

Ritsumeikan University Financial Emergency Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students
AY2026 Application Guidelines

(1) What is the “Ritsumeikan University Financial Emergency Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students”

The “Ritsumeikan University Financial Emergency Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students” (hereafter referred to as the “Emergency Scholarship”) is financial assistance (repayment not required) provided to privately financed international students who are experiencing difficulty continuing their studies due to a sudden change in their financial circumstances.

This financial assistance is intended to support students who face temporary financial hardship as a result of unforeseen events—such as the loss of their primary financial supporter or natural disasters—by providing assistance equivalent to approximately two months of living expenses, thereby enabling them to continue their studies while they work to restore their financial stability.

(2) “Emergency Scholarship” Basic Rules

Students who meet the following criteria may apply for the “Emergency Scholarship”. Students unsure if their situation is compatible should consult with the International Center in advance.

- **Regular undergraduate student with a “Student” residence status enrolled at Ritsumeikan**
***Japanese Government Scholars (MEXT, JICA, etc.) and scholars sponsored by foreign governments and institutions are ineligible.**
- **Must be a member of the Parents Association of Student Education Assistance**
*Financial emergencies which occur at a time when the student is not a member of the association (i.e. prior to enrollment or after membership has expired, etc.) cannot be supported by this scholarship.
- **One or more of the following family financial emergencies has occurred within one year of the time of application*.**

- ① **Primary earner in the family** (whichever parent has the higher income, or another person acting as the primary source of financial support) **suffered a loss of employment due to their company’s bankruptcy, having been fired, or forced early retirement due to the situation at their company.** (This includes those who then went on to secure a new job, however, suffered a considerable drop in pay.)
*Retirement occurring at retirement age, or early retirement by choice, does not meet this requirement.
- ② **Death of the primary earner in the family, or cases where the spouse has assumed primary financial responsibility and the household income has decreased due to divorce or similar circumstances.**
- ③ **Primary earner in the family went bankrupt.**
- ④ **Student’s family suffers a dramatic increase in expenses, or a considerable drop in income,** due to illness, injury, company bankruptcy, a business slump, etc.
- ⑤ Student’s family has suffered **substantial damages as a result of disasters such as fire, storm and flood, or earthquake, and such damages qualify for the application of the Disaster Relief Act, the Act on Disaster Loans, or other relevant legislation, or are of a comparable severity thereto.**

****Special Condition for Spring Semester 2026:**

In light of this being the first year of implementation, eligible cases will be considered as those having occurred

between **April 1st, 2025, and the date of application.**

(3) Amount of Assistance

250,000 JPY

(4) Application Documents

When applying, applicants are required to submit income verification documents and all required documents corresponding to their individual circumstances.

*Applications missing items, or which are erroneous or incomplete, will not be considered.

① Primary earner in the family suffered a loss of employment due to their company's bankruptcy, having been fired, or forced early retirement due to the situation at their company.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Termination notice/Retirement certificate (certificate showing reason for retirement and date effective)• Certificate delineating unemployment benefits or unemployment insurance
② Death of the primary earner in the family	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report of death/Death certificate (certificate showing death date)• Certificate pertaining to life insurance
② In cases where a spouse has assumed primary financial responsibility and the household income has decreased due to divorce or similar circumstances.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report of divorce, or other documentary proof of divorce (must show date of divorce)
③ Primary earner in the family went bankrupt.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bankruptcy certificate (must show date debts were discharged)
④ Student's family suffers a dramatic increase in expenses, or a considerable drop in income, due to illness, injury, company bankruptcy, a business slump, etc.	[For medical expense related expenditure increase] <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bills for medical fees (receipt(s), etc. issued by the medical institution, showing the date of issue) [For all other increases in expenditure] <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Official certificate(s) proving increase in expenses (showing the date of issue) [For a considerable drop in income] <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Certificate issued by employer proving reduction of pay (showing the duration of reduced pay)
⑤ Dramatic increase in expenses, or a considerable drop in income, due to fire, flooding, wind, earthquake, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disaster certificate, paperwork documenting the extent of damage suffered (must be official public documentation)

***Carefully prepare your documents using the separate checklist before application.**

(5) Screening Process

A decision will be made after a comprehensive review of application documents, the student's academic status, and so on.

The International Center may contact the applicant via phone or email to request clarification or submission of additional supplementary documentation if and when a decision cannot be reached based on submitted application documents alone. Applicants should be sure to reply to any such contact from the International Center in a timely manner, as failure to do so will result in disqualification.

(6) Application Period

-Spring Semester: 13:00 on Friday, May 29, 2026 – 17:00 on Friday, July 10, 2026

-Fall Semester: 13:00 on Thursday, September 30, 2026 – 17:00 on Friday, January 15, 2027

*Applications submitted outside the application window will not be accepted under any circumstances. Further, the university cannot accommodate for any mistakes made by, or oversight of, the applicant.

(7) How to Apply

Complete the application form linked below.

<https://forms.office.com/r/WAw0934M3z>

*Rainbow ID and pw required to access the form.


- Complete the application form, select “Send me an email receipt of my responses”, and click on “Submit” to apply. An email containing your form entries will be sent to your university email inbox, and your application is complete once you’ve received that email.
- Each eligible student may apply only once per year. Once an application is submitted, changes are not possible. (After applying, if you try to apply again you will be met with a “Your application has already been sent” message, and the submit application button will be deactivated.)
- The university cannot accommodate any operational errors the applicant made when completing the form. Please be careful when filling out the application.
- The applicant is responsible for making sure any emails from the university don’t end up in their spam folder.

(8) Notes

- Selection results will be communicated by email only to those selected, by early August for the Spring Semester and by early February for the Fall Semester.
- The university cannot answer questions about the review process.
- If any false statements or other misconduct are discovered, or if the student is subjected to a suspension under the Ritsumeikan University Student Disciplinary Regulations, the scholarship award may be revoked.

(9) Inquiries

Students with questions should inquire via the form at the link below.

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