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Ritsumeikan
Asia Pacific University



GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ASIA PACIFIC STUDIES

2020 RITSUMEIKAN
ASIA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

RANKED 5TH

FOR PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES IN THE 2019 JAPAN UNIVERSITY RANKINGS

by Times Higher Education

**SELECTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN IN 2014
AS ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S
“TOP GLOBAL UNIVERSITIES”**

50%

International Faculty



48

Countries and Regions
Represented by Students



29

Average Age



(Data from the 2018 academic year.)

TWO-YEAR MASTER'S PROGRAM & THREE-YEAR DOCTORAL PROGRAM

Our interdisciplinary programs, led by faculty from over twenty countries with experience in distinguished organizations around the world, will challenge your critical thinking, creativity, and passion for change and action. All programs are conducted in English.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ASIA PACIFIC STUDIES

- International Relations
- Society and Culture

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION POLICY

- International Public Administration
- Public Health Management
- Sustainability Science
- Tourism and Hospitality
- Development Economics

DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN ASIA PACIFIC STUDIES



HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO STUDY AT APU?

Admission fee (one-time deposit)

200,000 JPY (1,739 USD*)

Annual tuition

1,500,000 JPY (13,043 USD*)

Living costs and other fees

Approx. 1,000,000 JPY (8,696 USD*) per year

This includes 49,000 JPY per month for housing, additional fees, and a typical amount spent on living costs such as food, books, transportation, etc.

*US dollar equivalents are for reference only, based on the exchange rate of \$1 = 115 Japanese yen.
All fees must be paid in Japanese yen. See our website for a detailed breakdown of fees.

APU TUITION REDUCTION SCHOLARSHIP

30%, 50%, 65%, 80%, or 100%

Valid for the full two years of study

All applicants eligible to apply

EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Visit <http://r.apu.jp/external> for details

LOCATION

APU is located in **Beppu, Japan**, a bayside city home to 120,000 people and over 2,000 natural hot springs.

Why Beppu is a great place to study:

Safe and affordable

Stunning location

Welcoming community



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1. Beppu Park
2. Natural hot spring steam
3. Ocean view from student housing



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APU VOICES

"APU's graduate school programs provide an intellectually strong and diverse community to support you as you hone your knowledge, skills, and global perspective to help tackle problems facing the Asia Pacific region and the world. Upon graduating from APU, you will join a large alumni network that is well-positioned to expand your connections across the globe as you take the next steps in your career."

Steven B. Rothman, Ph.D. (USA)

Associate Professor and Associate Dean of the Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies



"Joining APU was a significant milestone in my career with immense opportunities to learn and interact with different cultures and environments, while developing social interaction and international communication skills. The courses, field studies, and internships the program provided have enhanced my knowledge and skills in developing policy, and I now believe I can contribute to developing sustainable tourism in my country."

Ella Lynthia Simata (Solomon Islands)
Tourism and Hospitality Division Student



"Through conferences, seminars, and workshops I attended at APU, I was able to meet many experts and build my professional network. Also, by presenting at APU's annual Asia Pacific Conference (AP Conference), I received valuable feedback from international scholars that helped improve my research."

Tran Thi Bich (Viet Nam, Graduated in 2017)
Ph.D. Student, University of Antwerp, Belgium



"The real-world experience, knowledge, and awareness of international issues I obtained through my studies at APU are invaluable to me as they have proven to be essential tools in my career in international diplomatic relations. I was able to establish a personal, worldwide network of accomplished professionals that I am still a part of today."

Swe Sett (Myanmar, Graduated in 2014)
First Secretary, Embassy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Washington DC, USA



MULTIFACETED SUPPORT FOR YOUR RESEARCH

Asia Pacific Conference (AP Conference)

Researchers and students from around the world gather together at APU to present their research and academic perspectives.

Seminars

Speakers are regularly invited from outside APU to enhance network building and information sharing in Asia Pacific Studies.

Current Research Seminars also enable APU faculty members to present their latest research to students.



RESEARCH SUPPORT SUBSIDIES

Master's students can receive up to 75,000 JPY for travel expenses to conduct field research or present papers at academic conferences.

Ph.D. students can receive up to 100,000 JPY per year for research activities.

GLOBAL CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Alumni Pathways

- Cotopaxi Energy Limited, India
- Department of Foreign Affairs, The Philippines
- Fujitsu Marketing Ltd., Japan
- General Motors Powertrain, Uzbekistan
- Medecins Sans Frontieres, Hong Kong
- Ministry of Economic Development, Tajikistan
- Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Laos
- National Taiwan University
- National Tourism Administration, China
- NHK (Japan Broadcasting Corporation), Japan
- The Embassy of Angola, Japan
- UNICEF Cambodia Office

HOW TO APPLY

April 2020 Enrollment

MEXT Scholarship applications:

August 1, 2019 (Thu) - September 24, 2019 (Tue)

General applications:

August 1, 2019 (Thu) - October 23, 2019 (Wed)

September 2020 Enrollment

MEXT Scholarship applications:

August 1, 2019 (Thu) - November 19, 2019 (Tue)

General applications:

August 1, 2019 (Thu) - March 31, 2020 (Tue)



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Bachelor's degree or equivalent
2. English language proficiency test score

Minimum requirements:

TOEFL iBT [®] Test	80
TOEIC [®] L&R Test *	780
IELTS	6.0
PTE Academic	50
Cambridge English Language Assessment	FCE Grade B

*L&R is an abbreviation for LISTENING AND READING

3. Supervisor confirmation (Doctoral applicants only)

APPLY ONLINE
<http://r.apu.jp/grad>

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