

Spring Semester 2024
Ritsumeikan University Scholarship Application for
Privately-Financed International Students
Application Guidelines

Application Period
April 2, 2024 (Tue), 13:00 ~ April 11, 2024 (Thu), 17:00 (Deadline strictly enforced)

Ritsumeikan University International Center

1. About the 2024 Spring Scholarship Application (Outline)

(1) Introduction

From this 2024 Spring Semester application window, Scholarship and Tuition Reduction applications are to be made via **separate online application forms**. These guidelines describe the Application for scholarships administered by the university and scholarships which require a recommendation directly from the university to the scholarship foundation in order for the student to become a potential candidate. For the Tuition Reduction application, please refer to the separate Tuition Reduction Guidelines.

Students eligible to apply for scholarships via these 2024 Spring Semester procedures are as follows.

Eligible Applicants: (1) April enrollees

(2) September enrollees who have reenrolled or resumed studies from the 2024 Spring Semester

For students other than (1) (2) above, please apply during the 2024 Fall Semester application period.

If, however, you wish to apply at this time due to special circumstances beyond the scope of (1) and (2) above – for example, if you were receiving government or private scholarship but it abruptly ended, etc. – please consult with the International Center during the application period.

(2) Schedule

The schedule is as follows.

Application Period	April 2 (Tue) 13:00 ~April 11 (Thu) 17:00 (Japan Time)
Scholarship Recommendation Screening Results	Selectees contacted on a rolling basis throughout the year

(3) Application Procedure

To apply, fill out all requisite information using the online application form at either link below. Your RAINBOW ID and password will be required to log in.

[English language version]

<https://global.support.ritsumei.ac.jp/hc/en-us/articles/360057680014>

[Japanese language version]

<https://global.support.ritsumei.ac.jp/hc/ja/articles/360057680014>

【ATTENTION】

The online application will not be available during the hours below due to system maintenance.

From 4:30 AM to 5:30 AM daily (During course registration periods: from 2:00 AM to 6:30 AM)

From 7:30 PM Wednesdays to 9:00 AM Thursdays

(4) Eligible Applicants

Eligible Applicants are as described in chart “A: Eligible Applicants” below. You alone are responsible to determine which aid type(s) you are eligible to apply for, by referring to “B: Application Chart.”

【A: Eligible Applicants】

Aid type	Those eligible to apply	Duration details
Scholarships	Those who enrolled from April, any year	Those who apply will be registered with the International Center for Spring Semester 2024 and Fall Semester 2024 as “seeking scholarship”. If you are selected for scholarship recommendation during that time, the International Center will contact you directly.
	Those who resumed studies or reenrolled from the 2024 Spring Semester, who first enrolled from September, any year	Those who apply will be registered with the International Center for Spring Semester 2024 as “seeking scholarship”. If you are selected for scholarship recommendation during that time, the International Center will contact you directly. Please reapply for the scholarship in the Fall Semester 2024.

【B: Application Pattern Self-Check Flowchart 】



- You may apply for scholarship via these procedures if your answer to any of the following statements is “Yes”.
- If your answer is “No” to all of the following questions, you may not apply for scholarship at this time.

Statement	Answer
You are a new enrollee in April 2024.	Yes or No
You are an April enrollee, but you are not a fresh man in April 2024.	Yes or No
You have reenrolled or resumed studies in April 2024.	Yes or No

【ATTENTION】 See the separate Tuition Reduction application guidelines for relevant details for that scholarship.

(5) Contact

Send any inquiries via the question form at the link below.

English	https://global.support.ritsumei.ac.jp/hc/en-us/requests/new?ticket_form_id=360005720194	
Japanese	https://global.support.ritsumei.ac.jp/hc/ja/requests/new?ticket_form_id=360005720194	

