

Ritsumeikan University

Study Abroad Support Scholarship Application Guidelines (Household Emergency Assistance)

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I . What is the Study Abroad Support Scholarship?

(1) Purpose of the Scholarship

The Scholarship is a grant-type scholarship (no repayment required) intended to support students expected to have difficulty participating in or continuing their participation in study abroad programs for financial reasons.

(2) Scholarship Types

The Scholarship consists of the following two types:

1) Reservation

This type is intended to help students who would otherwise find it financially difficult to participate in an RU study abroad program eligible for this scholarship to pursue their participation in study abroad.

2) Household Emergency Assistance

This type of the Scholarship is provided to students who are expected to have difficulty continuing their participation in an RU study abroad program eligible for this scholarship due to a sudden change in household financial status either after their program participation is decided or during their participation. It is intended to help actualize study abroad plans for students with high willingness and ability to study abroad suddenly facing this situation after their program has already been decided.

※Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. For details, please refer to the [FAQ](#).

(Eligibility criteria are based on JASSO's standards for its Household Emergency Assistance Scholarship.)

● Application Schedule and Application Procedure

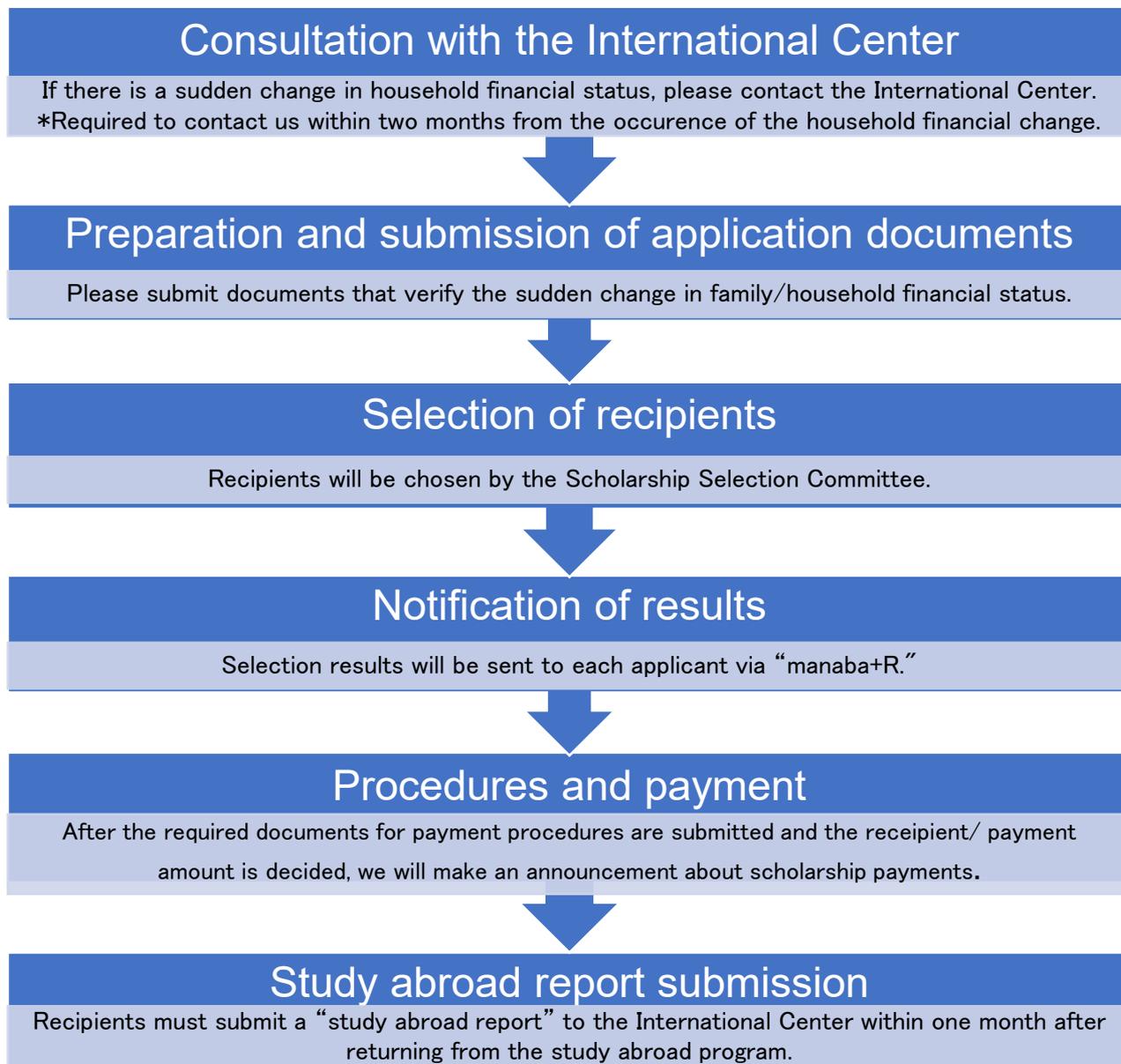
Application Period	Applications for the Household Emergency Assistance Scholarship are accepted at any time.
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<Handling of Personal Information>

Personal information contained in submitted documents are used only for the purposes of selecting Scholarship recipients, procedures related to Scholarship payment, communication from the university, preparing internal statistics materials in which no individuals are identified, and improving future scholarship programs.

