

New Student Orientation for International Students

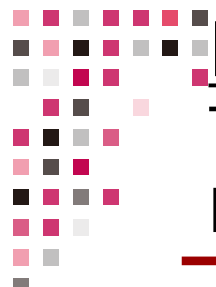
Ritsumeikan University
Career Center

September 2026



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Please Complete the Career Planning Survey

To help us provide the support you need,
please let us know your current preferred career path.

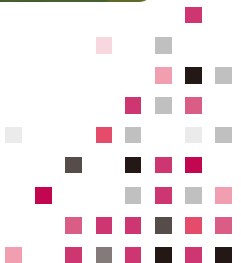
All students are required to complete the survey.

To receive appropriate support from the Career Center,
you are required to complete this survey.
Your responses will be temporarily registered in the Career
Center's career support system.
After your student ID number is issued,
you will be able to review, update, and change your
responses at any time.



Estimated completion time: approximately 5 minutes

Deadline: October 15, 2026 (Thu), 11:59 PM





Welcome to Ritsumeikan University!

What kind of future do you envision for yourself?

Work for a company in Japan?

Work in a country other than Japan or your home country?

Return to your home country and work there?

Go on to graduate school in Japan?

Go on to graduate school abroad?

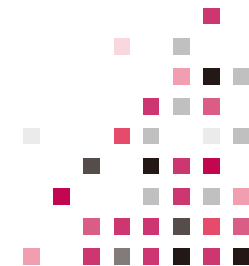




Welcome to Ritsumeikan University!

One of the most important things for international students is

**to make their own career and life decisions
from a wide range of opportunities and options.**





Today's Agenda

- 1. Introduction to the Career Center**
 2. Working in Japan:
Understanding the Japanese Job Market
 3. Senior International Students' Experiences
of Job Hunting in Japan
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1. Introduction to the Career Center

Career centers mainly include:

We provide job search support for students considering employment in Japan !

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**Prism House
2nd Floor**

KINUGASA



**Kenshin Hall,
1st Floor**

OIC



**Building A, 1st Floor,
AS Office**

[Counter Opening Hours] Monday~Friday 9:30-17:00 (Wednesday 12:30-17:00)

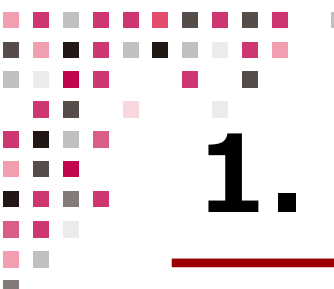
1. Introduction to the Career Center

Support provided by the Career Center

- Individual career counseling
- Lecture on how to write Japanese resumes for Japanese companies
- Practice for Japanese company recruitment interviews
- Holding company information sessions for international students
- Introduction of job openings for international students
- How to find internships, etc.



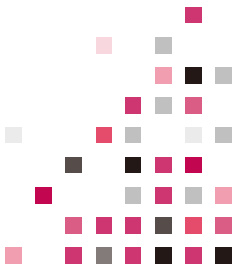
**Available from
your first year!**



1. Introduction to the Career Center

If you register on **the official Career Center LINE**,
You'll receive information about Career Center events and more!

Career Center
Official **LINE**
Registration



Student Life and Career Paths at Ritsumeikan University

regular class

part-time job



Volunteer

Club Activities

Language Study

Studying abroad in Japan offers a variety of experiences.

Subsequent Career Paths

Further Study

- ◆ Overseas/Graduate School in Home Country
- ◆ Graduate Schools in Japan

Employment

- ◆ Employment abroad / in your home country
- ◆ Finding a Job in Japan

Other Paths

Entrepreneurship, etc...
Various career paths!



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2. Working in Japan

[2025 Undergraduate and Graduate Students]

About **310** international students have received job offers from Japanese companies!

Among them, **about 120** people received job offers from listed companies

Common traits of students
who landed jobs in Japan

Business-level Japanese

Understanding of Japan's
unique job-hunting process

Experience engaging with
Japanese people during their
studies



2. Working in Japan

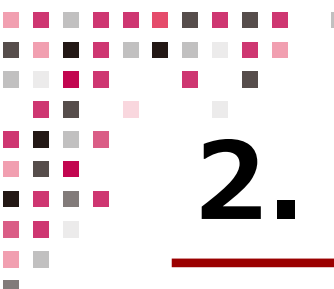
To get a job in Japan, preparation is necessary while still enrolled!

