based on the “Chinese Government Graduate Student Overseas Study Program (国家建設高水平大学公派研究生項目)” conducted by the China Scholarship Council, Ritsumeikan University will be accepting applications for September 2024 enrollment to Doctoral Programs, as well as enrollment to the third year of the Integrated Doctoral Program, from Chinese international students, as detailed below.

I. Recruiting Graduate Schools

Graduate School	Major	Program	Enrollment Cap	Number of Students Accepted	Medium of Instruction
Law	Law	Doctoral	10	A few	Japanese only
Economics	Economics	Doctoral	5	A few	English or Japanese
International Relations	International Relations	Doctoral	10	A few	English or Japanese
Policy Science	Policy Science	Doctoral	15	A few	English or Japanese
Letters	Humanities	Doctoral	20	A few	Japanese only
	Informatics of Behavior and Cultures	Doctoral	15	A few	Japanese only
Core Ethics and Frontier Sciences	Core Ethics and Frontier Sciences	Integrated Doctoral	-	A few	Japanese only
Technology Management	Technology Management	Doctoral	5	A few	English or Japanese

*Since the Graduate School of Core Ethics and Frontier Sciences, Major in Core Ethics and Frontier Sciences, recruits 3rd-year entrants for its 5 year Integrated Doctoral program only, there is no enrollment cap.

*The enrollment cap includes students admitted through all application processes.

*Actual number of students accepted may be lower, based on number of applications and entrance examination results.

II. Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet all the eligibility criteria for the Chinese Government Graduate Student Overseas Study Program, be enrolled in, or have completed the academic program of, one of the graduate schools listed in the chart below or at a graduate school at a university with a memorandum of understanding with Ritsumeikan University (with the exception of Beihang University, Beijing Institute of Technology and Harbin Institute of Technology), and must meet at least of one of the following conditions.

- (1) Persons who have been awarded a degree equivalent to a master’s degree or professional degree, as defined by Japanese law, abroad or who are expected to be awarded such a degree before being enrolled in the graduate school
- (2) 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 to or greater than holders of a master’s degree (the 1989 Notification of the Ministry of Education, Science, Sports and Culture No.118) (*)
- (3) 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 defined by Japanese law, as a result of individual preliminary screening and who have reached 24 years of age (*)

* Applicants who intend to apply under category (3) or (4), above, must contact the International Center at BKC no later than the day before the application period begins in order to undergo an individual review.

1	北京大学	19	中国科学技術大学	37	北京交通大学
2	清華大学	20	中国海洋大学	38	中国地質大学 (北京)
3	西北農林科技大学	21	天津大学	39	中国政法大学
4	山東大学	22	武漢大学	40	中国矿业大学
5	東南大学	23	華東師範大学	41	四川農業大学

6	北京師範大學	24	蘭州大學	42	上海大學
7	吉林大學	25	中山大學	43	北京科技大學
8	中國農業大學	26	華中科技大學	44	中國地質大學（武漢）
9	浙江大學	27	復旦大學	45	武漢理工大學
10	同濟大學	28	華南理工大學	46	中央財經大學
11	上海交通大學	29	廈門大學	47	南京農業大學
12	四川大學	30	東北大學	48	北京農業大學
13	中南大學	31	中國人民大學	49	上海財經大學
14	南開大學	32	湖南大學	50	華中師範大學
15	大連理工大學	33	華東理工大學	51	西南大學
16	西安交通大學	34	河海大學	52	中國礦業大學（北京）
17	重慶大學	35	中央民族大學	53	中國石油大學（北京）
18	南京大學	36	北京郵電大學	54	中國石油大學（華東）

In addition to the requirements above, applicants must have English or Japanese language abilities to understand course materials at their desired graduate school.

Notes

* Applicants who pass the admissions screening under the condition of "expecting" a degree award in order to meet the eligibility requirements for enrollment but who ultimately do not receive the expected degree by September 25, 2024, the day before enrollment, will not be permitted to enroll.

* If you have any questions or concerns about your eligibility, please contact:

Ritsumeikan University – International Center at BKC

1-1-1 Noji-higashi, Kusatsu, Shiga, Japan 525-8577

Email: cger-bkc@st.ritsumei.ac.jp

Phone: 077-561-3946

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III. Selection Process

Applicants will be screened based on application documents, and as necessary, by email and or video (i.e. Zoom) interviews.

* This selection process is for admission to Ritsumeikan University only. Applicants must pass a subsequent screening by the Chinese Government and The China Scholarship Council-designated Graduate School before being selected as a “Chinese Government Graduate Student Overseas Study Program” scholarship recipient.

IV. Application Procedures

1. Application Fee

There is no application fee associated with these admission procedures.

2. Application Documents

Please submit the following documents in a single package.

(1) Ritsumeikan University Graduate School Application Form (University designated form)

(2) Field of Study and Study Program (University designated form)

*All text within the PDF version to be submitted via email must be clearly legible.

(3) Official Transcript of Grades from the university (Graduate School) attended by the applicant by which they fulfill the eligibility requirements

(4) Certificate of Graduation or Program Completion (or Expected Graduation or Expected Program Completion), from the university (Graduate School) attended by the applicant by which they fulfill the eligibility requirements

(5) Master's thesis and/or Master's thesis abstract

*All text within the PDF version to be submitted via email must be clearly legible and readable by text-recognition software.

Further, if applying to the Graduate School of Policy Science the full Master's thesis must be submitted. If applying to the Graduate School of Economics, the full Master's thesis **and** Master's thesis abstract must be submitted.

