

**Ritsumeikan University Graduate School External Scholarship Based Admissions
September 2017 Enrollment
JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) Innovative Asia Scholarship**

The following outlines Ritsumeikan University's graduate school recruiting and application procedures for September 2017 enrollment through the JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) Innovative Asia Scholarship.

*These university admission procedures are carried out in accordance with the university's agreement with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (hereinafter "JICA").

I. Recruiting Graduate Schools, Majors/Courses, Program Levels, Recruiting Numbers

Graduate School of Economics

Graduate School	Major	Level	Enrollment Limit	Number Recruited
Economics	Economics	Master's	50	A Few
		Doctoral	5	A Few

Graduate School of Science and Engineering, Graduate School of Information Science and Engineering, Graduate School of Life Sciences

Graduate School	Major	Course	Program	Level	Enrollment Limit	Number Recruited
Science and Engineering	Advanced Mathematics and Physics	Mathematics	International Program for Science and Engineering	Master's	50	A Few
		Physics		Doctoral	6	A Few
				Doctoral		A Few
	Advanced Electrical, Electronic and Computer Systems	Electrical, Electronic and Computer Systems;		Master's	180	A Few
		-		Doctoral	8	A Few
	Advanced Mechanical Engineering and Robotics	Mechanical Engineering; Robotics; Micro Systems Technology;		Master's	140	A Few
		-		Doctoral	11	A Few
	Advanced Architectural, Environmental, and Civil Engineering	Civil and Disaster Mitigation Engineering for Historic Cities; Environmental Systems and Civil Engineering; Architecture and Urban Design		Master's	80	A Few
		-		Doctoral	15	A Few
	Information Science and Engineering	Advanced Information Science and Engineering		Computer Science; Human Information Science	International Program for Information Science and Engineering	Master's
Life Sciences	Advanced Life Sciences	Applied Chemistry; Biotechnology; Bioinformatics; Biomedical Sciences	International Program for Life Sciences	Master's	150	A Few
		-		Doctoral	15	A Few

*Enrollment Limit includes all application methods.

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

II. Eligibility Requirements

1. Master's Programs

Applicants for Master's programs must meet the application requirements for the Innovative Asia Scholarship, and must be scheduled to graduate from, or have already graduated from, an undergraduate program at one of the universities below by September 2017.

Intended Graduate School	Country	University Name
Economics	Thailand	Khon Kaen University
Science and Engineering	Indonesia	Institut Teknologi Bandung Universitas Gadjah Mada Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember
	Thailand	King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi
	Vietnam	Vietnam-Japan University
	Malaysia	Universiti Teknologi Malaysia
Information Science and Engineering	Indonesia	Institut Teknologi Bandung Universitas Gadjah Mada
	Malaysia	Universiti Teknologi Malaysia
	Thailand	King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi Thai-Nichi Institute of Technology
	Vietnam	Hanoi University of Science and Technology
Life Sciences	Thailand	Kasetsart University Chiang Mai University Khon Kaen University Prince of Songkla University

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

2. Doctoral Programs

Applicants for Doctoral programs must meet the application requirements for the Innovative Asia Scholarship, and must be scheduled to graduate from, or have already graduated from, a Master's program at one of the universities below by September 2017.

Intended Graduate School	Country	University Name
Economics	Thailand	Khon Kaen University
Science and Engineering	Indonesia	Institut Teknologi Bandung Universitas Gadjah Mada Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember
	Thailand	King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi
	Malaysia	Universiti Teknologi Malaysia

Life Sciences	Thailand	Kasetsart University Chiang Mai University Khon Kaen University Prince of Songkla University
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In addition to the requirements above, applicants must have the requisite English language abilities to understand course materials at their intended graduate school.

III. Screening Method

Applicants will be screened based on submitted application documents. Foreign language tests, written exams and interviews may also be conducted if determined to be necessary by the desired graduate school.

* This screening will determine admission to Ritsumeikan University's graduate schools only. Students granted admissions will then be recommended by Ritsumeikan University to JICA for scholarship. The final determination as to whether or not to award the applicant a scholarship will be determined by JICA, based on their own, separate screening of applicants.

IV. Application Procedures

1. Documents to be submitted. All application documents must be submitted together.

- (1) Ritsumeikan University Application Form (University-designated Form A)
- (2) Research Plan (Free-format)
Should be typed in English using word processing software, and printed on A4 size paper. The following points must be included clearly in the document.
 - ① Name
 - ② Intended Level and Course (For Economics, Level only)
 - ③ Intended research theme
 - ④ Intended field of research after enrollment in the university and detailed research plan
- (3) **Original** transcript of grades from most recent academic institution attended (Undergraduate or Graduate degree program)
- (4) **Original** certificate of graduation or expected graduation or of program completion or expected program completion from most recent academic institution attended (Undergraduate or Graduate degree program)
- (5) Summary of thesis written for most recent academic degree awarded
Must be a concise summary of the thesis, not the entire thesis.
- (6) Copy of passport page containing the applicant's name and date of birth or a copy of your family register or residence certificate, etc. (applicants in possession of a passport must submit the passport page copy)
- (7) Copy of documentation showing objective proof of level of English language 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).
*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, or a formal letter stating as much, issued by either their current university, or, if they have graduated, from their alma mater.
*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.
*TOEIC® and TOEFL® are registered trademarks of Educational Testing Services (ETS).
- (8) Letter of Recommendation by the dean, or a person of equivalent or higher position, at the applicant's school or institution. The letter **must** be addressed to the "President of Ritsumeikan University, Japan"

*As these university admission procedures are carried out in accordance with the university's agreement with JICA, the application fee will be charged to JICA separately.

2. Important Information Regarding Application.

- (1) All submitted documents should be printed in English on A4-sized paper by word-processing software. Documents submitted in any language other than English must have English translations attached.

- (2) On all documents, name and date of birth must be written exactly as it appears on your passport.
- (3) All application documents must be submitted together by express mail to the address listed at “4.” below and arrive before the application period ends.
- (4) Submitted documents will not be returned for any reason.
- (5) If it is determined that your application documents contain any deliberate falsifications or forgeries, your application will not pass the examination

3. Application Period:

Friday, April 28, 2017 – Friday, May 19, 2017

All application documents must be sent by express post (EMS, FedEx, DHL, etc.) and must arrive before the end of the application period. Documents postmarked by the cut-off date that arrive late will not be accepted. Applications by email, fax, or walk-in will not be accepted.

4. Application Mailing Address:

Ritsumeikan University International Center at BKC
1-1-1 Noji-Higashi, Kusatsu, Shiga, Japan 525-8577
Phone: +81 (0)77-561-3946 Fax: +81 (0)77-561-3956

V. Notification of results

Friday, June 9, 2017

VI. Admission Procedures

Successful applicants will be given detailed instructions once their results have been determined.