

# SUPPORT PROGRAMS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

Based upon the university's founding ideals and its core educational philosophy, Ritsumeikan University had set up "Graduate Student Career Path Support Center" which supports the career path focused on graduate students to promote the development of young researchers. "Graduate Student Career Path Support Center" provides comprehensive support in cross-departmental collaboration mainly with research support, education support and career support, as well as international affairs. We keep working on the further expansion of career path support for all graduate students within the purpose of building an environment for graduate students to work on their researches actively and supporting the human development of young researchers from a viewpoint of researchers' life course.

## SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS PROGRAMS

Financial aid and support to conduct research activities

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT & SKILL UP SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Support for graduate students to improve their skills and acquire the knowledge for building each career after completing graduate study programs



# SCHOLARSHIPS / RESEARCH GRANTS



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## Master's program

Year 1 / 2 of Integrated Doctoral Program

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## Doctoral Program

Year 3 or above of Integrated Doctoral Program  
4-Year Doctoral Program

## REDUCTION OR EXEMPTION OF TUITION FEES

### SEISEKI-YUSHUSHA Scholarship

(For 1st Year of Enrollment)

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Non-open call

This scholarship is awarded to students who achieved great results in their entrance examinations and are entering the Master's Program, the Integrated Doctoral Program (to the first-year) or the Professional Degree Program (applies only to the Graduate School of Professional Teacher Education) at Ritsumeikan University.

Each graduate school will select prospective recipients for this scholarship from among those who passed the entrance examinations by their designated method with outstanding results, and the prospective recipients will be informed of their eligibility before enrollment.

\*Government-sponsored international students and those who are receiving financial assistance from other institutions that are equivalent to the government sponsorship are not eligible to receive this scholarship.



### SEISEKI-YUSHUSHA Scholarship

(For 2nd Year Students)

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SEISEKI-YUSHUSHA (Academic Excellence) Scholarship (For 2nd Year Students) is a scholarship awarded to graduate students during the 2nd year (3rd and 4th semester) of their Master's Program, the Integrated Doctoral Program (Students who enrolled from the first year) or the Professional Degree Program (applies only to the Graduate School of Professional Teacher Education).

\*Government-sponsored international students, those who are receiving financial assistance from other institutions that are equivalent to the government sponsorship and those who paid the special enrollment fees to be enrolled in the university, are not eligible to receive this scholarship.

#### Application Period

Spring Semester: April (subject to change)

June only for the Graduate School of Life Sciences (subject to change)

Fall Semester: October (subject to change)



### KENKYU-SHOREI Scholarship

(Prize Fellowship for Doctoral Degree Students)

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The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage the research activities in the eligible programs by supporting the tuition of graduate students who have achieved excellence in their field of research.

There are three types of scholarships (KENKYU-SHOREI S, A, B).

Type	Scholarship Amount
S	Equivalent to the yearly tuition <b>Non-open call</b>
A	Equivalent to the yearly tuition
B	Equivalent to half of the yearly tuition

#### Application Period \*subject to change

Spring Semester: Early June / Fall Semester\*: Early November

\*Not all graduate schools recruit in the fall semester.  
(For details, check the Application Guidelines)



### Scholarships Available

for International Students

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For more information about scholarships available for international students, please refer to the International Student Handbook distributed to new students, or the Online Support Desk of International Center. If you have inquiries about scholarships available for international students, please contact the International Center on your campus.



### KYOTEI RYUGAKU Scholarship

(Scholarship for Study Abroad Exchange Programs)

Non-open call

This scholarship is designated to support a part of tuition that graduate students pay while they participate in study abroad exchange programs under an exchange agreement such as Dual Master's Degree Program (DMDP).



# SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

## Research Grant for Doctoral Students D

The purpose of this grant is to reduce the financial burden for the realization of outstanding research plans by outstanding in the doctoral programs (Doctoral Program, Year 3 or above of an Integrated Doctoral Program, 4-Year Doctoral Program), and to promote research activities that contribute to the completion of their doctoral dissertations as early as possible, thereby supporting the completion of their doctoral dissertations within the standard period of study.

### Amount

There are three types of Research Grants:  
100,000 yen, 300,000 yen, 500,000 yen

### Application Period

Spring Semester: Mid-May (subject to change)  
Fall Semester: Late October (subject to change)



## Program to Support the Submission to High-Impact Journals D

This program provides article processing charge (APC) and proofreading fees to actively support submissions to high-impact journals.

■ Eligibility: Doctoral students of the University currently enrolled in Doctoral Program, Integrated Doctoral Program (3rd year or above), or 4-Year Doctoral Program. / Full-time faculty members

■ Expenses to be covered by the grant:

- Proofreading fees / up to 100,000 yen per case
- APC / up to 500,000 yen per case

■ Application Period:

At any time on the SmartDB by the application deadline.



## Program to Support the Submission of Academic Papers in Foreign Languages M D

The purpose of this program is to encourage and prompt graduate students to internationally disseminate their research results through research article publication in foreign languages.

### Types / Amount

- (1) Proofreading Expenses up to 50,000 yen per article
- (2) Submission Expenses up to 50,000 yen per article

### Application Period

Anytime (each Academic Year)

\*Apply by the end of February (For those who are completing graduate programs in September, applications must be submitted by the end of August).