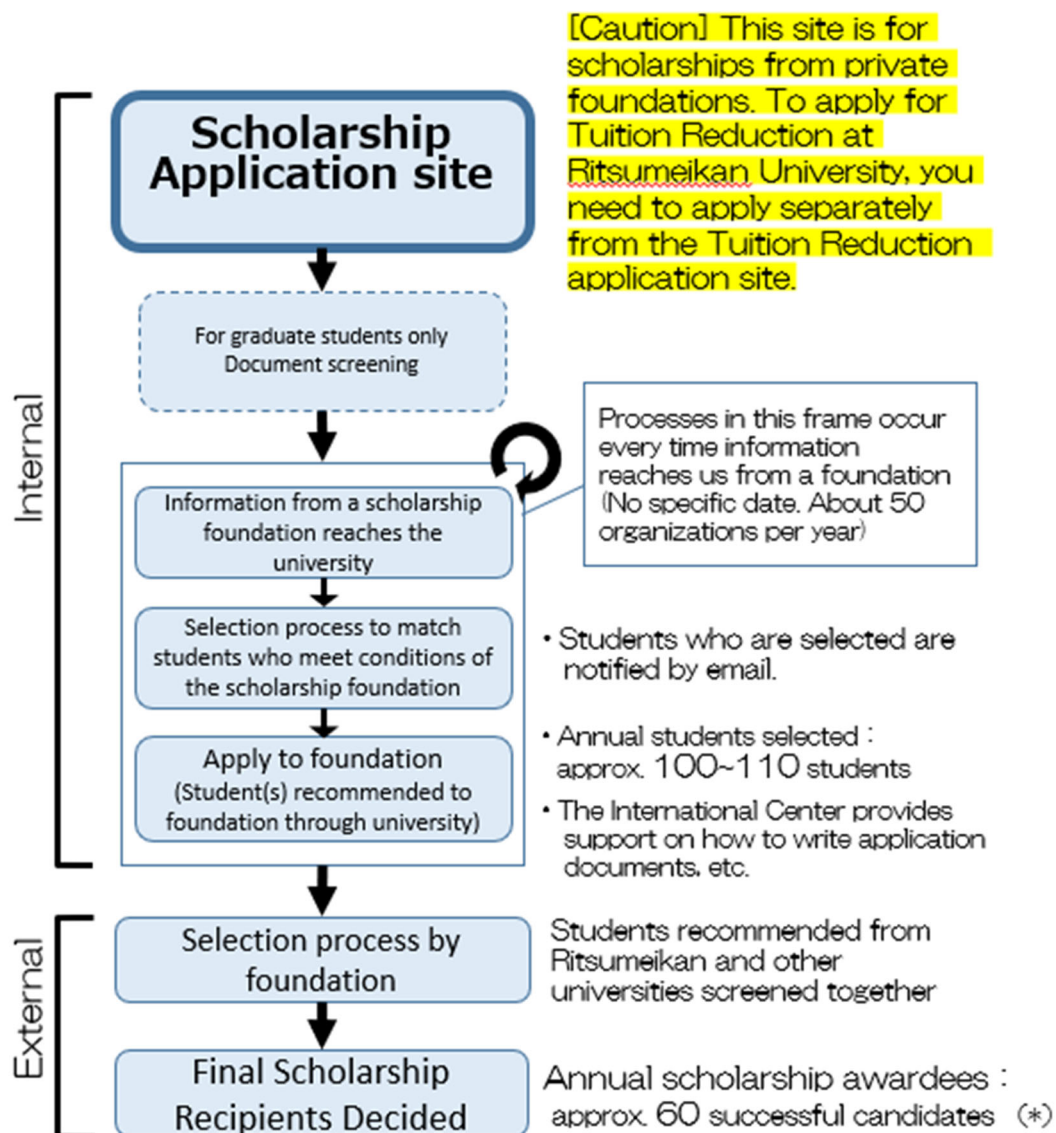
2. Detail for Scholarship Application (International Student Scholarships)

*University, public/private foundation and organization sponsored scholarships

The chart below describes the process from submission of this 2024 Spring Semester application to reception of scholarship.

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(*) Successful candidates for scholarships offered by Ritsumeikan University (approx. 40 candidates) are not included in this number. Further, the “Apply to foundation” and “Selection process by foundation” steps do not apply for Ritsumeikan scholarships.

(1) Basic Rules regarding “International Student Scholarships”

- Scholarships managed by the International Center are for privately financed international students only, and most require that the applicant holds a "Student" status of residence.
- You cannot apply for a scholarship from a specific foundation.
- Of applicants for “International Student Scholarships,” students will be chosen for recommendation for scholarships which require the recommendation of the university. It is not possible to apply for these scholarships without university recommendation.
- There are cases where the university will hold separate open applications for specific scholarships. In most of these cases, one of the application requirements is that applicants have completed this Scholarship Application.
- In order for the university to help support many international students, regardless of the scholarship’s rules for receiving multiple scholarships, students who are recommended by Ritsumeikan University and consequentially selected for scholarship award may only receive one scholarship at a time. In addition, students selected for scholarship will not be recommended by the university for any additional scholarship during the academic year of their scholarship award, and students who are currently being recommended for scholarship will not be recommended for any other scholarship until the selection results of the first scholarship are made available.
- When evaluating and recommending students for university recommended scholarships, only students who will be enrolled for the duration of the scholarship’s recruitment period, recommendation period, and award period will be chosen.

