

2026 Ritsumeikan Data Science Program (RDSP)

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Study Abroad Center
Ritsumeikan University

【Program Contents】

This program offers a comprehensive learning experience in science and technology fields, including artificial intelligence, data science, and robotics.

Participants will attend lectures delivered by Ritsumeikan University faculty members and take part in interactive student events and buddy activities with Ritsumeikan students.

The detailed lecture schedule and topics will be announced once they are finalized. Please note that they may be subject to change depending on faculty availability and program coordination.

	Lectures	Student Events	Buddy Activities
RDSP	570 min ^{*1}	190 min ^{*2}	In groups

*1 : 95 min x 6 = 570 min / *2 : 95 min x 2 = 190 min

【Faculty and Lecture Topics (Tentative)】

The program features lectures delivered by faculty members from the College of Information Science and Engineering, covering key areas such as artificial intelligence, data science, robotics, and their real-world applications.

The following faculty members are scheduled to contribute to the program. The final list of instructors and lecture topics may be subject to change depending on faculty availability and scheduling.

Atsushi Kakogawa

Associate Professor, Department of Robotics

Field and service robotics, with a focus on practical applications for infrastructure inspection and environmental exploration.

Victor Kryssanov

Professor, College of Information Science and Engineering

Statistical simulation and modeling, Green AI, smart systems (including transportation and urban environments), as well as smart agriculture and mariculture.

Shady Salama

Assistant Professor, College of Information Science and Engineering

Artificial intelligence, combinatorial optimization, simulation modeling, evolutionary algorithms, and applications in intelligent manufacturing.

Valentinus Roby Hananto

Lecturer, College of Information Science and Engineering

Data science, machine learning, and business intelligence, with a practical focus on real-world systems.

Mate Kovacs

Assistant Professor, College of Information Science and Engineering

Natural Language Processing (NLP), with a focus on civic technology, language modeling, and large-scale text and social data analysis.

【Collaborative Learning Experience at Microsoft Base Ritsumeikan】

Participants will join Ritsumeikan University students for a collaborative learning experience at Microsoft Base Ritsumeikan. Using AI as a learning tool, participants will deepen their understanding of how AI works and explore its real-world applications together.

【Eligibility】

- Must be enrolled in an undergraduate, graduate, or PhD program during the entire program period.
- Submit all required documents by the due date.
- Pay the fees by the due date.

【Process Schedule】

Schedule	2026 RDSP
Application Period	Sep 1 - Sep 30, 2026
Payment Due	Fri, Oct 16, 2026
Recommended Arrival Date	Mon, Dec 14, 2026
Program Starts	Tue, Dec 15, 2026
Program Ends	Mon, Dec 21, 2026
Recommended Departure Date	Tue, Dec 22, 2026

**The recommended arrival and departure dates are provided for travel planning purposes. Accommodation is not included in the program fee. Participants must arrange and pay for their own accommodation. Ritsumeikan University does not arrange accommodation for participants.*

For application procedures, required documents, payment details, and the cancellation and refund policy, please refer to the program website: www.rsjprwjp.com.

【Program Fee】 A service fee of JPY 5,000 will be added.

	Program Fee	Remarks
RDSP	JPY 120,000	Accommodation is not included in the above fee.

【Program Fee Includes】

- Lectures by Ritsumeikan University faculty members and workshops with Ritsumeikan students.
- Instruction in English.
- Access to campus Wi-Fi and a library membership card.
- Notification of Acceptance and a Completion Certificate.
- Support documents for a short-term stay visa to Japan (if applicable).
- Travel insurance.

【Program Fee Does Not Include】

- Accommodation.
- Round-trip travel expenses (such as airfare).
- Local transportation in Japan.
- Meals.
- Costs related to obtaining a passport and a short-term stay visa (not a student visa).
- Other personal expenses.

【Academic Information】

- No transcript is issued.
- No scholarships, waivers, or partner discounts are available for this program.
- This program does not grant academic credits from Ritsumeikan University.

【Program Participation and Attendance】

Participants are expected to attend all scheduled classes and activities from the first day through the completion ceremony on the final day. Late arrival, early departure, and partial participation are generally not permitted. Failure to follow program rules may result in restricted access to facilities or removal from the program. To receive a Completion Certificate, participants must attend at least two-thirds of all classes; however, this certificate requirement does not replace the expectation to participate in the entire program.

The program requires a minimum of 15 participants and has a maximum capacity of 40. If fewer than 15 participants enrol, the program may be cancelled.

Participants with any health concerns should inform Ritsumeikan University in advance. Please tell us about any food allergies or dietary requirements before arrival.

Participants with a medical condition or medical history should bring an adequate supply of any necessary medication. Specialist hospital visits may require appointments, and same-day appointments may not be available. Some prescription medicines available in your home country may be restricted or unavailable in Japan under Japanese law.

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