## KENKYUKAI-KATSUDO Grant (Grant for Student Research Societies) M D

The purpose of this grant is to encourage graduate students to organize a student society together with students from different graduate schools of Ritsumeikan University and to promote independent research activities of the student society.

### Details

(1) Financial Support

A grant of up to 100,000 yen is offered to each society per year.

(2) Facility Lease

### Application Period

Spring Semester: Early May (subject to change)  
Fall Semester: Early August (subject to change)



## GAKKAI Scholarship (Academic Conference Scholarship) M D

This scholarship assists with part of expenses for participation and presentations at academic conferences

Type	Scholarship Amount
Online attendance	5,000 yen per payment
Attendance on site	10,000 yen per payment
Online presentation	15,000 yen per payment
Make a presentation at the venue in Japan	30,000 yen per payment
Make a presentation at the venue overseas	100,000 yen per payment

There is a limit on the number of payments.

\*Apply by the end of February (For those who are completing graduate programs in September, applications must be submitted by the end of August).



## Grant for Publication of Doctoral Dissertation D

The purpose of this program is to encourage and prompt graduate students to publish their dissertation. This program will provide financial assistance to support those who have applied for a doctoral degree from Ritsumeikan University to publish their doctoral dissertation.

**Amount** Maximum of 1,000,000 yen

### Application Period

Spring Semester: Mid-June (subject to change)  
Fall Semester: Late January (subject to change)



## RARA Student Fellow D

Ritsumeikan University selects outstanding doctoral students to foster PhD holders capable of creating social impact by collaborating with others through the program.

### ■ Eligibility:

① Students enrolled in 1st~3rd year of Doctoral Program, 3rd~5th year of Integrated Doctoral Program or 1st~4th year of 4-Year Doctoral Program

② Students with recommendation from their academic supervisors

\*Recipients of JSPS Research Fellowships for Young Scientists, Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarship and foreign government scholarships, and also students with stable income are not eligible to apply.

### ■ Support:

**RARA×SPRING** [Fund to engage in research] 185,000 yen per month  
[Research Expenses] Maximum 340,000 yen per year

**RARA×BOOST** (Field of Next-generation AI)  
[Fund to engage in research] 200,000 yen per month  
[Research Expenses] Maximum 1,500,000 yen per year

\*Scholarship period: Standard enrollment period

\*\* The program is implemented upon selection of the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) project



## ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT

### Teaching Assistant (TA)



TA is a graduate student who assists in the classes and educational activities at Ritsumeikan University. The TA System aims to encourage graduate students to contribute to the educational improvement of Ritsumeikan University by offering educational assistance and support together with faculties. Also, we expect that graduate students have the opportunity to enhance their academic abilities through this experience and utilize the experience when creating their own career paths. In fact, the results of surveys conducted at classes show that communicating with TAs within classes help students to have better understanding of the class subjects. These results prove that the TAs are taking an important role in education and learning at our university.

#### Working Conditions

The salary of the TA is 3,300 yen per class period.

\*This salary also includes duties before / after the class period .



### Teaching Fellow (TF)



A TF is a graduate school student who is in charge of part of the class and supports it under the supervision of the faculty member of the class in undergraduate courses. The TF system is implemented with the aim of further improving the quality of university education and helping graduate students acquire teaching skills and instructing skills and build their educational career through experience in educational duties.

In order to become TFs, graduate students need to have TA experience and complete the training course before the semester in which they are assigned. The faculty member of the class must apply and be approved by the faculty and the teaching institutions for the appointment of the class of the TFs.

#### Working Conditions

The salary of the TF is 4,300 yen per class period.



## LANGUAGE SUPPORT PROGRAMS

### Nature Masterclasses On-demand

Nature Masterclasses On-demand offers online training courses that cover various essential research skills from writing academic papers to securing funding. Students can access courses by renowned international experts, including Nature Portfolio journal editors, in their free time at no cost.



### Mirai Translator®

All graduate students are offered a highly accurate multilingual automated translation system , in order to promote the sophistication and globalization of their research activities vigorously.



### Basic Course for English Academic Writing

All graduate students can access recordings of five lectures by a professional English instructor explaining the basic skills required to write an academic essay in English.



### ONLINE Academic Writing Tutorials

The ONLINE Academic Writing Tutorials provide you with the opportunity to have your written work checked by an English instructor.



## RESEARCH INTERNSHIPS

### Cooperative Education through Research Internships

MEXT has implemented this program since 2021. The target is doctoral students, and perspectives of this program are as follows:

- (1) To enrich the graduate education in cooperation with industries and universities in order to enhance the "research capacity" and "innovation capability" of Japan throughout the entire the society.
- (2) Necessity to correspond in anticipation of the future change in employment practices.



## Ri-SEARCH

Ri-SEARCH is a research management system available to all graduate students. Research activities and achievements registered in the system can be output as a "Research Achievements Report."

#### Login page

Log in with your Rainbow ID and PW.



## Graduate Student Career Path Support Center Ritsumeikan University

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Regarding the Scholarships, Research Grants and various programs, please be sure to check the latest information such as guidelines on the website below.

[https://en.ritsumeik.ac.jp/ru\\_gr/g-career/](https://en.ritsumeik.ac.jp/ru_gr/g-career/)

