

Academic Year 2014 (Fall 2014 Enrollment) Application Guidelines for the
“Chinese Government Graduate Student Overseas Study Program
(国家建設高水平大学公派研究生項目)”

(Graduate Schools of Economics, Sociology, International Relations, Policy Science, Letters, Core Ethics and Frontier Sciences, Life Sciences, and Technology Management)

Based on the “Chinese Government Graduate Student Overseas Study Program (国家建設高水平大学公派研究生項目)” conducted by the China Scholarship Council, Ritsumeikan University will be accepting applications for September 2014 enrollment as research students, as detailed below.

Research students are defined as students who are not enrolled in a degree-seeking program and do not intend to acquire a degree from Ritsumeikan University but who may use the facilities of their graduate school, conduct research, and enroll in courses as directed by their research supervisor.

I. Recruiting Graduate Schools, Majors, Programs, and Numbers:

(Graduate Schools of Economics, Sociology, International Relations, Policy Science, Letters, Core Ethics and Frontier Sciences, Life Sciences, and Technology Management)

Graduate School	Major	Program	Recruited Students
Economics	Economics	Doctoral Level	A few
Sociology	Applied Sociology	Doctoral Level	A few
International Relations	International Relations	Doctoral Level	A few
Policy Science	Policy Science	Doctoral Level	A few
Letters	Humanities	Doctoral Level	A few
Core Ethics and Frontier Sciences	Core Ethics and Frontier Sciences	(Integrated) Doctoral Level	A few
Life Sciences	Advanced Life Sciences	Doctoral Level	A few
Technology Management	Technology Management	Doctoral Level	A few

* The Graduate School of Core Ethics and Frontier Sciences, Major in Core Ethics and Frontier Sciences is only recruiting students at a level equivalent to doctoral level studies.

* Actual number recruited may be lower, based on number of applications and entrance examination results.

II. Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet all the eligibility criteria for the Chinese Government Graduate Student Overseas Study Program and be enrolled in one of the China Scholarship Council-designated graduate schools listed in the chart below or a graduate school at a university with a memorandum of agreement with Ritsumeikan University, and be scheduled to complete their Master’s degree before September 2014.

*** China Scholarship Council-designated Graduate Schools (60 Universities)**

1	哈尔滨工業大学	2	北京大学	3	清華大学
4	西北農林科技大学	5	山東大学	6	東南大学
7	北京師範大学	8	西北工業大学	9	吉林大学
10	中国農業大学	11	浙江大学	12	同濟大学
13	上海交通大学	14	四川大学	15	中南大学
16	南開大学	17	大連理工大学	18	西安交通大学
19	重慶大学	20	南京大学	21	中国科学技術大学
22	中国海洋大学	23	天津大学	24	武漢大学
25	華東師範大学	26	蘭州大学	27	中山大学
28	華中科技大学	29	北京航空航天大学	30	復旦大学
31	国防科学技術大学	32	華南理工大学	33	電子科技大学
34	北京理工大学	35	厦門大学	36	東北大学

37	中国人民大学	38	湖南大学	39	華東理工大学
40	河海大学	41	中央民族大学	42	北京郵電大学
43	北京交通大学	44	中国地質大学 (北京)	45	中国政法大学
46	中国矿业大学	47	四川農業大学	48	上海大学
49	北京科技大学	50	中国地質大学 (武漢)	51	武漢理工大学
52	中央財經大学	53	南京農業大学	54	北京農業大学
55	上海財經大学	56	華中師範大学	57	西南大学
58	中国矿业大学 (北京)	59	中国石油大学 (北京)	60	中国石油大学 (華東)

Source: The China Scholarship Council Homepage
<http://www.csc.edu.cn/Zhuanti/11a589bf0f644939945c35ba1dbbf0ae.shtml>

Additionally, applicants must have sufficient language ability to understand lessons in their desired graduate school, based on the chart below:

Graduate School Name	Required Language Ability	Graduate School Name	Required Language Ability
Economics	Japanese or English	Letters	Japanese
Sociology	Japanese	Core Ethics and Frontier Sciences	Japanese
International Relations	Japanese or English	Life Sciences	Japanese or English
Policy Science	Japanese or English	Technology Management	Japanese or English

* If you have any questions or concerns about your eligibility, please contact:

Ritsumeikan University – International Center at BKC
 1-1-1 Noji-higashi, Kusatsu, Shiga, Japan 525-8577
 Phone: 077-561-3946 Fax: 077-561-3956

* All applicants currently who apply under the condition of "expecting" a degree award to meet the eligibility requirements and are accepted under this application procedure must meet the requirements above by September 25, 2014, the day before enrollment, or they will not be granted admission to Ritsumeikan University (it is not possible to enroll at Ritsumeikan University under the condition of "expecting" a prerequisite degree award.)

