AY2024 Application Procedures for the Program for the Promotion of Academic Publications

1. Purpose and Characteristics of the Program for the Promotion of Academic Publications

This program aims to promote the release and dissemination of research results by researchers at Ritsumeikan University. Under this program, grants are provided to promote the publication of outstanding research achievements in specialized areas, support early-career researchers, and facilitate the international dissemination of research results in English and other foreign languages.

This program will be implemented as part of the Fourth Ritsumeikan University Mid-Term Plan for Research Advancement (2021-2025), and is positioned as an initiative that will contribute to achieving the goals of the R2030 Academy Vision and the KGI/KPI (see Reference Material 1) of the Fourth Ritsumeikan University Mid-Term Plan for Research Advancement.

2. Outline

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Applicable	Research results by Ritsumeikan University researchers that correspond to any							
publications	of the following. <single author="" co-author=""></single>							
	(1) Notable research achievements in a specialized area							
	(2) Publication in a foreign language as a result of research results with high							
	academic value							
	(3) Translation of foreign classics and other literature that are high in academic value							
(4) Republication/reprint of ancient manuscripts and other va literature/historical materials								
	 (5) Publication of a book in order to obtain a PhD <single author="" only=""></single> (Including those who have already applied for or obtained a PhD at the time of application) 							
	(6) Other research worthy of publication because its academic value is of a comparable level to those listed above.							
	*This funding program does not cover the following publications:							
	(1) Those that should be published by Ritsumeikan University's Institutes Colleges or Graduate Schools							
	(2) A simple compilation of papers already published in academic journals, etc							
	(3) Those that are published as part of a project by a publisher, etc.							
	(4) Those that cannot be regarded as the results of academic research							
	(5) Those that are considered as self-published (This program is applicable only							
	to research results published through a publishing company and for which a							
	contract can be concluded on the assumption that the publisher will bear the							
	editing and proofreading costs.)							
Applicable	Direct publication expenses or translation/proofreading expenses *1							
expenses								
Grant amount	Up to 1,000,000 yen (Grants will be provided to approximately 10 projects.)							
Applicable period	Research results to be published between April 1, 2024 and March 31, 2025.							

Application	1. The applicant shall fulfill all the following requirements.						
requirements	1) A Ritsumeikan University full-time faculty member (including fixed-ter						
	members), Tokunin/Shonin Assistant Professor, Assistant <teaching staff<="" td=""></teaching>						
	only>, Senior Researcher, Researcher, Shonin Researcher, or Project						
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	application and publication. *2						
	2) For a joint publication, Ritsumeikan University faculty members who satisfy						
	the requirements in 1) above shall account for at least one-third of the total						
	number of authors (excluding doctoral students).*3 Or, the applicant shall be						
	the person responsible for the relevant publication (i.e. the editor of the entire						
	book).						
	2. The applicant has submitted a report for programs (including those other						
	than this program) adopted in previous years.						
Documents to be	(1) Application form (attach research achievements records)						
submitted	(2) Cost estimate prepared by a publisher (on the prescribed form); or						
	translation/proofreading cost estimate (on the prescribed form) if it is an						
	application for a grant for translation/proofreading (in principle, you are						
	required to submit estimates from two or more companies.)						
	(3) If co-authored, written consent forms from all the co-authors (the format						
	should be as appropriate and easily understandable).						

*1 Direct publication expenses are defined as all the costs for composition, plate-making, printing, printing paper, and bookbinding. Expenses incurred in editing, proofreading, etc. shall not be included.

- *2 The applicant shall be a Ritsumeikan University Professor, Associate Professor, Tokubetsu Keiyaku Kyoin (professor/associate professor), Tokubetsu Shohei Kyoin (professor/associate professor) <non-concurrent only>, Eminent Research Professor (professor/associate professor), Research Professor (professor/associate professor/assistant professor), Fixed-term Teaching Staff (professor/associate professor/lecturer/assistant professor), Tokunin/Shonin Assistant Professor, Assistant <teaching staff only>, Senior Researcher, Researcher, Shonin Researcher, or Project Researcher <JSPS Research Fellow (PD, RPD) only>.
- *3 The exception to this is the cases where a book is published in a language other than Japanese (e.g. English).

3. Screening Procedure

- (1) Screening committee
 - 1) Applications will be examined and screened by the screening committee established for advanced research promotion programs.
 - 2) Screening results will be reported to the Committee on Research Administration.
- (2) Screening criteria

After an evaluation is carried out focusing on the following points, a comprehensive evaluation will be conducted.

- 1) Whether research results are of high academic value
- 2) Whether there is a clear publication plan, and whether it is definitely possible to produce a publication within the applicable grant period.

- 3) Circumstances of related research results and achievements
 *Research results from the past five years (from April 1, 2019 to the date of application in 2023)
 registered in the Ritsumeikan University Researcher Database (*kenkyusya-DB*) such as "Books,"
 "Papers," and "Research Presentations, etc."
 *If you are an Assistant <teaching staff only> or a Project Researcher <JSPS Research Fellow (PD,
 - RPD) only>, the achievements stated on a separately prescribed form
- 4) Priority shall be given to the following:
- Applications from early-career researchers
- First publications of researchers
- Publications for obtaining a PhD
- Publications in English or other foreign languages
- Co-authored publications involving a Ritsumeikan University Assistant Professor, Tokunin Assistant Professor, Assistant <teaching staff only>, Senior Researcher, Researcher or student in a doctoral program
- Publications for a research subject with which the applicant has newly applied to AY2024 Grantsin-Aid for Scientific Research -KAKENHI- / Grants-in-Aid for Publication of Scientific Research Results (Academic Publication)

