

**Ritsumeikan University 2022**  
**Senior Researcher Program Application Guidelines**

**1. The purpose of the Senior Researcher Program**

This program aims to nurture young researchers, who are expected to be active in domestic or overseas education/research institutions or companies (as research workers), and to procure a large number of promising young researchers in the future. It aims to enhance research at our university and promote the creation of results. Senior researchers are expected to build up and expand networks among researchers as well as enhance their research capacity through belonging to a laboratory and actively conducting research under the leadership of a host faculty.

The research focus is not limited to a specific field, but covering all fields from humanities and social science to natural science. We offer recruitment for all levels, from basic to applied.

In this year's recruitment program, we welcome the active participation of female researchers, based on the promotion of gender equality at our university and the policy of improving research capabilities in a diverse environment.

**2. Application Information**

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| Recruitment Post    | Senior Researcher<br>* Those younger than 35 years of age, as of April 1, 2022, are qualified to call themselves as Postdoctoral Fellows.   |
| Number of positions | About 10  |
| Affiliation         | Ritsumeikan University Research Organization  |
| Time of starting    | As a general rule, from April 1, 2022.<br>However, those who have not obtained a doctoral degree may start after they have obtained it.   |
| Term of office      | In principle, an annual term of one year or less.<br>The contract may be renewed up to two times.<br>(Employment plans for one or two years may be accepted, from the viewpoint of career development of young researchers.)  |
| Eligibility         | A person who satisfies all the requirements of (1) to (3) below. If you cannot meet the qualification by the end of March 2021, decision on your selection may be canceled.<br>(1) People who obtained a doctoral degree less than seven years previously, as of April 1, 2022, or who apply for a doctoral degree by the end of March 2022 and are planning to obtain a degree within the academic year 2022.<br>(2) The university has an environment where you can start research immediately on arrival.<br>(3) People who have not previously been selected in this program.* <sup>1</sup> |
|                     | Host faculty member requirements:<br>(1) A full-time faculty member (Professor/Associate Professor) of this university who does not have a fixed employment period, and will not face mandatory retirement until the end of the applied research plan.<br>(2) Application for this program is limited to once per person per year.<br>(3) Able to demonstrate the role of research guidance and development through research activities<br>(4) Application for/possession of the Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (KAKENHI) in the application year. (Principal Investigator only)         |
| Remuneration, etc.  | (1) Work: 5 days a week (Dual employment is not allowed.)<br>(Your total working hours may be considered as 7.5 hours per day.)<br>(2) Salary: 3,960,000 yen (tax included) per year (No raise due to renewal of contract)<br>(3) Transport allowance/Support allowance/Housing allowance: Not provided<br>(4) Private School Mutual Aid/Employment insurance: Provided   |

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|                    | (5) As long as there is no hindrance to the research, with the approval of the steering committee of each research organization to which he/she belongs, it is possible for him/her to be in charge of classes up to four total class hours (one teaching class is 90 minutes).<br>(6) Other working conditions are determined by the employment rules and agreement contracts of the university.   |
| Payment obligation | (1) During the annual term, apply for the Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (KAKENHI).<br>(2) Submit a report at the end of the term annually.<br>(3) Comply with the university's research ethics guidelines.  |
| Other              | (1) Make efforts to actively present research results and build up networks with faculty members and students at open lectures and events planned by the University. * <sup>2</sup><br>(2) Carry out tasks as instructed by the Head of Research Organization * <sup>3</sup><br>(3) The host faculty member will focus on forming a career path for the Senior Researchers employed in the program and will also make efforts to be kept informed of their career path. |

\*<sup>1</sup> Those who were hired as Senior Researchers after AY 2018 on a budget other than this program can also apply, but from 2017 onward, the number of consecutive employment contract renewals is limited to four times. In addition, please understand that if you are employed by Ritsumeikan University at the time of application, you will be required to resign from your position when selected for this program. If any points regarding your eligibility are unclear, please make inquiries before applying.