II. Application Schedule

Please refer to the following process for application, provisional selection, formal approval, and post-return procedures for this scholarship.



III. Household Emergency Assistance Scholarship

(1) Outline of the Household Emergency Assistance Scholarship

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(2) What constitutes a sudden change in household financial status?

This refers to a situation in which, due to the circumstances of the primary financial supporter (i.e., the individual responsible for paying the student's tuition), the household experiences a sudden and significant decline in financial status, resulting in a level of income reduction that makes it difficult for the student to continue their studies at the University.

Such a "sudden deterioration" in household finances must be caused by unforeseen circumstances. The following reasons for termination of employment are not considered grounds for sudden financial change under this scholarship scheme: retirement at the mandatory age, expiration of a fixed-term contract, voluntary resignation, or dismissal for disciplinary reasons.

The criteria for determining eligibility due to a change in household finances are based on those set by the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) for its Household Emergency Assistance Scholarship, as administered by the Student Affairs Office.

Household Emergency Assistance is eligible for those who meet the following

※The criteria for Household Emergency Assistance from the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) scholarship is applied here.

A: person(s) who makes a living deceased

B: person(s) who makes a living has difficulty in working for more than 3 months due to accident or illness

C: person(s) who makes a living loses his or her job

D: person(s) who makes a living loses suffered from the event of earthquake, fire, windstorm, flood, etc., and is applied to one of the following

1) The case is also applied to any of A to C above

2) Due to the disaster, the person(s) who makes a living is missing, presumed dead, unable to work, or otherwise facing circumstances that significantly reduce household income.

E: When the student has evacuated due to abuse or violence by a parent or guardian.

***The following cases are *not* considered sudden financial changes under this scholarship scheme:**

- **The divorce or disappearance of the person(s) who makes a living.**
- **Resignation not classified as involuntary unemployment, such as mandatory retirement.**



(3) Criteria for Household Income

The household income after the financial change must meet the criteria specified in the Application Guidelines for Reservation type of Study Abroad Support Scholarship. (see p.4).

*If the household has both employment income and other types of income, the University will calculate the total based on the standards set by the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO).

(4) Scholarship Payment Amount

The amount paid is the same as for Reservation type of the Scholarship.

(5) Time and Method of Payment

1) Time of payment: After each document needed for payment procedures is submitted and the recipient/ payment amount is decided, we will make an announcement about scholarship payments.

2) Payment method: The Scholarship will be transferred to the bank account registered in the recipient's name.

(6) Application Period

Applications are accepted at any time within two months from the date the household financial change occurred.

* Applications must be submitted between the time your participation in a study abroad program is confirmed and the end of the program.

If you wish to apply for the Scholarship due to a sudden change in household financial status after receiving acceptance into a study abroad program or while participating in the program, please consult with the International Center. Details of procedures, etc. shall be provided during the consultation.

IV. Other Important Points

- (1) Scholarship application and selection results will not affect acceptance or rejection to join a study abroad program. Also, a tentative offer letter for the Scholarship does not guarantee acceptance into a study abroad program.
- (2) If an applicant is not selected to receive the Scholarship or a tentative letter of offer is withdrawn, the applicant may apply for the Scholarship again in the future. However, please note that the applicant would be required to resubmit application documents and household financial status declaration documents.
- (3) The Director of the International Affairs may revoke all or part of the Scholarship payment if the recipient meets any of the following conditions. In such cases, the Director may also request the return of all or part of the Scholarship already disbursed:
 - Failure to submit required documents by the specified deadline.
 - Withdrawal from the study abroad program or change in the study abroad period.
 - Discovery of fraudulent information, such as false statements on application documents.
 - Failure to meet the eligibility requirements for the scholarship.
- (4) Please carefully confirm the following information about receiving the Scholarship together with other scholarships:
 - It is possible to receive this Scholarship in combination with the “Ritsumeikan University Study Abroad Challenge Scholarship.”

- It is NOT possible to receive both the “Reservation type” and “Household Emergency Assistance type” of this Scholarship simultaneously.

(5) In these application guidelines, “study abroad programs” refer to programs that involve travel to and study in a foreign country. Please note that if a scheduled study abroad program is canceled or its format is changed—such as being shifted to an online format or to a hybrid model combining in-person and online components—the availability and amount of the scholarship may be subject to change or cancellation.