4. Points to Note

- (1) If you are to receive a grant from any other undergraduate or graduate school, be sure to indicate the grant in the expenses section of the application form.
- (2) Grants are provided to the publisher, rather than to the relevant individual researcher. Therefore, if your application is approved, a publication contract (between a research leader and a publisher) and a contract on the grant for publication (between Ritsumeikan University and a publisher) shall be concluded.
- (3) The above contract must be concluded no later than December 31, 2024 in principle. If it is expected to be difficult to produce a publication by March 31, 2025, the funding will not be provided.
- (4) After publication, three copies of the publication shall be submitted to the University for library archival purposes. (The publication is provided for public reading at the University library, etc.)
- (5) In the foreword or afterword to the publication, it shall be clearly indicated that the book has been published under the Ritsumeikan University Program for the Promotion of Academic Publications.
- (6) If you submit more than one applications or were already screened in previous years, or there are multiple applications with similar research themes for the program, the funding amount may be reduced or your application may be rejected.
- (7) The amount of funding may be reduced as a result of the number of adopted applications.
- (8) An application must consist of four pages or less.
- (9) Applications will be copied in black-and-white and handed to the screening committee.
- (10) The funding shall be provided only to those who are to be employed by the University in AY2024.
- (11) An application may be returned without being screened if it is clear that the applicant does not fulfill the application requirements.
- (12) If publications that have been adopted for this program are also accepted for AY2024 Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research -KAKENHI-/Grants-in-Aid for Publication of Scientific Research Results (Academic Publication), the Grants-in-Aid for Publication of Scientific Research Results (Academic Publication) will take precedence. However, if the amount of money to be awarded is less than that

which would be awarded by this program, funding will be provided to make up for the difference.

5. Notification of Screening Result

Applicants will be notified by email of the result of screening around the end of March 2024. Adopted research projects will also be posted on the University's website.

6. Application Documents and Handling of Personal Information

- (1) Applications and other submitted documents and materials will be used for screening purposes only. Submitted documents and materials will not be returned.
- (2) Personal information obtained from submitted documents and materials will not be used for any purposes other than screening.

7. Application Procedure

Applicants shall make an application via the website below using prescribed forms. <u>https://sdb.ritsumei.ac.jp/hibiki/BRDDocument.do?func=insert&binderId=11288</u>

*Please refer to this application guidelines for details for how to apply via the website.

*The application will be completed when the status changes to "Applied (申請済)" by your clicking the

"Start (業務開始)" button. The submission confirmation will be sent to the applicant by email. Please

check the confirmation email without fail.

Application period: Between November 28, 2023 (Tue.) and January23, 2024 (Tue.)

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Kinugasa	Research Office (Kinugasa): Kawasaki (Ms.), Sakane (Ms.)					
	1st floor, Shugakukan Hall					
	Ritsumeikan University Kinugasa Campus					
	56-1 Toji-in Kitamachi, Kita-ku, Kyoto 603-8577 JAPAN					
	Phone : 075-465-8233/Extension : 511-2407					
	E-mail : <u>k-seido@st.ritsumei.ac.jp</u>					
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	1-1-1 Noji-higashi, Kusatsu, Shiga 525-8577 JAPAN					
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	Nishikawa (Mr.), Hori (Ms.)					

Submissions and inquiries:

	3rd floor, Research Center for Disaster Mitigation System					
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	E-mail : <u>b-kodoka@st.ritsumei.ac.jp</u>					
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Request for Information Registration in the Researcher's Database (kenkyusya-DB):

The Researcher's Database (*kenkyusya-DB*) is maintained in order to make a range of information concerning research results/achievements and researchers' profiles available on the Web. During the screening process, this database may be used as a reference for information concerning researchers who will participate in the program. In this respect, researchers are kindly requested to input as much related information as possible into the database. For further details, please visit the website of the Division of Research below.

https://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/research/member/researcher_login/index.html/

Reference Material 1

KGI and KPI of the Fourth Ritsumeikan University Mid-Term Plan for Research Advancement *Figures in parentheses indicate results for AY2020.

KGI	Key Goal Indicator - QS World University Rankings: 301-400 th (801-1000 th) - THE Impact Rankings: 101-200 th (201-300 th) - Top-10% international co-authored papers: 160 papers/year (80/year) - Number of adoption for major categories (A or above) of Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research <kakenhi>: 10 projects/year (5/year) - Amount of external funds acquired: 5.0 billion yen (3.35 billion yen)</kakenhi>
KPI	 Key Performance Indicator Number of votes received in the QS Global Academic Survey: 300 votes (86) Evaluation points for the THE Impact Rankings: 84.0 (75.4) Number/amount of KAKENHI categories adopted: 790 projects (690)/1.8 billion yen (1.4 billion yen) Amount of external funds acquired through the industry-academia-government collaborations: 1.1 billion yen (730 million yen) Numbers of researchers dispatched overseas/received from overseas: 1,334 persons (7)/440 persons (140), respectively Rate of international co-authorship/number of paper submissions to high-impact journals: 33.3% (29.2%)/200 papers (94) Number of graduate-student participants in projects of Research Institutes/Research Centers: 300 doctoral students (191), 300 master's course students (192)

How to Apply to the Program for the Promotion of Academic Publications on the Web

1. Click the URL in the Application Procedures above, and you will see the application form open. Enter ID and password, and fill out the application form.

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