(2) Applicable Scholarships and their Award Duration

- As a rule, this application for International Student Scholarships covers international student scholarships with recruitment periods from April 2024 to March 2025.
- Scholarships found in the “Ritsumeikan University International Student Quick Guides 2024” will form the majority of the applicable scholarships. Please see your Quick Guides or visit the link below for reference.

<http://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/current-students/financial-aid/>

(3) Application Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet all of the following requirements.

- 1) Must be a privately financed international student currently enrolled in a degree-seeking program of a Ritsumeikan University college or graduate school.
 - *However, students who enrolled via a scholarship that pays for their tuition fees are ineligible.
 - *Privately financed international students who enrolled via admissions other than the “International Student Entrance Examination” are also eligible to apply.
- 2) Enrollment status must either be “enrolled” or “study abroad”.
 - *Students whose enrollment status is “study abroad” may submit an application, but applicants are not considered for a particular scholarship unless their student status is “enrolled” for the duration of the recruitment period, selection period, and award period of the particular scholarship.

(4) Selection Procedures

• Undergraduate students

Selection will be based according to the following credit standards, grade standards, and submitted application documents.

i) Credit standards

At the time of application, students must have acquired the number of credits below, or more, in order to be eligible to apply. (excluding students enrolled from April 2024)

(1/8 of the no. of credits required to graduate from your college) x (no. of semesters enrolled)

ii) Grade standards:

Evaluation will be based on cumulative GPA at the time of the screening.

*Cumulative GPA is calculated according to the following equation.

$$\frac{(5 \times \text{number of "A+" credits}) + (4 \times \text{number of "A" credits}) + (3 \times \text{number of "B" credits}) + (2 \times \text{number of "C" credits})}{(\text{Number of total registered A+, A, B, C, and F credits})}$$

[Notes]

- Credits for courses not necessary for graduation and courses graded as N or T will not be included in the GPA calculation.
- Those who are resuming courses or re-enrolling from the 2024 Spring Semester
 - Credit standards: Number of credits as of the end of the 2023 Fall Semester.
 - Grade standards: Cumulative GPA as of the end of the 2023 Fall Semester.
- Cumulative GPA for those currently studying abroad via a Ritsumeikan University-administered program is their most recent cumulative GPA score available as of the time of application.
- Students who have transferred to Ritsumeikan from Spring 2024 as second or third year students (DUDP) will be considered as having fulfilled credit requirements. Scores of accepted transfer credits will all be evaluated as B credits (=3), and then will be used to calculate cumulative GPA.

• Graduate students

The evaluation process is as follows.

1) For new enrollees

The Graduate Student Report will be evaluated and scored.

2) For continuously enrolled students

The Graduate Student Report will be evaluated and scored, with consideration also given to cumulative GPA as compared to that of other applicants.

Applicants whose Graduate Student Reports were evaluated and scored will then be ranked based on those scores, and recommendations for scholarships will be offered on a rolling basis to students who rank highest.

(5) Points to remember

- Of the students who complete an application for International Student Scholarships , only applicants selected to be recommended for scholarship will be notified of any results.
- In most cases, scholarship foundations will not allow awardees to receive multiple scholarships at

once. If you are receiving a separate private scholarship, please make sure to read the rules very carefully before trying to apply for another scholarship at the same time.

- The selection of each scholarship is based on the conditions set by each foundation, so the results are not determined solely by economic conditions and academic performance.
- If a student receives 2 or more scholarships at once but their rules state that recipients may not hold multiple scholarships, the student may have their scholarships cancelled and be asked to return scholarship payments.
- If you apply separately to a private scholarship and are selected for a scholarship award, please submit a copy of your certificate of scholarship award to the International Center.
- Students who will study abroad outside of Japan via a Ritsumeikan University-administered program will not be recommended for any scholarship where the scholarship award period overlaps with the student's scheduled study abroad period.
- Students may not withdraw their application for a given scholarship for personal reasons after receiving a recommendation from the university for that scholarship.