

AY 2024 Ritsumeikan University

+ R Undergraduate College Scholarship

- College of International Relations Selection Guidelines -

+ R Undergraduate College Scholarship aims to promote academic activities and cultivate distinguished individuals by awarding the students who have obtained good grades in curricular subjects and demonstrated outstanding achievement in various curricular-related endeavors. College of International Relations will conduct recruitment and selection following the guidelines below.

The College of International Relations will conduct recruitment and selection based on the following guidelines.

1. Amount of the scholarship

50,000 JPY

2. Application period

May 31 (Fri) - June 5 (Wed), 2024 17:00

3. Numbers of recipients

Up to 24 recipients will be selected.

4. Eligibility and application requirements

- (1) Students in the College of International Relations who will be 2nd-year, 3rd-year, or 4th-year in the Spring Semester of 2024.
- (2) Applicants must be "enrolled" or "studying abroad" at the time of application. Students who have taken a leave of absence for both semesters (Spring and Fall Semesters) before application are not eligible to apply.
- (3) Grade Criteria
 - (i) A GPA of 3.0 or above in the Spring or Fall Semester of the previous academic year in courses required for graduation. (2.8 or above for Joint Degree Program students).
 - (ii) IR/GS Major students: Students who have earned at least 32 credits required

for graduation in the previous academic year (25 credits for a single year for students who were 3rd-year students in the previous academic year).

However, a minimum of 16 credits from one semester will be deemed sufficient to meet this requirement for students who were away for an altered semester due to study abroad or a leave of absence in the previous academic year.

Joint Degree Program: Students must have obtained at least 12 credits in the previous semester.

(4) Eligible endeavor and selection criteria

Applicants must have completed one of the following endeavors, and achieved results after enrollment.

The application should be detailed, including proper nouns, dates and times as much as possible.

Category ① Improvement of language skills (Recipients: about 6 persons)

- Students who achieved a significant increase in scores on language proficiency tests compared to the time of admission.
- Students who have been certified as “Bilingual Learners” or have earned at least 8 credits by cross-enrollment during the previous two semesters.

(*1) Cross-Enrollment is to enroll in the courses from the other major. To meet the requirement, IR Major students whose native language is English and GS Major students whose native language is Japanese will be excluded. For the “Bilingual Learner” Certificate, please check II.4.1 of the “Academic Handbook (College of International Relations)”.

<Contents to be included in the application form>

- How much have your language skills improved since you enrolled? Evidence must also be submitted with the application form.
- How have you tried to improve your language skills?
- What challenges have you taken on using your improved language skills (preferably activities related to regular classes)? If you are describing cross-curricular, which courses have you taken?

Category ② Participation in overseas programs (Recipients: about 6 persons)

- Proactively participated in advanced study abroad programs (*2), overseas educational programs, and international activities and achieved high results.

(*2) The term “study abroad” used in this guideline refers to study abroad included in the total enrollment period and does not refer to privately financed study abroad, etc. (Academic Handbook, College of International Relations III.1)

<Contents to be included in the application form>

- Details of the program in which you participated and the role you played.
- In addition, what challenges and initiatives did you take on on-site or online?
- Activity period
- For activities in a team, what efforts and challenges did you make personally?

Category ③ Results of extra-curricular activities in Japan (Recipients: about 6 persons)

- Conducted off-campus activities (investigation, fieldwork, volunteer work, etc.) related to learning and research of regular classes and achieved high results.

<Contents to be included in the application form>

- What is the purpose of the activity?
- Activity period
- For activities in a team, what efforts and challenges did you make personally?
- What deliverables have you compiled (preferably deliverables related to regular classes)?

Category ④ Activities contributing to the advancement of the College

(Recipients: about 6 persons)

- Participated in various activities of the College of International Relations (Student Council/International Studies Association, Oritor, Zemi Research Convention, FYR, GSG staff, Writing Tutor, etc.) and contributed to the advancement of undergraduate teaching and learning as well as achieving high didactic results.

<Contents to be included in the application form>

- Activity Details
- For activities in a team or an association, what personal efforts and challenges did you make?
- Activity period

- What did you learn from the activity, and what positive impact did it have on other students in the College of International Relations?

5. Application methods and documents

(1) Application methods

Web application. Please fill out the application form and submit it through the online application form.

< Click here for application form and application >

Manaba+R > College of IR Students Page > Student Life at the College of IR > College related Scholarship

(2) Points to note when applying

The +R Undergraduate College Scholarship may be selected no more than once during the school year.

6. Selection criteria

Document screening (The College will conduct a comprehensive selection based on the content of the application and GPA)

7. Result announcements and awarding ceremony

- Date (expected): July 5 (Fri) 2024, 13:00
- Those who are selected will be notified via manaba+R (Announcement to Individuals)
- An award ceremony will be held at the end of July. Details will be announced separately.

8. Notes

Scholarship recipients must agree with the publishing of their names.

If recipients fail to complete the procedures by the designated date without a valid reason, are suspended based on disciplinary grounds, or are otherwise judged by the Dean of the College of IR to be unsuitable as a recipient, the scholarship may be cancelled, and the student may be required to return the funds.