Application for the 2017 Japanese Government (Japanese Studies Students) Scholarship (University Recommendation) for Ritsumeikan University's Study in Kyoto Program

1. Japanese Studies Students (University Recommendation) Application Overview

- (1) Applicants must participate on <u>the Intensive Japanese Language Track (IJL)</u> of the Study in Kyoto Program (SKP) at Ritsumeikan University (RU) <u>for the Fall 2017 semester (1 semester)</u>, <u>or Fall 2017 semester to Spring 2018 semesters (2 semesters in total)</u> according to the 2017 Course Guide for Japanese Studies Students.
- (2) Applicants must have studied Japanese Studies (majoring in fields of study in Japanese language and Japanese culture) for a total period of one year or more at the university level as of April 2017.
- (3) As a general, applicants must be born between April 2, 1987 and April 1, 1999.
- (4) Applicants must receive an official nomination from your school based upon our Agreement for Student Exchange
- (5) Applicants <u>must be undergraduates at an overseas university majoring in fields related to the</u> <u>Japanese language or culture at the time of arriving in and leaving Japan.</u>
- ※applicants majoring in fields of study other than Japanese language and Japanese culture (such as Engineering, Economics, Agricultural Science, Architecture, Art, etc.) and who wish to pursue complementary studies in Japanese language and culture should apply for a different scholarship.
- (6) Applicants must have Japanese language ability sufficient for receiving education at a Japanese university in Japanese. JLPT score is not a prerequisite condition. However, a minimum JLPT N2 or its equivalent is advisable.
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- (7) Scholarship amount: 117,000 yen per month
- (8) Transportation to/from Japan: recipients will be provided an economy class airplane ticket.
- (9) Scholarship period: Students participating for a 2 semester exchange will receive scholarship beginning from September 2017 to August 2018. Students participating for a 1 semester exchange will receive scholarship beginning from September 2017 to January 2018.
- (10) RU will notify MEXT of potential recipients after conducting preliminary screening. A maximum of one student from each partner school will be nominated as a potential recipient. MEXT will then make official decisions regarding scholarship recipients.

2. Application Materials for JSS Nominees and Notification of Results

- (1) Application Deadline: Friday, March 17 (documents must arrive by this date)
 - ① if the original version of the application materials can not arrive by this date, please send an electronic copy by email and the original by post as soon as possible.
 - 2 Contact us at your earliest convenience if you have a student you can nominate who meets the requirements.
 - ③ Send the SKP Intensive Japanese Language (IJL) track application form with the MEXT one.

(2) Application Materials:

- 1 Application for Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarship
- *please print double sided and attach a photograph
- ② Documents accepted as proof of nationality : Passport, certificate of family register, citizenship, residency, etc in the home country (copy)
- ③ Certificate of university enrollment (original)
- 4 Academic transcript (original)
- *please mark subjects related to Japanese language and Japanese culture
- (5) SKP IJL Application (original)

(3) Notification of Results:

- 1 RU selection committee announcement: mid-April 2017 (sent to the university)
- 2 Official MEXT selection announcement: by the end of June 2017 (sent to the university)

3. Related Websites * Please read the following information carefully.

 (1) 2017 Course Guide for Japanese Studies Students http://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/file.jsp?id=294691 (日本語) http://en.ritsumei.ac.jp//file.jsp?id=186354 (ENG)

- (2) MEXT Application Guidelines for 2017 (University Recommendation): (in Japanese only) http://www.mext.go.jp/component/a_menu/education/detail/__icsFiles/afieldfile/2016/12/12/1380 414_1_1.pdf
- (3) MEXT Scholarship Application Form: Information attached to the email
- (4) Ritsumeikan University Study in Kyoto Program (SKP) IJL Application Form http://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/admissions/skp/apply/

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