

Career Guidance for International Students

Ritsumeikan University
Career Center
March, 2026



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Request from Career Center

In order to provide appropriate career supports, please tell us your current career plan after graduation.

Compulsory

This is compulsory, regardless of your career plan due to Employment Security Act.



<https://forms.office.com/r/t4wMuHVWVj>

The survey takes you only a couple of minutes!

Deadline: April 24th, 2026, 11:59PM



Welcome to Ritsumeikan!

What is your career plan after graduation?

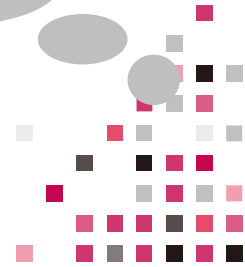
Work for a Japanese company in Japan.

Work for a foreign capitalized company in Japan.

Work for a company in another country.

Go to graduate school in Japan.

Go to graduate school in another country.

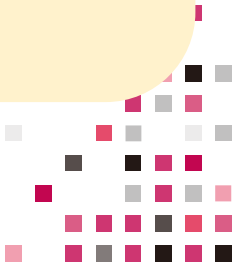




Welcome to Ritsumeikan!

What is crucial for international students is,

**Determining the direction of your career and life
choosing from a range of choices.**



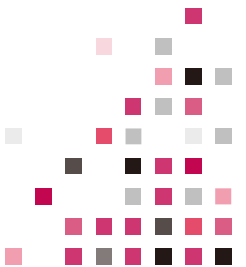


Today's Agenda

1. About the Career Center

2. Job Hunting in Japan

**3. Job Hunting report from
International Alumni**



1. About the Career Center

We provide career support especially for international students **looking for employment in Japan.**



Operation Hours:

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30am~5:00pm
- Wednesday 12:30pm~5:00pm

※Closed between 11:30am and 12:30pm

1. About the Career Center

Come and visit us for:

- Individual career counseling (available in English)
- Guidance for how to write a resume in Japanese
- Mock interviews
- On-campus career job fairs for international students
- Providing job offer information
- Guidance for how to find internships, etc.



First-year students are also
welcome to visit us!



1. About Career Center

-To receive the latest information from us-

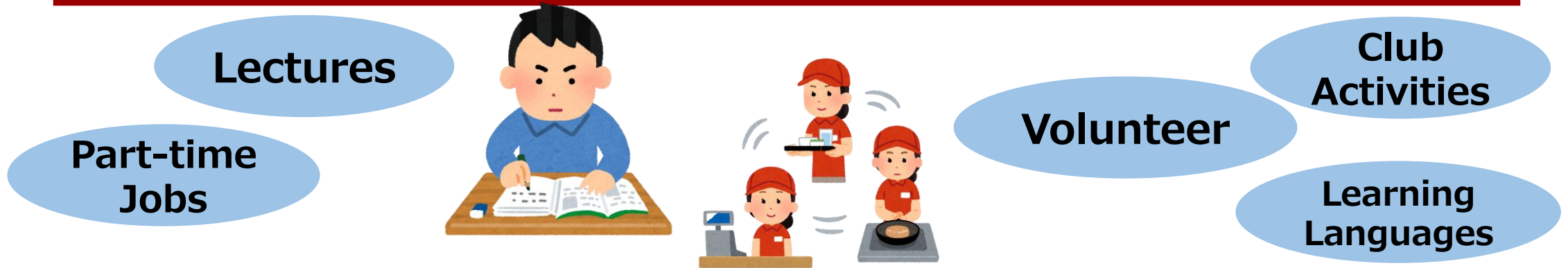
Follow us on LINE

* The newsletters are mainly in Japanese.

