

2026 Ritsumeikan Winter Japanese Program

September 8, 2025

Study Abroad Center, Ritsumeikan University

【Program Contents】

| | Japanese Language Class | Japan Study | BUDDY |
|--------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| RWJP | 3,450 min * ¹ | 990 min * ² | In Groups |
| RWJP Express | 1,350 min * ³ | 360 min * ⁴ | In Groups |

*1 : 50 min x 3 classes/day x 23 days

*2 : 90 min x 11 days

*3 : 50 min x 3 classes/day x 9 days

*4 : 90 min x 4 days

【Eligibilities】

- Currently enrolled in a university during the entire program period (undergraduate, graduate, and PhD students)
- Submit necessary documents and pay fees by due date
- Students with no prior Japanese learning experience must learn Hiragana and Katakana before joining the program. Self-study in advance is required.
- The Japanese classes follow the direct method, meaning instruction is conducted entirely in Japanese. English assistance is very limited and should not be expected.

※Note: Students who already hold a Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N1 qualification are not eligible.

【Date】

| | Application | Program Period | Terms |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| RWJP | Oct 06 – Oct 28, 2025 | Jan 13, 2026 ~ Feb 13, 2026 | 5 weeks |
| RWJP Express | Oct 27 – Nov 18, 2025 | Feb 03, 2026 ~ Feb 13, 2026 | 2 weeks |

- The application process is divided into two steps from this time.
 - 1) Register the basic information online (Name, accommodation preference, Japanese learning history, etc.).
 - 2) After confirming the basic information, upload the required documents online. Instructions will be sent to applicants within three business days.
- Maximum capacity: Approximately 48 students per program

【Program Fees】

| | Program Fee | Remarks |
|--------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| RWJP | JPY 339,000 | Accommodation fee: Not included |
| RWJP Express | JPY 143,200 | Accommodation fee: Not included |

【Accommodations】

Students will have two facility use options:

<For RWJP participants>

1. Use the International House (IH) Taishogun (quad rooms, further details to be announced), on a first-come, first-served basis.
2. Arrange their own lodging within Kyoto city, ensuring a maximum commute of 30 minutes to Ritsumeikan University.

<For RWJP Express participants>

*NOTE: University dormitory is not available for **RWJP Express** program.

1. Ask as to arrange a booking at University Designated Hotel (Tassel Inn Kyoto Kawaramachi Nijo). Conditions and details including the room charge will be announced upon booking confirmed.
2. Arrange their own lodging within Kyoto city, ensuring a maximum commute of 30 minutes to Ritsumeikan University.

<Conditions for their own arrangement>

- Within Kyoto city and easy to commute to Ritsumeikan within approx. 30 min.
- Stay in the same facility during the program period.
- In order to receive the notification of acceptance, inform Ritsumeikan University of the name, address, and contact info of your lodging.

【International House (IH) TAISHOGUN】

| | RWJP | RWJP Express |
|----------------|-------------------------|--|
| Arrival date | Mon, Jan 12, 2026 | IH TAISHOGUN is not available for RWJP Exp. |
| Time frame | 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. | |
| Departure date | Sat, Feb 14, 2026 | |
| Time frame | 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon | |
| Usage Fee | JPY86,500 | |

IH Taishogun is not a hotel but one of Ritsumeikan University's research and educational facilities.

Students must follow the facility regulations and adhere to the designated schedule. Failure to comply will result in loss of access. IH Taishogun has fixed check-in and check-out dates.

You must check in **on the day before** the program begins and check out **on the day after** the program ends.

If you cannot follow this schedule, you cannot stay at IH Taishogun.

In that case, you must arrange and pay for your own accommodation for the entire program period.

- Location: IH Taishogun is a 10 or 15-minute walk from the Ritsumeikan University's Kinugasa

Campus where RWJP will be held.

- Students will stay in gender-segregated rooms, with up to four people per room, 2 bunk-beds.
- Room assignments are determined by Ritsumeikan University and cannot be changed.
- The facility has a total of 12 rooms available.
- Shared kitchen, shared restrooms and shared shower rooms.
- The IH Taishogun has designated check-in and check-out times.
- At the time of check-out, all roommates are required to be present for a room inspection. The check-out and inspection times will be assigned by our office, and it cannot be chosen individually. No exceptions will be permitted.
- Facility use at IH Taishogun will be assigned in the order of complete submission of all required documents.
- Required documents include a valid passport and a health certificate.
- The health certificate must be fully completed and signed by a physician. (RWJP)
- Advance reservations are not available.
- If IH Taishogun is fully booked or if you prefer external lodging, please arrange a hotel or other lodging at your own expense and responsibility.

【Program Fees included】

- Transcript (A transcript is provided only for RWJP (5-week) participants who meet the attendance requirements set by Ritsumeikan University. RWJP Express(2-week) participants will NOT receive a transcript.)
- Japanese Language Class with Textbook at Ritsumeikan Kinugasa Campus
- Ritsumeikan Buddy
- Orientation
- Campus Tour
- Completion Ceremony
- Visa support (if applicable)
- Library access (only browsing)
- Wi-Fi access,
- Travel insurance during the RWJP/RWJP Express program period
- Selected Japan Study activities in the itinerary with one-way transportation

【Program Fees not included】

- Return traveling fees (such as Air Fare).
- Airport pickup/Drop off
- Facility use fee (IH Taishogun or self-arranged lodging).
- Local transportation fees in Kyoto.
- Meals.

- Passport, Health Certificate, Short-term stay visa (not a student visa).
- Other personal expenses.
- Scholarships: This program does not offer scholarships.
- Credits: This program does not grant academic credits from Ritsumeikan University.

【Note】

Participants must attend the program from the first to the final day, including the completion ceremony. No late arrivals, early departures, or program withdrawals are allowed. Attendance at all classes and activities is mandatory. Failure to follow the program rules may result in removal from the program or restricted access to facilities.

【Nomination】

If multiple students from the same university are interested in participating, we kindly ask that a university representative contact us in advance.

- Please send us a list including the number of students and their names.
- During the application period, please have each student complete their own application through the website.
- Please note that a nomination does not guarantee acceptance of the students. The number of participants will be determined based on the results from the previous year.

Nomination Deadlines:

- 2026 RWJP: October 1, 2025
- 2026 RWJP Express: October 22, 2025

【Program Website】

For more details, visit: <https://rsjprwjp.com/>

【Inquiry】

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