\*<sup>2</sup> We expect Senior Researchers to actively use and participate in the programs, such as "Rice Ball Seminar", that each research organization conducts to help young researchers to improve their career.

\*<sup>3</sup> To be in charge of lecturers in research ethics education for graduate students of our university, such as the "Research Ethics Common Seminar" (about twice a year).

### 3. Examination procedure

- 1) At the screening committee on promotion of research advancement, evaluate application documents based on evaluation items, and decides selection/non-selection.
- 2) If necessary, conduct hearings through interviews or e-mails.
- 3) Report the selection result to the Research Committee.
- 4) Based on the examination results, the steering committee of each research organization approves selections.

### 4. Examination criteria

Based on the following criteria, comprehensively judge the grades of the applicant and the host faculty member and decide acceptance/rejection.

| Target              | Examination criteria   | Score     |
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| Applicant           | (1) The applicant can be expected to be an excellent researcher, who is responsible for the future of academia.  | 10 points |
|                     | (2) Research achievement is excellent, their ability to carry out the research plan and the preparation status of the research are noted.  |           |
|                     | (3) The research plan is solid and high quality.   |           |
|                     | * Applicants of Research Fellowships for Young Researchers offered by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) or those who are currently "interview candidates" are taken into account in the score.           |           |
| Host faculty member | (1) Situation of research activities and its development<br>(2) Preparatory situation of environment to receive Senior Researcher, Plan to strengthen Senior Researcher's research capability, possibility to create network | A/B/C     |

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|  | and collaborate<br>*Clearly describe if there is a specific research project in which the Senior Researcher is expected to partake. |  |
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Based on the promotion of gender equality at our university, and the policy of improving research capabilities in a diverse environment, female researchers will be selected in priority if examination results based on evaluation items are the same.

## 5. Notification of examination result

Regarding notification of examination results, we will inform the applicants by e-mail in December 2021 (planned). In addition, names of those selected will be posted on the university website.

## 6. Handling of application documents and personal information

- (1) The submission of application and supporting documents shall be used for review only. Please note that submissions will not be returned.
- (2) Personal information obtained from application and supporting documents shall not be used for purposes other than that of screening.

## 7. Application procedure

Applicants shall obtain ID through the application system in advance, and make application attaching prescribed format via the web.

<https://bit.ly/3i37YHn>

Those selected as Research Fellows for Young Researchers by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) must attach a copy of the screening result notification. (If you cannot submit the screening result notification because it is lost, etc., please print and attach the list of selectees from the website [[http://www.jsps.go.jp/j-pd/pd\\_saiyoichiran.html](http://www.jsps.go.jp/j-pd/pd_saiyoichiran.html)]).

Those who are applying for the JSPS Research Fellowships for Young Scientists (selected for AY2022) and have become “interview candidates” must print the screen of the “examination result details” on the JSPS Electronic Application System in PDF and attach it.

In addition, if the result of the primary screening (document selection) finds the applicant to be an “interview candidate” after applying for the Senior Researcher Program, first contact the staff below, and print the screen of the “examination result details” in PDF and submit it as email attachment.

**Application period: October 4, 2021 (Mon) to November 5, 2021 (Fri) by 12:00**

Inquiries:

| Campus   | Office / person in charge  |
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| Kinugasa | Research Office at Kinugasa Campus<br>Sogo(Mr.) , Sakane (Ms.)<br>1st floor of Shugakukan Hall<br>Ritsumeikan University Kinugasa Campus<br>56-1 Toji-in Kitamachi, Kita-ku, Kyoto 603-8577 JAPAN<br>Phone : 075-465-8233 / Extension : 511-2407   |