LINE



Student Life and Career Planning



Build your experience in Japan

Your path afterwards

Grad Schools

- ◆ Grad Schools Overseas
- ◆ Grad Schools in Japan

Work

- ◆ Work Overseas
- ◆ Work in Japan

Others

Start up a business etc.
...various paths



2. Job Hunting in Japan

The number of Ritsumeikan international students employed by Japanese companies:

(International Students, class of 2024)

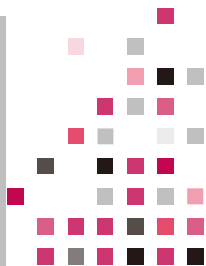
Students employed by Japanese companies: approx. **220**

Students employed in public-listed companies: approx. **80**



What they have in common

1. Business-Level Japanese Proficiency
2. Time they had spent together with Japanese



2. Job Hunting in Japan

Business-Level Japanese

is required by the end of 3rd year (Undergraduates) or 1st year (Graduates) if you want to work in Japan.

**You should start learning
Business Japanese from today.**



▼ Sources to help you improve Japanese skills

JF Japanese e-Learning "*Minato*" <https://minato-jf.jp>
Japanese Language Learning Support App "*TOBIRA*"
App Store: <https://apple.co/32s7tSC>
Google Play: <https://bit.ly/3Hcx3do>



2. Job Hunting in Japan

What Business-level Japanese is

(Reading) Able to read business Japanese correctly

(Writing) Able to write Japanese without grammatical mistakes

(Listening) Able to understand spoken Japanese at natural speed

(Speaking) Able to speak Japanese at the same speed as native speakers



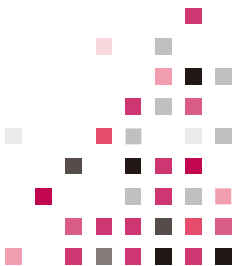
Native Japanese level is required.

If you are...

> able to understand when it's not too fast.

> still at a conversation level.

⇒ You should improve your Japanese.



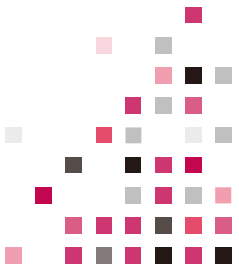


2. Job Hunting in Japan

**Let's make Japanese friends and
join Japanese communities!**

It enables you to...

- improve your Japanese skill!
- understand Japanese culture furthermore!
- learn about Japanese behavioral traits!
- get used to communication between native speakers!
- build a network!



2. Job Hunting in Japan

You need to be **well prepared** for job hunting in Japan while you are in university!

Come and visit the Career Center!

Understand job-hunting process and schedule.

- ◆ Most Japanese companies start recruiting activities at the same time.
- ◆ Career Center provides career guidance for **3rd year (Undergraduates)** and **1st year(Graduates)** students.
- ◆ International students are required to have a job offer **before graduation.**



2. Job Hunting in Japan

	Japan	China	Korea
When to start job hunting	Undergraduate -> Spring of 3 rd -year Graduate -> Spring of 1 st -year	About 9 months before graduation	About 3 months before graduation
When to receive job offers (in general)	About 10 months before graduation	About 9 months before graduation	About 3 months before graduation
When to start working	April (After your graduation)	Depends on company	
Occupation	Generalist (総合職 – Sogo shoku)	Recruitment by occupation. Specialist	
What companies look for	Personality, Growth potential, University experience	GPA, Skills, Knowledge, Internship experiences	
Term of Internship	A few days – a few weeks (Generally less than a month)	Long term(3-6 months)	



Job hunting support program for international students seriously willing to work in Japan

Ritsumeikan University is a member of SUCCESS, the Consortium for Supporting Employment of Foreign Students

【Events examples】

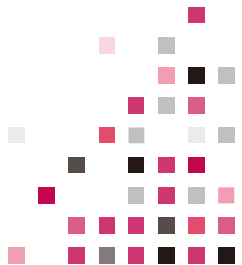
Long-term internship

Business Japanese language courses

Courses related to job hunting

▶ Attend the events that interest you!

***Most programs are conducted in Japanese.**



What We Offer to Students

Career Support Map for International Students

We are here to support your job-hunting every step of the way

Click the icon to open the link!



