

List of Proposals Awarded the Ritsumeikan University Financial Aid for Intercultural Exchange

2019

No.	Year	Semester	College or Grad School	Proposal Title	Proposal objective/ proposal description
1	2019	Spring	Life Sciences	Rits×UCDavis Welcome Party	An exchange event between our students and our short-term guests from UC Davis. We plan to show a video to introduce our university and Japan, and exchange with one another over takoyaki. This is an annual engagement, where lasting friendship is forged at the party and communication continues to be carried out long after.
2	2019	Spring	Comprehensive Psych.	Wristband Project	Group members will wear colored wristbands coordinated by language, answer questions from international students and deepen their engagement with them.
3	2019	Spring	Life Sciences	Quiz Tournament	Four groups made up of 3 or 4 Japanese and international students each will compete with one another in a quiz tournament. Questions will be given in English and Japanese, and teams will work together to come up with answers. Questions are planned to be related to Ritsumeikan University and cultures from around the world, as well as riddles, and a telephone game. EX: Within the time limit, write up as many vocabulary as you can think of using the 11 letters in RITSUMEIKAN.
4	2019	Spring	Comprehensive Psych.	Summer Nagashi Somen Party	An event offering an opportunity for exchange between international and Japanese students, where international students get to experience the Japanese summer seasonal feature known as nagashi somen as well as Japanese games (for example, daruma-san ga koronda).
5	2019	Spring	Info Sci and Engineering	I-House Spring Semester Welcome Party 2019	An event geared toward building connections between new and current residents of the I-House. New residents will introduce themselves, including country, major and interests, and games will be played. Nerves are to be relaxed through ice-breakers including an all participant rock-paper-scissors train game and group competition gesture game, which will allow for the natural building of connection among attendees. At the same time a catered Ritsumeikan party will be held with discussion of other countries' cuisine and games conducted over food. The Japanese festival staples of ring toss, shooting gallery and cotton candy will be prepared to offer attendees a taste of Japanese culture.
6	2019	Spring	Sport and Health Science	BBQ Party	An international exchange event held at the BKC I-House. This BBQ is meant to promote exchange between Japanese students, international students, and the local community. Halal dishes were also prepared in consideration of the Muslim students in attendance.
7	2019	Spring	Sport and Health Science	Snack Party	We will hold a snack-tasting party at the BKC I-House with over 20 different Japanese snacks. Based on the results of the tasting we plan to make a Japanese snack ranking list and post it in the dorm. With this, international students will be able to take a look at the list, find snacks they've never tried before and hold their own parties. Easy to understand ingredient lists will be made in both English and Japanese in consideration of students with food allergies and those trying to eat Halal. This event will serve as an opportunity for students to meet and get to know one another, and for students with few opportunities to try Japanese snacks in the past to experience them for the first time.
8	2019	Spring	Int'l Relations	Malam Indonesia 2019 (Indonesia's Night 2019)	Malam Indonesia (Indonesia Night) is a biennial event organized by Indonesian Student Association in Kyoto and Shiga (PPI-KS) which a number of Ritsumeikan University student are part of. The convening of Malam Indonesia is aimed, first and foremost, to strengthen Indonesia-Japan friendship and second, to promote cultural exchange to global society in Kyoto area. The event is supported by the Consulate General of Indonesia in Osaka, Indonesia-Japan Friendship Association in Kyoto, and Indonesian Student Association in Japan. Through Malam Indonesia, we aim to promote mutual exchange of Indonesia's national art and culture through various channels such as: Culture Show, environmental-friendly batik workshop, and bazaar of national products. In Cultural show, the diaspora of Indonesian Students in Kyoto and Shiga will perform selected traditional music, dances, and fashion show with the help from International Students. Environmental-friendly Batik Workshop will be conducted in collaboration with the Blue Economy Foundation Indonesia who will share their expertise on producing the low-waste batik furoshiki. Blue Economy Foundation will provide batik expert and batik kit for every participant, while PPI-KS will provide place and participants. The workshop will consist of explanation about Batik, followed by 2,5 hours of hands-on experience for participants. This workshop is especially aimed for Japanese and foreigners. For Bazaar of National Products, we will focus in showcasing Indonesian coffee, craft, and food presented by diaspora Indonesia.