If you wish to work in Japan, undergraduates can do so by the third year,

Reach business-level Japanese!



Graduate students should start studying Business Japanese right away!



2. Working in Japan

↓ Example of Japanese Business Level ↓

Reading

Read business documents accurately

Writing

Write documents with few grammatical errors

Listening

Follow Japanese spoken at natural speed

Speaking

Speak at close to native speed

A Japanese proficiency close to that of Japanese people is required!
From the level of 'If you talk slowly, you can understand' or 'It's not a problem in daily life,'
You need to further improve your Japanese skills.

2. Working in Japan

Japanese Learning Tools

- **Language Academy**
(English Improvement Support Program for Ritsumeikan University Graduate Students Only)

https://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/ru_gr/g-career/skill/detail/?id=5



Language Academy

- **JF Nihongo e-Learning 'Minato'**

[JF Japanese e-Learning Minato | The Japan Foundation](#)



JF Nihongo e-Learning 'Minato'

- **Japanese Language Learning Support App "TOBIRA"**

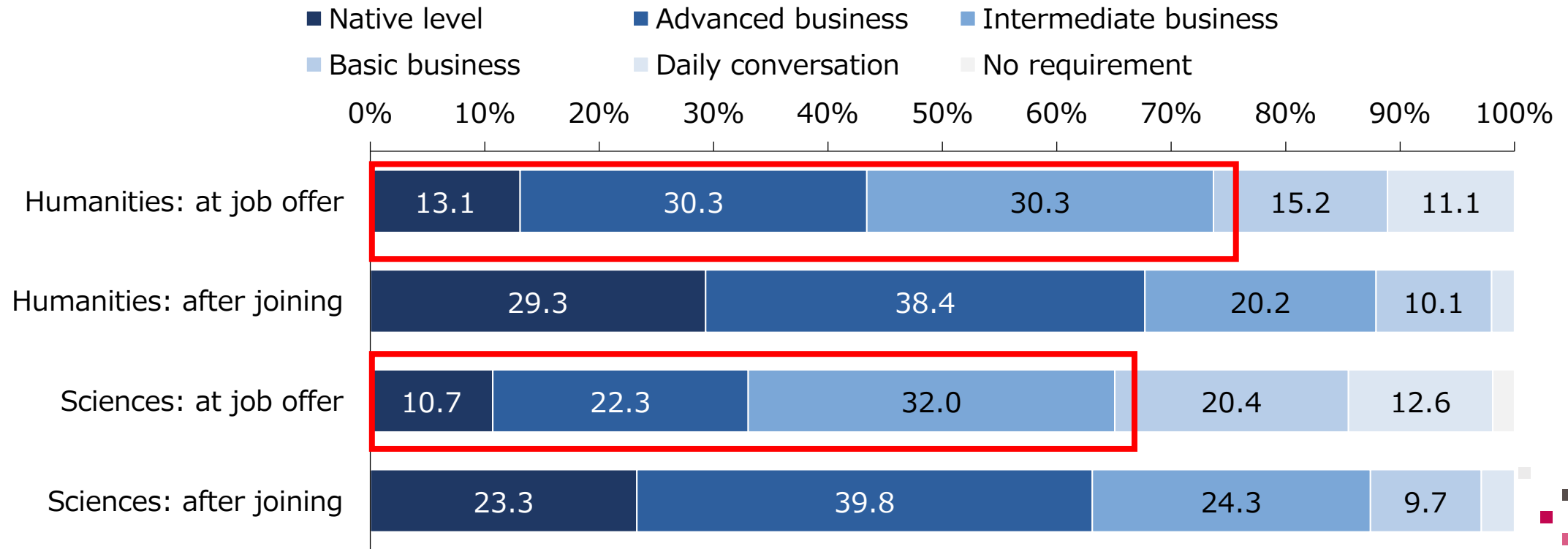
App Store: [Tobira: Survival Japanese App - App Store](#)

Google Play: [Tobira: Survival Japanese - Apps on Google Play](#)

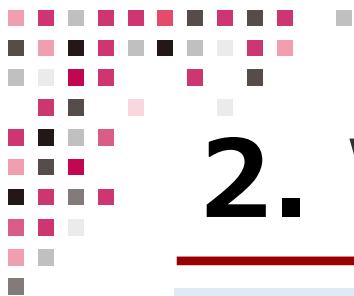
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To get a job in Japan, preparation is necessary while still enrolled!