1. Learn about job-hunting in Japan

Job-hunting in Japan: how it works & what makes it unique



2. Start preparing for the recruitment process

Begin getting ready for applications as soon as you can



3. Apply for jobs

Put your preparation into action and aim to secure a job offer!

For 1st-year Undergraduate Students and Graduate Students



Online Contents



“Job-Hunting Guide (print & e-book)”
Job-hunting in Japan: essentials & tips



“Messages from Alumni (web page)”
Hear directly from international alumni about campus life and the job search



“日本就職の特徴” (JPN)
What's unique about job-hunting in Japan



“取り組むべきこと” (JPN)
Why early preparation matters—and key focus points



“キャリアセンターによる外国人留学生への支援” (JPN)
An overview of the support services available



Seminars & Guidance

“日本就職ガイダンス” (JPN)、“Work in Japan”
Job-hunting features, schedules, and key points

“Work in China / Work in Korea”
Guides to job-hunting in your home country

“SUCCESS Consortium Programs” *Mainly JPN
Job-hunting seminars, business Japanese, internships and more



Online Contents



“過去5年 留学生採用企業一覧” (E-book) (JPN)
Companies that recently hired international students



“Videos and Materials” (web page) *Mainly JPN
Career Center Archive: Seminars & Resources



“就職活動に関する在留資格について” (JPN)
Visa status is a key factor for working in Japan



“選考対策” (JPN)
Tips for application screening, written exams and interviews



Seminars & Guidance

“日本就活スタートガイダンス” (JPN)
Check the key points so you don't fall behind!

“留学生向けES作成講座” (JPN)
How to write an Entry Sheet—step by step

“留学生向け筆記試験対策講座” (JPN)
SPI and other written exams—how they work & how to prepare

and more

For 4th-year Undergraduate Students and 2nd-year Graduate Students

The main recruitment process begins in March of the year prior to graduation. In addition, some companies conduct early selection around October of the previous year. Along with the support listed below, make use of “Individual Consultation”, and be sure to start preparing early.



Individual Support

“Job Hunting Support Program”
Get one-on-one support from expert counselors all the way to a job offer!

*English track students are eligible from first-year



Seminars & Guidance

“Joint Company Info Session” *Mainly JPN
Meet companies actively hiring international students

“大阪外国人雇用サービスセンター就職相談&登録会” (JPN)
Access to job postings for international students

“日本の職場文化を知るセミナー” (JPN)
Learn about Japanese labor laws and workplace norms and more

*Support services marked (JPN) are provided in Japanese only.
*Many Japanese companies expect business-level Japanese proficiency. Therefore, most support services at the Career Center are also provided in Japanese.

★If you're unsure about anything related to job-hunting, don't hesitate to book an Individual Consultation★



The Career Center offers many more resources.

[Available to all students, 30 minutes per session, reservation required, available in-person/ online/ by phone]
For Consultation Reservations, please email us with your major, name, and student ID number at r-career@st.ritsumeikai.ac.jp.

More support is available from the Career Center. Visit our website for details!



We will update information on the website.



What We Offer to Students

● Other events for International Students(held in 2025)

‘Entry Sheet (Resume) Writing Workshop’ **Japanese**

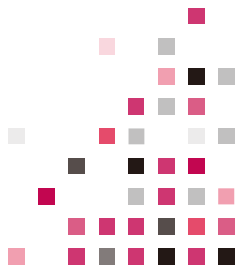
‘Written tests (SPI test) Workshop’ **Japanese**

‘Company Information Session’ **Japanese** **English**

‘Work in China’ **Chinese**

‘Work in Korea’ **Korean**

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Event for first-year Master's students

Join the guidance session for those who want to find employment in Japan.