9	2019	Spring	Int'l Relations	Study Abroad ~Learn from International Students and Study Abroad Returnees~	An event for Ritsumeikan students to better get to know about study abroad. Of four events, the first two consisted of international students introducing their home university, country, and life at home. The latter two events consisted of Japanese students who've returned home from study abroad presenting on why they decided to study abroad and the experience they had. For both the first and second halves, effort was made to recruit international students and study abroad returnees representing as broad a swath of nationalities and destinations around the world as possible.
10	2019	Spring	Business Administration	Buddy Activities for Short-term Students at OIC by the SBJP Buddies	A group of events to encourage exchange with short-term students at OIC including welcome and farewell parties, a campus tour, visiting local tourist attractions, etc.
11	2019	Spring	Policy Science	Making Summer Memories ~Special Event Week~ ①Tanabata Sasa (1 week) ②Yukata Wearing (7/1) ③Watermelon Splitting (7/3) ④Shaved Ice Making (7/4)	To advertise the OIC BBP we'll hold multilingual seasonal events. Ex: bamboo decorations for Tanabata, watermelon splitting, yukata wearing, shaved ice
12	2019	Spring	Info Sci and Engineering	I-House Exchange Event	We will have a party geared towards international exchange and forming friendships with and amongst the the new residents of the dorm. In addition to newly enrolled students set to join our group, the international residents of the I-House will be invited. Food purchased from the delicatessen at the local supermarket (Seiyu Minami-Kusatsu branch) will be offered. We plan on doing some ice-breaking games thought up by our group, as well as playing monopoly, cards, UNO, etc. With this event as the starting point we plan on making future I-House events even more lively.

13	2019	Spring	Info Sci and Engineering	Foreign Student Supporters	We will hold a party to encourage on-campus exchange welcoming newly enrolled students set to join us, the Foreign Student Supporters (hereinafter our group). Serving hors d'oeuvres and playing mini-games, we will give students at different grade levels a chance to get to know one another. Further, there are many international students enrolled in our College of Information Science and Engineering's Information Systems and Science Engineering Course (ISSE) who we will invite to this event, giving the mostly Japanese students enrolled in our college's other courses and these international students a chance to interact with one another.
14	2019	Spring	Business Administration	Singing Contest at OIC	International exchange through music. Participants will be recruited and broken into teams by country, consisting of a maximum of 3 students per country, with a maximum of 5 countries represented. Any music style and songs go. Judging will be done by the audience and a cappella club.
15	2019	Fall	Comprehensive Psych.	Asia Week Japan China Craft shop	A class and workshop introducing Japanese and Chinese culture to citizens of Ibaraki and international students. Components to build chopsticks rests and Chinese knots, which can easily be put together by both young and old, will be prepared. Participation will require no reservation, and we envision participants of all kinds, including parents and children, friends participating together, and individuals. In the past we've organized a Peking Opera mask making class and an original fan making class.
16	2019	Fall	Comprehensive Psych.	Appreciating the Fall Colors	A tour to take in the autumn colors, a Japanese tradition, through which Japanese and international students can interact with one another. We will make cute character-rice balls (onigiri) in the Wakebayashi International House kitchen. With our onigiri at hand we'll visit Minoh Park (Hankyu Ibaraki Sta.) and take in the sites of the autumn colors at Minoh falls. Along the way we'll play some ice breaking games.
17	2019	Fall	Policy Science	Winter Party	A party, with snacks and bingo, where we'll relax after a year of hard work and have a discussion reflecting upon all that has passed. It will provide an excellent opportunity for domestic and international students to interact with one another in an exchange of values and opinions, and we hope to also use it as a way to introduce the BBP more broadly among the student body.
18	2019	Fall	Sci. and Engineering	Welcome Party	A welcome party for the new move-ins to the I-House. Starting a new life in a foreign country is a trepidatious task for international students. This party is meant to relieve some of that stress, and allow I-House residents to get to know one another. To that end we've planned some games that can be played by a large group. We intend for these games to break the ice between participants. After the games the RMs will bring out ingredients for the guests, and everyone will make their own one-of-a-kind rice ball. Finally, a catered meal will be served to round out the party.