Japanese communication level required of international students



"Survey on Recruitment of International Students / Highly Skilled Foreign Professionals" (December 2025 survey, CareerTas Co., Ltd.)



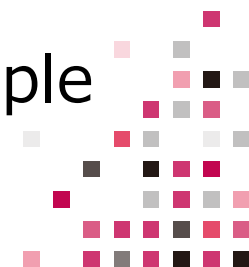
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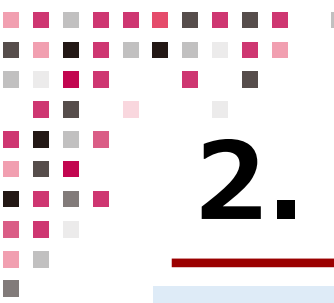
To get a job in Japan, preparation is necessary while still enrolled!

**Make Japanese friends proactively
and get involved in Japanese communities!**

What you'll gain

- Ability to improve Japanese skills
- Deepen your understanding of Japanese culture
- Able to understand the behavioral characteristics of Japanese people
- Learn about communication among Japanese people
- Leading to networking ... etc.





2. Working in Japan

To get a job in Japan, preparation is necessary while still enrolled!

If you wish to work in Japan, you can use the Career Center
Know the company's hiring schedule and methods

◆ Japanese companies' hiring schedules are unique.

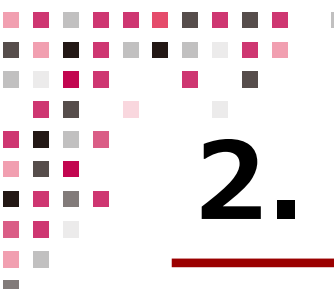
Almost all companies start hiring activities **simultaneously**.

For **third-year undergraduates and first-year master's students**,

The Career Center will hold guidance sessions. (Around March to April, September to October)

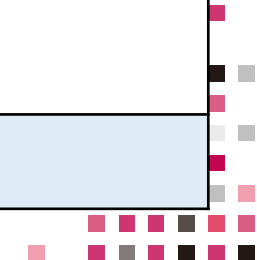
◆ International students must decide on a job **while still enrolled**.





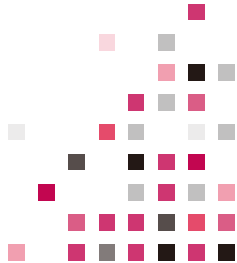
2. Working in Japan

	Japan	China	Korea
When to start job hunting	graduation About 1 year and 10 months ago (Spring of 3rd year undergraduate / 1st year graduate)	About 9 months before graduation	About three months before graduation
Timing of Job Offers (Job Placement)	About 10 months before graduation	About 9 months before graduation	About 3 months before graduation
Enrollment Timing for New Graduates	Mainly in April (Bulk Recruitment)	all year round	
Positions Available	Mainly for general positions and Technical General Position	By Job Type (Position)	
Key points evaluated in interviews and selection processes	Mainly potential (Future Potential) University and Graduate School Activities	Grades (GPA) Internship Experience Special Skills	
Internship Duration	A few days ~ several weeks (Often less than one month)	About 3~6 months	



2.

Get a comprehensive overview of job hunting in Japan!



Support from the Career Center

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)

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

For 3rd-year Undergraduate Students and 1st-year Graduate Students



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



Individual Support

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.



"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.

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



★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.ritsumei.ac.jp

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Seminar guidance is
Once the schedule is decided,
On the Career Center website
and other platforms,
Coming soon!



▲ The [Japan Employment Support Map for International Students]
You can download it from here!

[Japanese]

[留学生就活支援マップ（日本語）2026](#)

[English]

[\[ENG\]Career Support Map_2026](#)



Individual consultations at the Career Center

Advance reservation required!

Eligibility

All undergraduate and full student classes

Format

- Online consultation
 - Phone consultation
 - In-person consultation
- (Consultations are also available in English)



[Individual Consultation | EVENT | Career Center | Ritsumeikan University](#)

Contents

- Consultation on career paths and overall job hunting
 - Consultation on application documents (entry sheets and resumes)
 - Self-analysis and self-promotion consultation
 - Industry, company, and job type research
 - Interview preparation (interview practice)
 - Internship consultation
 - Recommendation from science schools and consultation for technical positions
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A career support program to support international students who are serious about finding employment in Japan

Make use of the 'International Student Employment Support Consortium SUCCESS'!

