

Academic Year 2023, 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 2023 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, Majors, Programs, and Numbers:

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

Graduate School	Major	Program	Enrollment Cap	Number of Student 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	中国科学技术大学	37	北京交通大学
2	清华大学	20	中国海洋大学	38	中国地质大学 (北京)
3	西北农林科技大学	21	天津大学	39	中国政法大学
4	山东大学	22	武汉大学	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	同濟大学	28	華南理工大学	46	中央財經大学
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	上海財經大学
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	中国磁業大学（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.

* 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
cger-bkc@st.ritsumei.ac.jp

* 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, 2023, the day before enrollment, will not be permitted to enroll.

III. Selection Process

Applicants will be screened based on submitted application documents, and as necessary, by email (and/or video) 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

Payment of an application fee is not required when submitting an application via these procedures.

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)

*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

*For those who have completed graduate school abroad, this certificate must indicate which degree was conferred (Master, Ph.D., etc.).

- (5) Master’s thesis or Master’s thesis abstract

*All text within the PDF version to be submitted via email must be clearly legible. If applying to the Graduate School of Policy Science, the Master's thesis 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, IELTS, TOEFL iBT® Home Edition (Special Home Edition), TOEFL ITP® or IELTS Indicator. 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. (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.

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 the English language version of the form will be 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

Friday, January 6 - Thursday, February 2, 2023

*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.

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 2nd, 2023, the final day of

the application period. Set the title of the email as “Application Documents for CSC Scholarship”.

*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

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

cger-bkc@st.ritsumei.ac.jp

V. Notification of Results

Thursday, March 2, 2023

- * For successful applicants, Ritsumeikan University will send a Notification of Acceptance to the postal address, and send a PDF scan of the same to the email address, listed on their Ritsumeikan University Graduate Application Sheet.
- * 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 Notification of Acceptance under this application process should then apply for the “Chinese Government Graduate Student Overseas Study Program” during the application period.

VI. Admissions Procedures

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

Nothing follows.