III. Selection Process

Applicants will be screened based on their submitted documents. However, based on these documents, the graduate schools may require an additional language proficiency test, a written examination, or an interview examination.

* This selection process is for permission to enroll at Ritsumeikan University as a research student, only. Applicants must pass a subsequent screening by the Chinese Government and The China Scholarship Council-designated Graduate School before being selected as a “Chinese Government Graduate Student Overseas Study Program” scholarship recipient.

1. Application Documents

Please submit the following documents in a single package.

- (1) Ritsumeikan University Application Form (University-designated Form A)
- (2) Field of Study and Study Program (University-designated Form)
- (3) Certificate of Grades Achieved from most recent university (Graduate School)
- (4) Certificate of Graduation (or Expected Graduation) from most recent university (Graduate School)
- (5) Master’s thesis or Master’s thesis abstract
- (6) Copy of passport page(s) showing name and birthdate or certified copy of family register or citizen register from home country. (Applicants in possession of a passport must submit the passport copy)
- (7) Copy of documentation showing objective proof of level of linguistic ability

For Proof of English Ability

- Submit a grade certificate from an English Language Ability Test (Score reports must be from one of the following: TOEIC®, TOEFL®-iBT, TOEFL®-PBT, TOEFL®-CBT, or IELTS TM. Copies are

acceptable).

*Test must have been taken in the two-year period preceding the application deadline to be acceptable.

• Applicants who cannot submit a score certificate from one of the tests above must submit an original, formal certificate of English language ability level issued by their current university.

*Certificate must have been issued within the two-year period preceding the application deadline to be acceptable.

*In principle, applicants who intend to submit this form of certificate must consult with the Ritsumeikan University International Center at BKC in advance.

For Proof of Japanese Ability

• Submit score reports from the “Japanese as a Foreign Language” score from the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU), or the Japanese Language Proficiency Test. (Copies are acceptable)

*Test must have been taken in the two-year period preceding the application deadline to be acceptable.

• Applicants who cannot submit a score certificate from one of the tests above must submit an original, formal certificate of Japanese language ability level issued by their current university.

*Certificate must have been issued within the two-year period preceding the application deadline to be acceptable.

*In principle, applicants who intend to submit this form of certificate must consult with the Ritsumeikan University International Center at BKC in advance.

(8) Original letter of recommendation from your current university (Optional, freeform)

(9) PDF copy of 教育部學歷證書電子注冊備案表 (Graduates of Chinese Universities, only) or PDF copy of 教育部学籍在線驗證報告書 (Current Students at Chinese Universities, only)

2. Important Points

(1) All application documents must be in Japanese or English and, to the maximum extent possible, should be typed in word processing-type software and printed on A4-sized paper. Documents in any other language must be accompanied by a certified Japanese or English translation.

(2) On all documents, you must enter your name exactly as it appears on your passport.

(3) All documents must be sent by registered, express mail to the address in 4, below.

(4) Once your application documents have been accepted, they will not be returned for any reason. Even if it is later determined that you do not meet the eligibility requirements, your documents will not be returned.

(5) If it is determined that your application documents contain any deliberate falsifications or forgeries, your application will not pass the examination.

3. Application Period

Friday, January 10 - Monday, February 3, 2014

*All applications must be sent by international express post and must arrive by the deadline.

4. Address for Applications

Ritsumeikan University

International Center at BKC

1-1-1 Noji-higashi, Kusatsu, Shiga, Japan 525-8577

Phone: 077-561-3946 Fax: 077-561-3956

V. Notification of Results

Primary Screening Results: Friday, February 28, 2014

Final Acceptance Results: Friday, June 27, 2014

* Ritsumeikan University will send a Notification of Conditional Acceptance to applicants who pass the primary screening to the address on their application documents.

* Applicants who pass this primary screening will receive a Notification of Acceptance after passing a subsequent screening by the Chinese Government and The China Scholarship Council-designated Graduate School and being selected as a “Chinese Government Graduate Student Overseas Study Program” scholarship recipient.

* Applicants pass the primary screening, but do not pass the subsequent screening by the Chinese

Government and The China Scholarship Council-designated Graduate School to be selected as a “Chinese Government Graduate Student Overseas Study Program” scholarship recipient, will not be permitted to enroll as research students at Ritsumeikan University.

- * Applicants who pass the primary screening at Ritsumeikan University should then apply to the China Scholarship Council during the designated application period.

VI. Admissions Procedures

(Successful applicants will be given detailed instructions once their results have been determined.)