This is a "Job Support Program for International Students" that supports those hoping to work in Japan.

While interacting with international students from companies, local governments, and other universities, you can deepen your career development for employment in Japan.

↓ Program Example ↓

International Students Only: Long-term Internship
Business Japanese Course
Courses on job hunting



► If you're interested, join the event first!

[Employment Support Program for International Students 'Consortium SUCCESS' | EVENT | Career Center | Ritsumeikan University](#)



Japan Employment Support Program for International Students Aiming to Work in Japan

Make use of the "**Japan Employment Support Program**"!

Eligibility

International students: undergrad Y3-4, master's Y1-2
English-based degree students: all years

1. **One-on-one** support until you get a job offer
2. Supports support in **both Japanese and English**
3. Resume/ES advice, mock interviews, etc.

Consultations tailored to your needs are possible.



▲ Scan for details

[【留学生および英語基準学生】日本就職サポートプログラム | EVENT | キャリアセンター | 立命館大学](#)

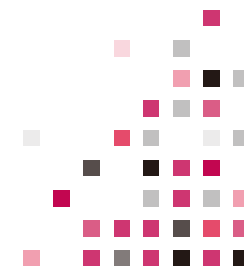


Support from the Career Center

Career Center Programs for International Students (Examples of Spring Semester 2026)

- Entry Sheet Creation Course for International Students
- Company information sessions for international students
- Work in Japan (For those considering employment in Japan)
- Work in China (For those considering returning to China)
- Work in Korea (For those considering returning to Korea)

**Once the schedule is decided,
it will be announced on the Career Center website and other channels!**



For third-year undergraduate students and first-year master's students

[Japan Employment Seminar 'Job Hunting 101' | EVENT | Career Center | Ritsumeikan University](#)



