

Fall Semester 2026

Ritsumeikan University Scholarship Application for
Privately-Financed International Students

Application Guidelines

Application Period
September 28, 2026 (Mon), 13:00 ~ October 8, 2026 (Thu), 17:00 (Deadline strictly enforced)

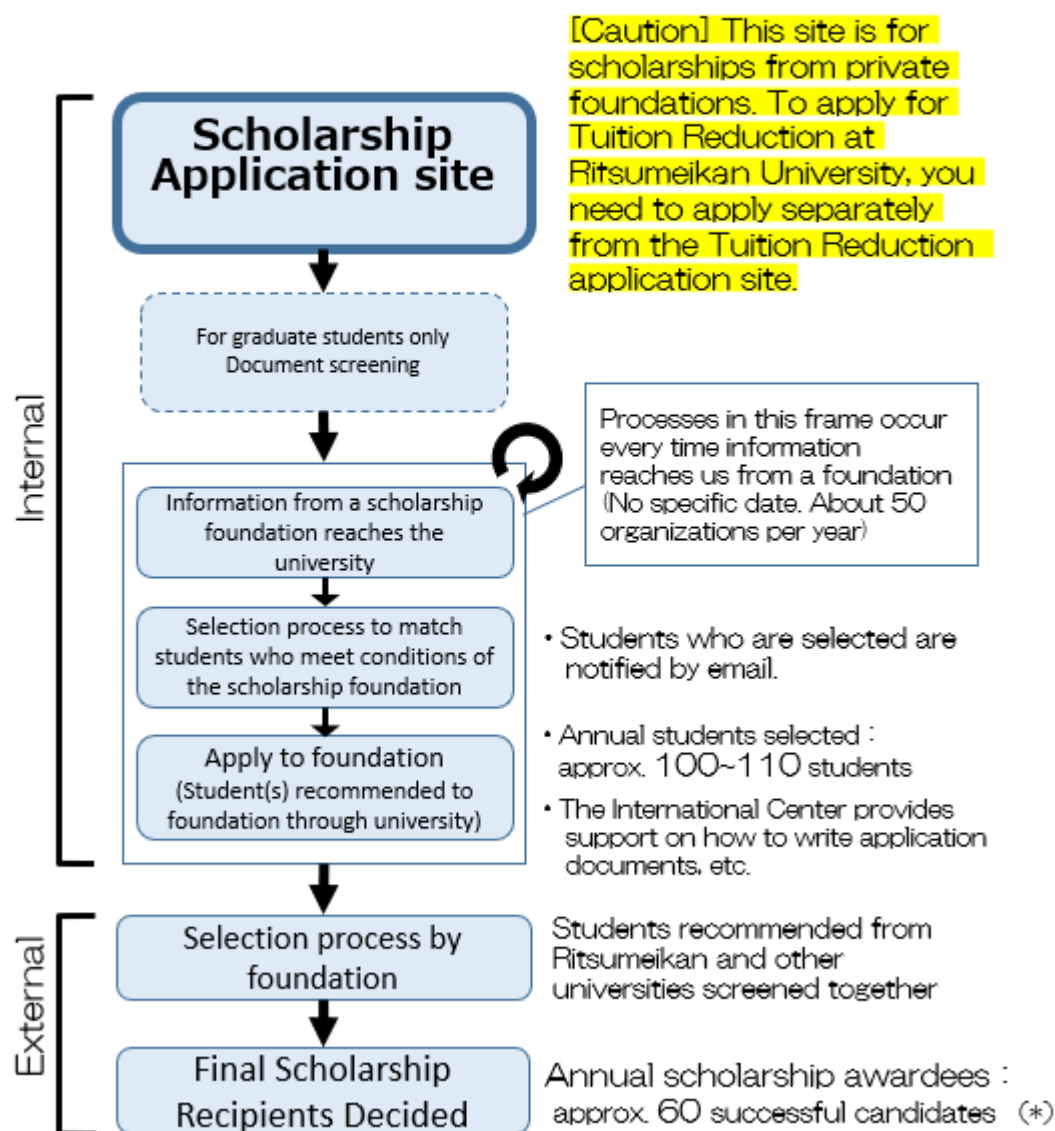
Ritsumeikan University International Center

1. Detail for Scholarship Application (International Student Scholarships)

*Ritsumeikan University, public/private foundation and organization sponsored scholarships

The chart below describes the process from submission of this 2026 Fall Semester application to reception of scholarship.

Scholarship (from application to the university to the decision to accept the scholarship)



(*) Because the selection process is conducted within the university, you will not necessarily be selected as a scholarship recipient if you apply. In addition, the application period differs for each scholarship, so it may take some time before you are notified. Successful candidates for scholarships offered by Ritsumeikan University 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.**
- As a rule, this application for International Student Scholarships covers international student scholarships with recruitment periods from October 2026 to September 2027.
- 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.
- 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) 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.

(3) 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 September 2026)

(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.

For more information on “Cumulative GPA,” please refer to the [Study Support](#) site.

- Those who are resuming courses or re-enrolling from the 2026 Fall Semester

Credit standards	Number of credits as of the end of the 2026 Spring Semester.
Grade standards	Cumulative GPA as of the end of the 2026 Spring 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 Fall 2026 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.

(4) 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.

2. About the 2026 Fall Scholarship Application (Outline)

(1) Introduction

Scholarship and Tuition Reduction applications are to be made via **separate** online application forms.

For the Tuition Reduction application, please refer to the separate Tuition Reduction Guidelines.

[📄 Tuition Reduction and Payment – International Center \(ritsumei.ac.jp\)](https://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/en/center/itc/tuition-reduction/)

(2) Schedule

The schedule is as follows.

Application Period	September 28 ,2026(Mon) 13:00 ~ October 8,2026 (Thu) 17:00 (Japan Time)
Scholarship Recommendation Screening Results	Selectees contacted on a rolling basis throughout the year

***Applications received outside of this period will not be accepted for any reason.**

***Incomplete applications by your own operational errors and other negligence will not be accepted.**

(3) Application Procedure

To apply, fill in all requisite information using the online application form at either link below. From this application cycle, application forms are separate for undergraduate and graduate students. Please select the appropriate form.

Undergraduates	https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/K1Uxe1FQeS
Graduates	https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/3jBhxBS3A6

- Your RAINBOW ID and password will be required to access the application form.
 - After filling out the application form and clicking “Receive a confirmation email about my response,” your application will be sent to your university email. You must click this button. Your application is complete when the email is sent. Please check your spam folder if the email does not promptly arrive in your inbox.
- Each student may apply only once. Further, changes cannot be made once an application is submitted. (Once an application has been submitted, if you try and apply again, the message “Response has already been submitted” will be displayed and the submit button will be deactivated.
- Please fill out the application carefully. We cannot assist with any operational errors or other negligence on your part.

(4) Eligible Applicants

Students eligible to apply for scholarships via these 2026 Fall Semester procedures are as follows.

Eligible Applicants: (1) Fall enrollees

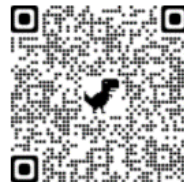
(2) April enrollees who have reenrolled or resumed studies from the 2026 April Semester

For students other than (1) (2) above, please apply during the 2027 Spring 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.

(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	

Nothing follows.