Academic Year 2026, 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 2026 research student enrollment 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

1. Recruiting Graduate Schools and associated details

Graduate School	Major	Program	Number of Students Accepted	Medium of Instruction
Sociology	Applied Sociology	Doctoral Level Research Student	A few	Japanese only
Letters	Humanities	Doctoral Level Research Student	A few	Japanese only
	Informatics of Behavior and Cultures			
Core Ethics and Frontier Sciences	Core Ethics and Frontier Sciences	Integrated Doctoral Level Research Student	A few	Japanese only
Economics	Economics	Doctoral Level Research Student	A few	English or Japanese
Sport and Health Science	Sport and Health Science	Doctoral Level Research Student	A few	Japanese only
Science and Engineering	Advanced Mathematics and Physics	Doctoral Level Research Student	A few	English only
	Advanced Electrical, Electronic and Computer Systems			
	Advanced Mechanical Engineering and Robotics			
	Advanced Architectural, Environmental and Civil Engineering			
Life Sciences	Advanced Life Sciences	Doctoral Level Research Student	A few	English or Japanese
Policy Science	Policy Science	Doctoral Level Research Student	A few	English or Japanese
Information Science and Engineering	Information Science and Engineering	Doctoral Level Research Student	A few	English or Japanese
Technology Management	Technology Management	Doctoral Level Research Student	A few	English or Japanese

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

2. Period of Enrollment

The duration a student may enroll as a Doctoral Level Research Student or Integrated Doctoral Level Research Student.

*The Period of Enrollment is to be granted on a per semester basis, with the maximum length permitted limited to 2 semesters (one year). However, if the graduate school allows, a student may have this duration extended by up to two semesters, for a total maximum Period of Enrollment of 4 semesters (two years).

*To extend the Period of Enrollment, a student must apply to his or her graduate school well in advance.

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 or who will reach 24 years of age before enrolling at the graduate school (*)

* 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	中国矿業大学
5	東南大学	23	華東師範大学	41	四川農業大学
6	北京師範大学	24	蘭州大学	42	上海大学
7	吉林大学	25	中山大学	43	北京科技大学
8	中国農業大学	26	華中科技大学	44	中国地質大学（武漢）
9	浙江大学	27	復旦大学	45	武漢理工大学
10	同済大学	28	華南理工大学	46	中央財経大学
11	上海交通大学	29	厦門大学	47	南京農業大学
12	四川大学	30	東北大学	48	北京農業大学
13	中南大学	31	中国人民大学	49	上海財経大学
14	南開大学	32	湖南大学	50	華中師範大学
15	大連理工大学	33	華東理工大学	51	西南大学
16	西安交通大学	34	河海大学	52	中国矿業大学（北京）
17	重慶大学	35	中央民族大学	53	中国石油大学（北京）
18	南京大学	36	北京郵電大学	54	中国石油大学（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, 2026, 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, Admissions Representative
cger-bkc@st.ritsumei.ac.jp

III. Selection Process

Primary screening results will be determined based on submitted application documents. Additionally, interviews, either in-person, online or via email, may also be conducted.

Final Acceptance Results for applicants who pass the Primary Screening will be determined after those applicants undergo a separate screening by the Chinese Government and The China Scholarship Council, and are awarded scholarship under the "Chinese Government Graduate Student Overseas Study Program".

IV. Application Procedures

1. Application Fee

There is no application fee associated with these admission procedures.

2. Application Documents

Please submit the following.

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

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

*All text within the PDF must be clearly legible and readable by text recognition software.

(3) Official Transcript of Grades from most recent university (Graduate School)

*Those enrolled in a Doctoral program should submit transcripts from their Master's program

(4) Master's thesis or Master's thesis abstract

*All text within the PDF must be clearly legible and readable by text recognition software. Further, if applying to the Graduate School of Economics, the full Master's thesis **and** Master's thesis abstract must be submitted. If applying to the Graduate School of Policy Science the full Master's thesis must be submitted.

(5) 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)

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

Proof of English Ability (required only for students applying to English language taught programs)

・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)

*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 taught programs)

・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).

・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.

(7) Letter of recommendation from your current university (Optional, freeform).

(8) Mainland Chinese university certificate

・Online Verification Report of Higher Education Qualification Certificate 教育部学籍在线验证报告 English version

3. Important Information Regarding Application

(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 be in A4-sized format. Documents in any other language must be accompanied by a certified Japanese or English translation.

(2) On all documents, your date of birth must match the date in your passport.

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

* Enter 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, enter 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) Following the directions in "4. Application Period", submit application documents to the address designated in "5. Application Mailing Address".

(5) Submitted application documents 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 application, admission screening, and/or enrollment 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

Thursday, January 8 - Thursday, January 29, 2026

Please complete the following.

1) Of the "2. Application Documents", fill out and submit "(1) Ritsumeikan University Graduate School Application Form" online.
Ritsumeikan University Graduate School Application Form: https://forms.office.com/r/FxxHwNvJHN

2) Convert the remaining application documents to PDFs. Except for your passport, combine the remaining application documents in the order listed in "2. Application Documents" into one PDF. Set the file name to "application_" followed by your full name as indicated in your passport, as described in "3. Important Information Regarding Application" above. Set the file name of your passport similarly, as seen in the example below.

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

Application documents PDF file name example: application_WASHINGTON GEORGE

Passport info page PDF file name example: passport_WASHINGTON GEORGE

3) Send your complete application to the email in "4. Application Mailing Address" below by 11:59 pm (Japan Standard Time) on January 29th, the final day of the application period. Set the title of the email as "Application for Ritsumeikan University CSC Scholarship-based Admissions".

5. Application Mailing Address

Ritsumeikan University
International Center at BKC, Admission Representative
cger-bkc@st.ritsumei.ac.jp

V. Notification of Results

Primary Screening Results: Thursday, February 26, 2026
Final Acceptance Results (scheduled): Thursday, June 18, 2026

* Ritsumeikan University will issue a Letter of Conditional Acceptance to each applicant who passes the Primary Screening. The Letter will be emailed to the address listed on the applicant's Ritsumeikan University Graduate Application Sheet.
* Applicants who pass the Primary Screening at Ritsumeikan University should also apply to the China Scholarship Council for scholarship. **Whether or not an applicant is awarded scholarship, all applicants MUST notify the Ritsumeikan University BKC International Center at cger-bkc@st.ritsumei.ac.jp of their "Chinese Government Graduate Student Overseas Study Program" scholarship screening results AS SOON AS THEY ARE ANNOUNCED.**
* The Final Acceptance Results announcement for applicants who pass the Primary Screening but who do not notify Ritsumeikan University of their "Chinese Government Graduate Student Overseas Study Program" scholarship screening results by the Final Acceptance Results date will be postponed until a time after the applicant notifies Ritsumeikan University of their results.
* Applicants who pass the Primary Screening, who are selected as "Chinese Government Graduate Student Overseas Study Program" scholarship recipients by way of passing a subsequent screening by the Chinese Government and The China Scholarship Council-designated Graduate School, and who expediently notify Ritsumeikan University of the same, will be emailed a final Letter of Acceptance.
* Applicants who pass the Primary Screening, but do not pass the subsequent screening by the Chinese Government and The China Scholarship Council-designated Graduate School for selection as a "Chinese Government Graduate Student Overseas Study Program" scholar, or who do not notify the Ritsumeikan University BKC International Center of their selection results by September 25th, 2026, the day before enrollment, will not be admitted to Ritsumeikan University.

VI. Enrollment Procedures

Successful applicants will be given detailed instructions after release of the Final Acceptance Results.

Nothing follows.