19	2019	Fall	Gastronomy	Billiards and Table Tennis Tournament	We will hold a Billiards Tournament and Table Tennis Tournament. Our aim is to give students who otherwise don't share much in common and haven't had a chance to get to know each other an opportunity to meet and interact with one another. To up the ante and get everyone excited about the event, snacks will be bestowed as the grand prize for tournament winners.
20	2019	Fall	Sport and Health Science	Sports Unite the World ~International Exchange Through Sport~	Our goal is to share a sense of unity through sport, by holding a sports tournament with teams comprised of Japanese and international students. Students of any language level are welcome. This is an event for anyone who wants to engage in international exchange.
21	2019	Fall	Economics	BBP Friday Café	This is a café event held weekly, every Friday in the BBP Café area. With hopes to get more students to think of the BBP as a place to connect and relax on the side, the main objective of these event is to offer a place where students can discuss their experiences and opinions, can inspire one another and mutual encourage each other's improvement.
22	2019	Fall	Int'l Relations	Diplomat and Public Servant Exchange Program	This is an exchange event annually held at the Japan Foundation Kansai International Center, with participants consisting of overseas diplomats and public servants (hereinafter trainees) participating in the Japan Foundation's one year Japanese language study program, and Ritsumeikan students interested in diplomacy and international exchange. Participants are broken up into small groups and open discussion is facilitated with the following two goals: 1) for RU students to learn about the trainees' jobs and culture, and 2) for trainees to learn about RU students' college life and Japanese culture. This is an exchange event geared towards deepening mutual cultural understanding amongst participants.
23	2019	Fall	Gastronomy	New Year Party	This is an event to allow the international residents of the BKC I-House a chance to experience Japanese New Year traditions including hagiota paddles, takeuma stilts, and the New Year's holiday food osechi. RMs will demonstrate how to play hanetsuki, or keep-it-up, with the hagiota, and how to have fun on the takeuma stilts, as I-House residents follow along. Before enjoying the osechi, RMs will introduce each dish and the cultural meaning behind it via presentation and English language materials prepared in advance. We conceived this event in hopes of bringing a liveliness to New Year at the dorm for the many international students who choose to remain in Japan over the short winter break. Participants in this event will be able to enjoy interacting with each other while getting to experience authentic Japanese holiday traditions.
24	2019	Fall	Sport and Health Science	Kyoto Site Seeing	We plan to hold a Japanese culture event directed at BKC I-House residents consisting of ramen making (halal OK), pottery, food sample making, and Kyoto site-seeing. After finishing up with the three hands-on sessions we plan to end the day with some free-roaming site seeing of Kyoto. In advance of the event, RMs will give a breakdown of the planned activities to scheduled participants. We hope to create an event where participants can interact with one another, and discover and experience new aspects of Japanese culture.
25	2019	Fall	Economics	Social Issue Solution Exchange	We will hold a hands-on one-day workshop to identify and build awareness of current and future issues related to food, and going beyond nationality and generation, to address those issues through discussion. This event is meant for not only just international students or old folks, but for example young students living in Kusatsu, housewives, and anyone interested in tackling these issues. With multinational and multigenerational participation, our aim is to build awareness of the issues at hand and find solutions for them from the unique perspectives of people of various ages and backgrounds. Also, by sharing these issues with different kinds of people who aren't necessarily directly responsible for the problems at hand, we hope to encourage their ability to think about the issues proactively, with this elevated consciousness itself contributing toward a gradual resolution of the issues.
26	2019	Fall	Economics	Halloween	This was a Halloween event organized by SUP! and held in the BBP. Each participant was given a pumpkin and carved it into their own Jack-o-lantern. Participants then proceeded to chat with one another over tea and snacks in an event with relaxed atmosphere. The finished Jack-o-lanterns really showed off each participant's personality. The event ended with a group photo and decorating the BBP Cafe Space with the Jack-o-lanterns.
27	2019	Fall	Economics	Kyoto Site Seeing	An event organized by SUP!, including a visit to Tofukuji Temple to take in the fall colors, and a trip to Kashonda for a candy making class. Participants will have an international exchange while experiencing the culture and traditions of Kyoto.
28	2019	Fall	Economics	Christmas Event	This event was meant to encourage exchange between Japanese and international students via a cultural event many people are familiar with, Christmas. By decorating cookies together participants developed their relationships with one another. After cookie making exchange was further encouraged via simple games like hangman, etc.