Japanese Seminar

外国人留学生向け

しゅう かつ

就活101

ゼロから学ぶ、日本の「就職活動」

無料 Zoom ウェビナー

日本語セミナー
10.1 (木)
17:00 - 18:15

協力大学キャリアセンター等：

就職活動
タイムライン

書類の準備

仕事の探し方

面接で聞かれる
質問

JPort
by Speak

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English Seminar

For International Students in Japan

Shukatsu 101

Understanding the Basics: Job-Hunting in Japan

FREE Zoom Webinar

English Seminar
9.30 (Wed)
17:00 - 18:15

協力大学キャリアセンター等：

Job-hunting
Timeline

How to Prepare
Documents

How to Search
for Jobs

Interview
Questions

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by Speak

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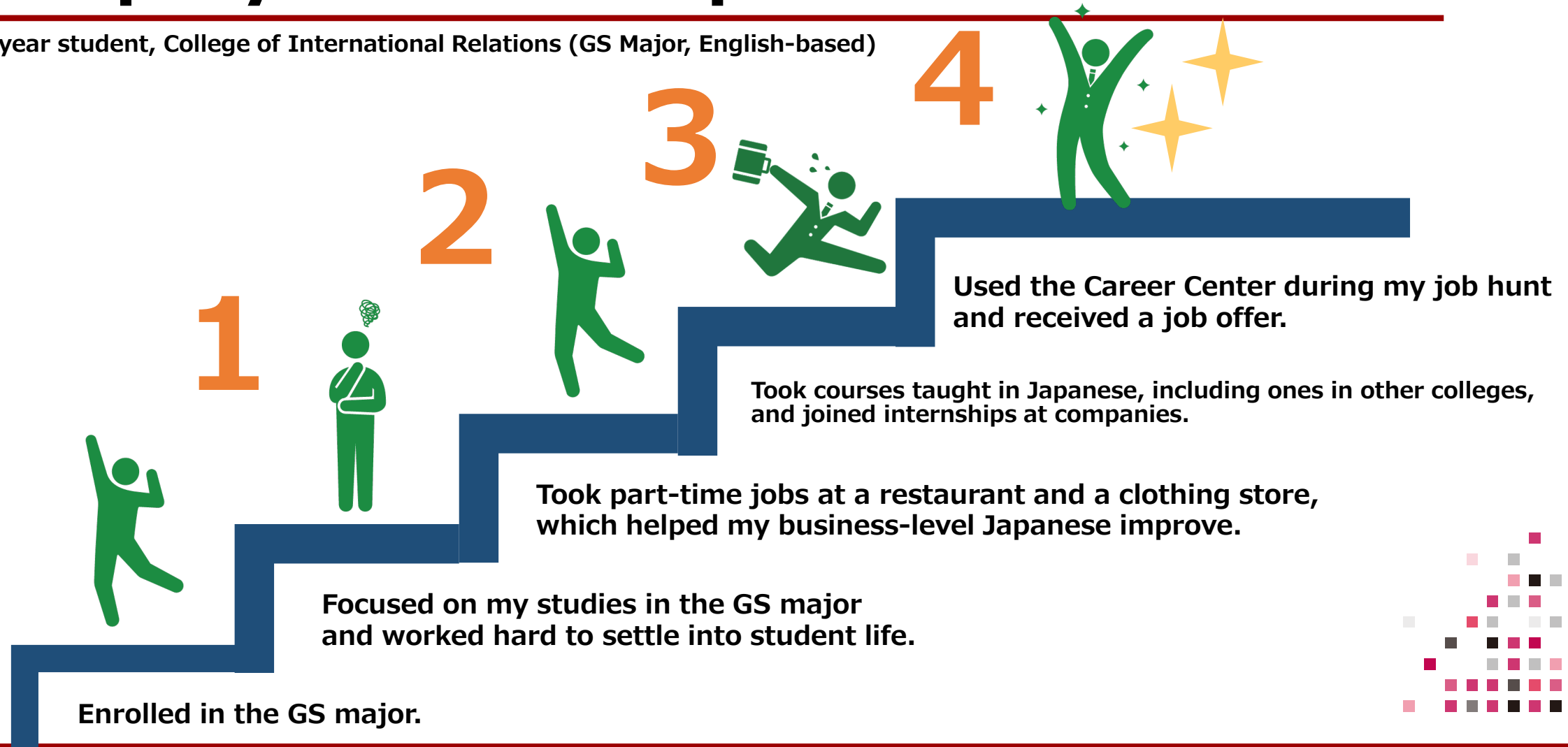
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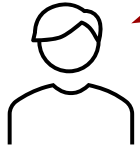


3. Senior Colleagues' Experiences of Employment in Japan

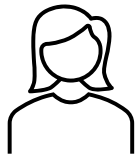
4th-year student, College of International Relations (GS Major, English-based)



4. Messages from Senior International Students to Juniors



Japan is a wonderful place to start your career, offering unique opportunities and benefits. **To succeed, start early, focus on honing your Japanese language skills and social skills, and strive to step outside your comfort zone rather than staying in a shell.** Always be honest with yourself and others. Integrity is an essential quality for long-term success. **And above all, enjoy your student life to the fullest.** The friendships and enjoyable experiences you build there will be your greatest support during the challenging job search period. (Graduate School of Science and Engineering)



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! (Graduate School of International Relations)

▼ More messages
from senior international
students
are available here



Career and Employment Support for International Students

Career Center Website

<http://www.ritsumeai.ac.jp/career/>

You can get the latest information on support programs implemented by the Career Center.



自分に合った就活を探す



Content for international students
is also available

Career and Employment Support for International Students

Career Center HP ENGLISH

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

An English site with information on Career Center support, job hunting in Japan and going on to graduate school



Career Center Website: Career Support for Year 1-2 Students

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

A site with career event information for first- and second-year undergraduates



Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)

https://www.jasso.go.jp/ryugaku/study_j/job/index.html

"Job Hunting Guide for International Students" (JP / EN / CN / KR)



JOB HUNTING IN JAPAN (Guidebook) - Ritsumeikan original

<https://ritsumei-career.libra.jpn.com/#/content/855>

A web guidebook covering everything international students need for job hunting in Japan



Off-campus Support Information for International Students

Osaka Foreign Employment Service Center

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

You can receive internship information for international students, resume consultations, interview practice, and other support



International Student Association (IFSA)

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

Seminars on how to proceed with job hunting and consultations for international student alumni are held.



STUDY KYOTO

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

Support for international students preparing for employment and support for alumni exchanges among graduates





Off-campus Support Information for International Students

Kyoto Prefectural International Center

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

Offers job-hunting advice for international students, networking events with companies, and everyday living consultations



International Student Employment Support Network

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

Videos on how job hunting works in Japan, plus a search function for company job postings

