Academic Year 2020, 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 Economics, Sociology, International Relations, Policy Science, Letters, Core Ethics and Frontier Sciences, Science and Engineering, Information Science and Engineering, Life Sciences, Technology Management, and Sport and Health Science)

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 2020 enrollment as research students, as detailed below.

Research students are defined as students who are not enrolled in a degree-seeking program and do not intend to acquire a degree from Ritsumeikan University but who may use the facilities of their graduate school, conduct research, and enroll in courses as directed by their research supervisor.

I. Recruiting Graduate Schools, Majors, Programs, and Numbers:
Graduate Schools of Economics, Sociology, International Relations, Policy Science, Letters, Core Ethics and Frontier Sciences, Science and Engineering, Information Science and Engineering, Life Sciences, Technology Management, and Sport and Health Science

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<td>Advanced Mathematics and Physics</td>
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* The Graduate School of Core Ethics and Frontier Sciences, Major in Core Ethics and Frontier Sciences will only recruit students at a level equivalent to doctoral level studies.
* Actual number recruited 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 and be enrolled in 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 and Harbin Institute of Technology), and be scheduled to complete their Master’s degree by September 25th, 2020.

|   | 北京大学 | 20 | 中国海洋大学 | 39 | 中国地质大学 (北京) |
Additionally, applicants must have sufficient language ability to understand lessons in their desired graduate school, based on the chart below:

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* 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    Fax: 077-561-3956

* 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, 2020, the day before enrollment, will not be permitted to enroll.

III. Selection Process
Applicants will be screened based on their submitted documents. Based on these documents, however, the graduate schools may require interviews by email, additional language proficiency tests, a written examination, or an interview examination.

* 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
2. Application Documents

Please submit the following documents in a single package.

1. Ritsumeikan University Graduate Application Sheet (University designated form)
2. Field of Study and Study Program (University-designated Form)
3. Certificate of Grades Achieved from most recent university (Graduate School)
4. Certificate of Graduation (or Expected Graduation) from most recent university (Graduate School)
5. Master’s thesis or Master’s thesis abstract
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
   - Submit a grade certificate from an English Language Ability Test (Score reports must be from one of the following: TOEIC® LISTENING AND READING, TOEFL® iBT®, or IELTS™. Copies are 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.
8. Original letter of recommendation from your current university (Optional, freeform).
9. Printed copy of 部門学籍在线验证报告 (Graduates/Students of Chinese universities, only. Not required for graduates/students of universities in Hong Kong, Macau, or Taiwan).

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, you must enter your name exactly as it appears on your passport.
3. All documents must be sent by international express post or registered mail to the address in 4, below.
4. Once your application documents have been accepted, they will not be returned for any reason.
5. 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.

4. Application Period

Wednesday, January 8 - Wednesday, February 5, 2020
*All applications must be sent by international express post or registered mail and must arrive by the deadline.

5. Applications Mailing Address

Please send documents by express post (EMS, FedEx, DHL, etc.) to:
Ritsumeikan University
International Center at BKC (Admissions Team)
1-1-1 Noji-higashi, Kusatsu, Shiga, Japan  525-8577
Phone: 077-561-3946    Fax: 077-561-3956

V. Notification of Results
Primary Screening Results: Wednesday, March 4, 2020
Final Acceptance Results: Wednesday, June 24, 2020

* Ritsumeikan University will send a Notification of Conditional Acceptance to applicants who pass the primary screening to the address on their Ritsumeikan University Graduate Application Sheet.
* Applicants who pass this primary screening will receive a Notification of Acceptance after passing a subsequent screening by the Chinese Government and The China Scholarship Council-designated Graduate School and being selected as a “Chinese Government Graduate Student Overseas Study Program” scholarship recipient.
* Applicants pass the primary screening, but do not pass the subsequent screening by the Chinese Government and The China Scholarship Council-designated Graduate School, will be selected as a “Chinese Government Graduate Student Overseas Study Program” scholarship recipient, will not be permitted to enroll as research students at Ritsumeikan University.
* Applicants who pass the primary screening at Ritsumeikan University should then apply to the China Scholarship Council during the designated application period.

VI. Research Student Admissions Procedures
   Successful applicants will be given detailed instructions once their results have been determined.