For International Students

Work in Japan

日時：4月9日（木）
17：00～18：20


形式：Zoom

実施言語：日本語

対象者：学部3回生/修士1回生の留学生
※1・2回生も参加OK！

講師：株式会社パソナ 石山 航太氏

内容：
★日本の「就職活動」を理解しよう
★日本就職に求められる日本語力は？
★今から何をすべき？
スケジュールについて知ろう
★留学生が就活でこまることは？

Web site 

立命館大学キャリアセンター ☎072-665-2120

For International Students

Work in Japan

Date & Time : Friday, April 10th (English)
5:00p.m.-6:20p.m.

Venue : Zoom

Language : English

Participants : International students
scheduled to graduate in
Mar 2027 & Sep 2026
**1st & 2nd year students are also welcome to join!*

Lecturer : Pasona Inc.
Ms.Narawadee Sriprachan

Contents :
★Understanding Japan's "Job Hunting"
★What Japanese language skills are required for
employment in Japan?
★What should you do right now?
Learn about scheduling.
★What challenges do international students face
during job hunting?
★Introducing the "Job Hunting Support

Web Site 

Ritsumeikan University, Career Center ☎ 072-665-2120

▼ ▼ Conducted in Japanese ▼ ▼

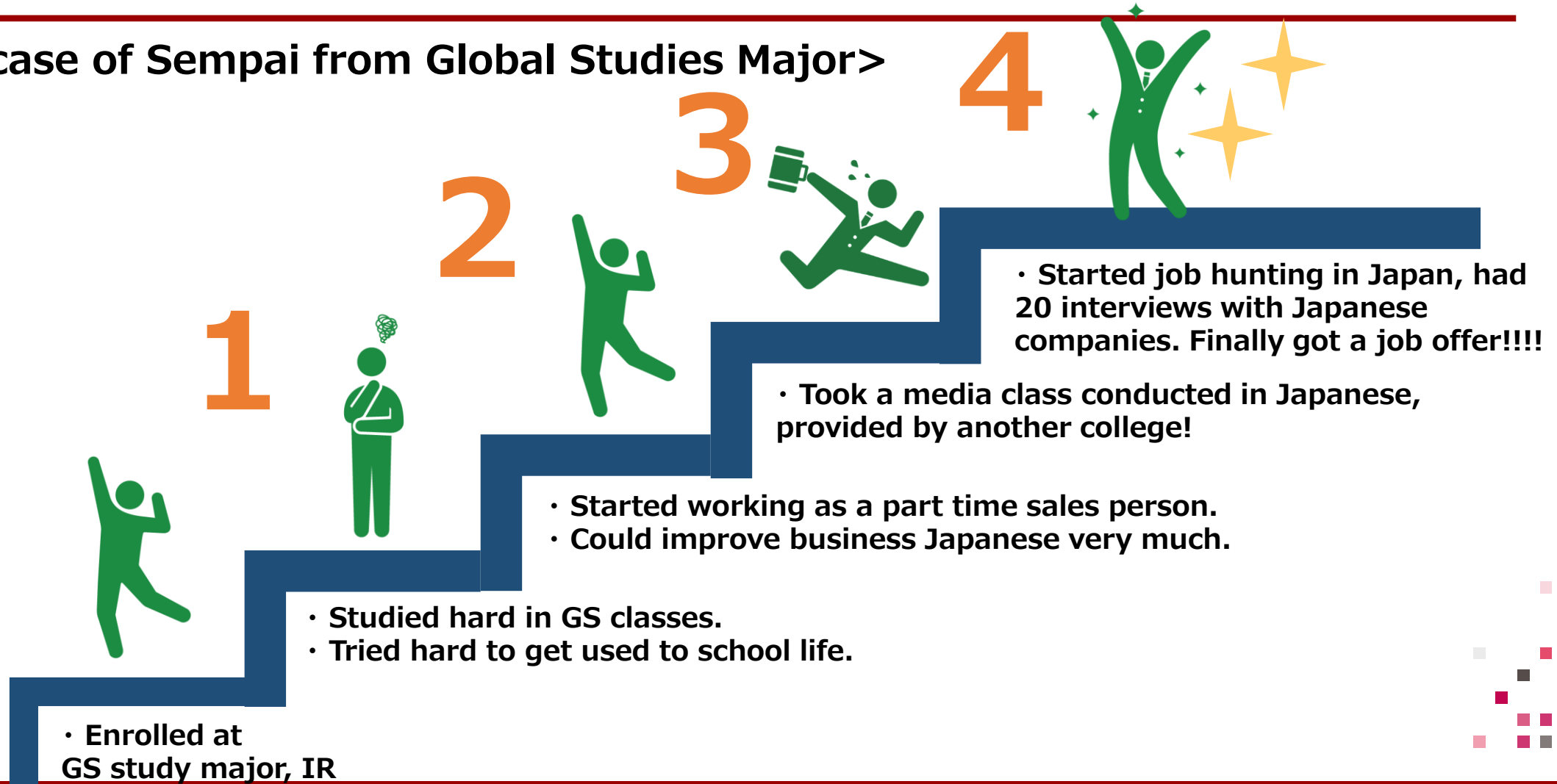


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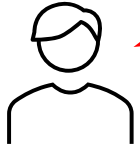


3. Student life of an international alumni

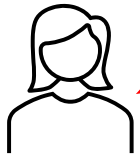
<A case of Sempai from Global Studies Major>