(6) Copy of passport page(s) showing name and birthdate or certified copy of family register or citizen register from home country. (Applicants in possession of a valid passport should submit the passport copy)

(7) Copy of documentation showing objective proof of level of linguistic ability

Proof of English Ability (required only for students applying to English language-based courses)

• Submit a grade certificate from an English Language Ability Test (Score reports must be from one of the following: TOEIC® Listening & Reading Test, TOEFL iBT® Test, TOEFL iBT® Home Edition, IELTS, IELTS Indicator or Duolingo English Test. Copies are acceptable).

*Test must have been taken in the two-year period preceding the application deadline to be acceptable.

• Applicants who cannot submit a score certificate from one of the tests above must submit an original, formal certificate of English language ability level issued by their current university, or the equivalent (formal letter, etc.).

*Certificate must have been issued within the two-year period preceding the application deadline to be acceptable.

*In principle, applicants who intend to submit this form of certificate must consult with the Ritsumeikan University International Center at BKC in advance.

Proof of Japanese Ability (required only for students applying to Japanese language-based courses)

• Submit score reports from the “Japanese as a Foreign Language” score from the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU), or the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT). (Copies are acceptable)

*Test must have been taken in the two-year period preceding the application deadline to be acceptable.

• Applicants who cannot submit a score certificate from one of the tests above must submit an original, formal certificate of Japanese language ability level issued by their current university, or the equivalent (formal letter, etc.).

*Certificate must have been issued within the two-year period preceding the application deadline to be acceptable.

*In principle, applicants who intend to submit this form of certificate must consult with the Ritsumeikan University International Center at BKC in advance.

(8) Original letter of recommendation from your current university (Optional, freeform).

(9) For graduates of universities in mainland China: Print out and submit your 教育部学历证书电子注册备案表 and 中国高等教育学位在线验证报告.

For current students of universities in mainland China: Print out and submit your 教育部学籍在线验证报告.

*In both cases, only English language versions of the forms are accepted.

3. Important Points

(1) All application documents must be in Japanese or English and, to the maximum extent possible, should be typed in word processing-type software and printed on A4-sized paper. Documents in any other language must be accompanied by a certified Japanese or English translation.

(2) On all documents, your date of birth must be written exactly as it appears in your passport.

(3) On the Ritsumeikan University Graduate Application Sheet, your name must be written in the Roman alphabet exactly as it appears in your passport, and following the rules below.

* Write your name in the order of Family name (all uppercase), First name (the first letter in uppercase and the rest in lowercase), and Middle name (the first letter in uppercase and the rest in lowercase).

* For names without a clear distinction between surname and first name, write the first part of the name in all uppercase and for the rest, write the first letter in uppercase and the rest in lowercase.

Example: Family Name: RITSUMEI First Name: Taro Middle Name: Saionji

On other forms, fill out your name as per the instructions contained within the form.

(4) All documents must be sent by international express post or registered mail to the address in 4. below.

(5) Once your application documents have been accepted, they will not be returned for any reason.

(6) If it is determined that your application documents contain any plagiarism, or any deliberate falsifications or forgeries, your examination and/ or admissions may be denied.

(7) About Security Export Control

Ritsumeikan University has established the “Ritsumeikan University Security Export Control Regulations (立命館大学安全保障輸出管理規程)” in accordance with the “Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act”, and conducts strict screening of international students at the time of admissions on the basis of these regulations. Please be aware that international students who fall under any of the conditions set out in the Act may be unable to receive their desired education or conduct their desired research at the university. A stringent screening in accordance with the “Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act” will be conducted after your application documents are received.

4. Application Period

Tuesday, January 9 - Thursday, February 1, 2024

*Applications post-marked by the final date of the application period will be accepted.

Application Procedures:

1) Take a clear scan of all application documents and save as one PDF.

*Please use the reduce file size function, if available in your PDF editor, to decrease the file size.

2) Send your complete application to the postal address in 5. Application Mailing Address below via traceable international express post (i.e. EMS, FedEx, DHL, etc.) (*if in Japan, send via traceable domestic post.). Take a photo of the postal delivery receipt or retain the digital version, whichever applicable.

3) Send your scanned application document PDF from 1) above and your photo of the postal delivery receipt from 2) above to the email address in 5. Application Mailing Address below by 11:59 pm (Japan Standard Time) on February 1st, 2024, the final day of the application period. Set the title of the email as “Application for Ritsumeikan University CSC Scholarship-based Admissions”.

*If you fail to send your scanned application document PDF or your postal delivery receipt to the designated email address by the deadline, you **will not** be screened as an applicant.

5. Application Mailing Address

Ritsumeikan University
International Center at BKC (Admissions Team)
1-1-1 Noji-higashi, Kusatsu, Shiga, Japan 525-8577
Phone: 077-561-3946
cger-bkc@st.ritsumei.ac.jp

V. Notification of Results

Thursday, February 29, 2024

- * For successful applicants, Ritsumeikan University will send a Letter of Acceptance to the applicant’s postal address, and send a PDF scan of the same to the email address, listed on their Ritsumeikan University Graduate School Application Form.
- * Tuition fees will not be exempted for applicants who are not selected as “Chinese Government Graduate Student Overseas Study Program” scholarship recipients.
- * Applicants who receive a Letter of Acceptance should then apply for the “Chinese Government Graduate Student Overseas Study Program” for scholarship.

VI. Admissions Procedures

Successful applicants will be given detailed instructions after their admission screening results have been determined.

Nothing follows.