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|                       | E-mail : k-seido@st.ritsumei.ac.jp  |
| Biwako- Kusatsu (BKC) | <p>Research Office at Biwako-Kusatsu Campus<br/>&lt;&lt;Natural Sciences&gt;&gt;<br/>Hashizume (Ms.) , Kimura (Ms.)<br/>3rd floor of Research Center for Disaster Mitigation System<br/>Phone : 077-561-3488 / Extension : 515-6522, 515-6521<br/>E-mail : b-kodoka@st.ritsumei.ac.jp</p> <p>&lt;&lt;Humanities and Social Sciences&gt;&gt;<br/>Hirano (Mr.), Tanaka (Ms.)<br/>5th floor of Across Wing<br/>Phone : 077-561-3945 / Extension : 515-2504, 515-2501<br/>E-mail : across@st.ritsumei.ac.jp</p> <p>Ritsumeikan University Biwako-Kusatsu Campus<br/>1-1-1 Noji-higashi, Kusatsu, Shiga 525-8577 JAPAN</p> |
| Osaka Ibaraki (OIC)   | <p>Research Office at Osaka Ibaraki Campus<br/>Application:Okamoto (Mr.), Kitamura (Ms.)<br/>Phone : 072-665-2570 / Extension : 513-3515, 513-3501<br/>E-mail : oicro-k@st.ritsumei.ac.jp</p> <p>Execution: Kobayashi (Mr.) , Masutani(Ms.)<br/>Phone : 072-665-2570 / Extension: 513-3507, 513-2991<br/>E-mail : oicro-k@st.ritsumei.ac.jp</p> <p>8th floor of Building A<br/>Ritsumeikan University Osaka Ibaraki Campus<br/>2-150 Iwakura-cho, Ibaraki, Osaka 567-8570 JAPAN</p>   |

## 8. Others

- (1) In the examination, among those who were especially judged to be excellent, we may select candidates for “Overseas Research Fellows” if they wish (no more than two researchers, of whom one is given priority to female researchers), and dispatch them abroad by providing them with a research grant.
- (2) Senior Researchers who have carried out remarkable research activities will be granted a research fund and encouraged to create research results contributing to society.
- (3) Trends in Senior Researcher Program applications and selections (2017-2021)

### Humanities and Social Sciences

|   | AY 2017 | AY2018 | AY2019 | AY2020 | AY2021 |
|---|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Number of applications                      | 35      | 36     | 39     | 39     | 39     |
| Number of selections                        | 8       | 8      | 7      | 8      | 9      |
| Of which, Ritsumeikan University Ph.D.(no.) | 4       | 2      | 2      | 5      | 5      |
| Of which, Ritsumeikan University Ph.D.(%)   | 50%     | 25%    | 28.6%  | 62.5%  | 55.6%  |

### Natural Sciences

|   | AY 2017 | AY2018 | AY2019 | AY2020 | AY2021 |
|---|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Number of applications                      | 15      | 10     | 23     | 11     | 10     |
| Number of selections                        | 3       | 3      | 4      | 3      | 3      |
| Of which, Ritsumeikan University Ph.D.(no.) | 1       | 1      | 1      | 1      | 2      |
| Of which, Ritsumeikan University Ph.D.(%)   | 33.3%   | 33.3%  | 25%    | 33.3%  | 66.7%  |

### Total

|   | AY 2017 | AY2018 | AY2019 | AY2020 | AY2021 |
|---|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Number of applications                      | 50      | 46     | 62     | 50     | 49     |
| Number of selections                        | 11      | 11     | 11     | 11     | 12     |
| Of which, Ritsumeikan University Ph.D.(no.) | 5       | 3      | 3      | 6      | 7      |
| Of which, Ritsumeikan University Ph.D.(%)   | 45.5%   | 27.3%  | 27.3%  | 54.5%  | 58.3%  |

To the host faculty member

**Ritsumeikan University Researcher's database (hereinafter referred to as Researcher's DB)**

Researcher's DB is a database for publishing research achievements and profiles on the internet.

The research achievements entered in the Researcher's DB will be the materials for examination, so we would kindly request you to enter as much information as possible. For details, please visit our website:

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