4. Messages from senior international students



日本はキャリアをスタートさせるのに素晴らしい場所で、ユニークな機会とメリットがあります。**成功するためには、早めに動き出し、日本語力と社会性を磨くことに注力し、殻に閉じこもるのではなく、コンフォートゾーンから一歩踏み出すよう心がけてください。**常に自分自身と他者に対して誠実でいてください。誠実さは長期的な成功のために欠かせない人格的な資質です。**そして何より、学生生活を思い切り楽しんでください。**そこで築く友情や楽しい経験は、大変な就職活動期間において、あなたにとって最大の支えとなるはずです。(理工学研究科)



Do not be afraid to ask for help! Job-hunting can be challenging for international students, and it's essential to seek help from people who can guide you through the process. You can reach out to your seniors, who know the common challenges that international students face, or the career center, which can provide you with fitting assistance. Additionally, it's helpful to connect with other students in similar situations because it can be a lonely journey, and you can support each other through the process. **Lastly, you need to have a clear idea of what you want, make plans on how to achieve it, and go for it 100%!** Although there will be challenges, with effort and motivation you can overcome many hurdles! (国際関係研究科)

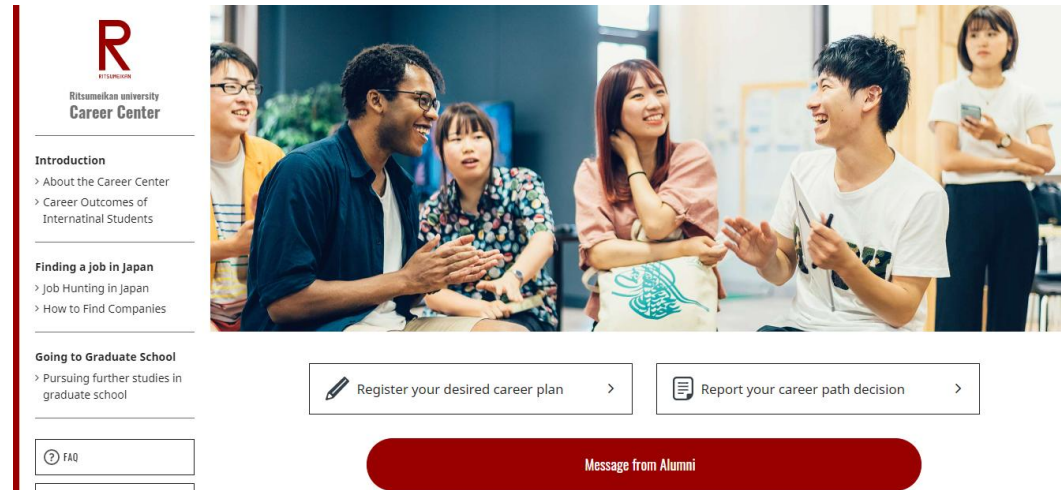
Alumnis
messages





Website for International Students

the Career Center's English website
Check out the information for job hunting tips and more!



The screenshot shows the Ritsumeikan University Career Center website. It features a navigation menu with the following items:

- Introduction
 - > About the Career Center
 - > Career Outcomes of International Students
- Finding a job in Japan
 - > Job Hunting in Japan
 - > How to Find Companies
- Going to Graduate School
 - > Pursuing further studies in graduate school

Below the menu are two buttons: "Register your desired career plan" and "Report your career path decision". At the bottom, there is a red button labeled "Message from Alumni". The background of the website shows a group of diverse students in a classroom setting.

<http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/career/en>



Website for International Students

Career Center Website (JPN)

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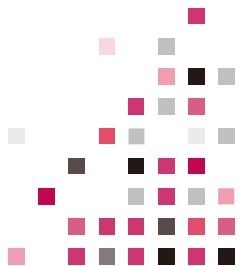
The latest information about career events held by the Career Center.



自分に合った就活を探す



We have a website specialized for international students





Website for International Students

Career Center Website for the 1st& 2nd year Undergraduates (JPN)

Japanese

<https://secure.ritsumei.ac.jp/students/career/career-design/>

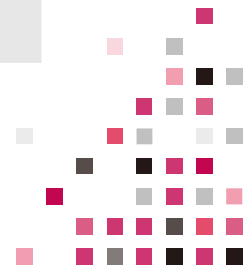
The latest information about career events for the 1st and 2nd year Undergraduate students.



Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)

https://www.jasso.go.jp/en/ryugaku/after_study_j/job/guide.html

You can download 'Job Hunting Guide for International Students' (Language: Japanese, English, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Korean)





Website for International Students

Career Support Network for International Students in Japan

Japanese

<https://ajinzai-sc.jp/>

Provides about 40 informative movies about Job hunting in Japan.



International Foreign Students Association (IFSA)

Japanese

<http://ifsa.jp/index.php?FrontPage>

Provides Job hunting tips and Job listings for International students.

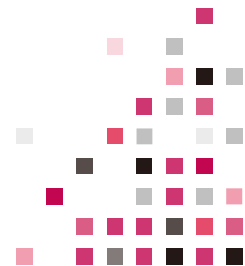


Kyoto Prefectural International Center

<https://www.kpic.or.jp/english>

You can consult regarding your daily life in Japan, Job hunting, etc.

*Students in BKC and OIC can also visit the center.





Website for International Students

KyoTomorrow Academy

<https://www.studykyoto.jp/kyotomorrowacademy/en/>

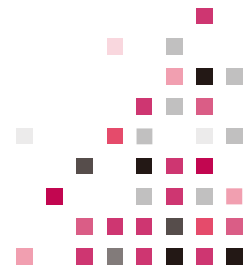
Provides event information for International students held in Kyoto.
*Students in BKC and OIC can also attend events.



STUDY KYOTO

<https://www.studykyoto.jp/en/>

Provides event information for International students held in Kyoto.
*Students in BKC and OIC can also attend events.





Website for International Students

Kyoto Job Park

Japanese

<http://www.pref.kyoto.jp/jobpark/ryuugaku.html>

Job posting information for International students.
Consultation about job hunting.

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Osaka Employment Service Center for Foreigners

<https://jsite.mhlw.go.jp/osaka-foreigner/>

Public Employment Security Office (called 'Hello Work') run
by the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare.

*Students in KIC and BKC can also visit the center.



Mynavi Global Career

<https://global.mynavi.jp/>

Job Information Website for Bilingual Job-seekers.

