

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University Undergraduate Application Handbook

April/September 2018 Enrollment

For International Applicants Residing in Japan

First Year and Transfer Applicants

https://admissions.apu.ac.jp

Educational Objectives

The educational objectives of Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU) are established on the premise of the following:

- 1) To cultivate Japanese citizens with global perspectives and worldviews who can cooperate with peoples of various countries and regions in the spirit of mutual international understanding.
- 2) To cultivate international students who, by learning at a Japanese institute of higher education, develop a proper understanding of Japan and become active in the global arena.
- 3) To cultivate talented individuals who can build amicable and trustworthy relationships between Japan and the countries of the world and contribute to developing the future economies and societies in their respective countries and regions.

College of Asia Pacific Studies

The mission of the College of Asia Pacific Studies is to cultivate human resources who, upon comprehensive understanding of the diverse political conditions, economies, societies, and cultures of the Asia Pacific region, will (1) achieve basic and advanced knowledge in such areas as global society, environment and development, and tourism; (2) develop language, communication and problem-solving abilities; and (3) through understanding of the diverse problems facing the Asia Pacific, be able to contribute to the sustainable development and coexistence in the region.

College of International Management

The mission of the College of International Management is to cultivate human resources with strong business ethics that will play an active role in resolving management issues at globalizing enterprises and other organizations by imparting fundamental knowledge in management, enhancing intercultural communication skills and upholding cultural diversity.

APU hopes to realize these educational objectives by accepting outstanding students from all over the world.

Admissions Policy

The admissions policy for Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University is established as follows.

While enrolled at APU, undergraduate students are expected to take advantage of every opportunity presented by the university's multicultural campus, in addition to taking classes, in order to acquire the knowledge, skills and attitudes required to contribute to the world once they graduate. Undergraduate students are also expected to contribute to the learning of the entire university community by actively engaging in exchange on the multicultural campus. As such, new undergraduate students must possess the following skills in order to engage in this kind of learning:

- 1) Basic Japanese or English communication skills;
- 2) Strong desire and aptitude to learn the non-basis language;
- 3) Required basic knowledge for university-level learning;
- 4) Analytical skills, creativity and aptitude to solve real problems;
- 5) Motivation to actively take advantage of all learning opportunities with which one is presented with;
- 6) Aptitude for coexistence in a multicultural environment.

Furthermore, students in each college must possess the following skills:

College of Asia Pacific Studies

1) Ability to integrate large amounts of information, think from multiple angles and frame one's opinions;

- 2) Interest in the societies and cultures of the Asia Pacific region;
- 3) Insight into the society of the 21st century.

College of International Management

1) Interest in business;

- 2) Strong ethical outlook and interest in developing the Asia Pacific region through business;
- 3) Insight into the society of the 21st century.

To comprehensively assess the aforementioned knowledge, skills, aptitude and motivations, a multifaceted screening method will be used to admit those applicants deemed compatible with APU's style of learning.

Please confirm your appropriate admissions category using the chart below.



* Individuals who will obtain a student visa before enrollment are eligible to apply for the APU Tuition Reduction Scholarship at the time of application. APU offers support in obtaining a student visa if admitted applicants do not possess Japanese nationality or permanent Japanese residency, and have completed all required procedures before enrollment.

* Please send your inquiries directly to the Immigration Bureau of Japan regarding whether you can change your status of residence to student.

Contact							
Admissions for Japanese/Domestic ApplicantsAdmissions Office (Domestic)TEL: 0977-78-1120Office Hours: 9:00~17:30 (Japan Time: Monday to Friday)FAX: 0977-78-1199Email: apumate@apu.ac.jpURL: http://www.apumate.net	Admissions for International Applicants Admissions Office (International) TEL : 0977-78-1119 Office Hours : 9:00~17:30 (Japan Time: Monday to Friday) *Closed every Tuesday from 9:30~11:30 FAX : 0977-78-1121 Email : welcome@apu.ac.jp URL : https://admissions.apu.ac.jp						

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To apply online, please go to: Admissions website https://admissions.apu.ac.jp

General Process from Application to Entry at APU

The following chart explains the general process of entry to APU. It may be different for each individual.



Undergraduate Application Guidelines

This handbook is ONLY for first year applicants or second and third year transfer applicants who are residing in Japan and do not possess permanent resident status or Japanese nationality (including dual Japanese nationality) of any form.

For applicants residing outside Japan from the time of application to the date of the interview, please refer to the separate "Undergraduate Admissions Handbook (For International Applicants Residing Outside Japan)".

1 Screening Schedule

Screening Result

Screening and scholarship result notifications will be sent out by post on the date listed below and should arrive within several days. We will also send an email with the necessary login information to check these results on the admissions website (https://admissions.apu.ac.jp/) one day after the result notification has been sent. (If the day after is a holiday, the email will be sent two days after the result notification date.)

Please be aware that phone, fax, or email inquiries regarding your screening results will not be accepted.

Admitted applicants **will not be allowed to reapply** to the same college for the same enrollment period (April 2018 or September 2018 enrollment period). If an admitted applicant does reapply, a new interview will not be performed and results will not be given. The application fee will also not be returned.

Schedule for International Applicants Residing in Japan

This schedule applies to international applicants residing in Japan from the time of application to the date of the interview. There may be some cases where the interview will be conducted online.

April 2018 Enrollment

Application	Period	Interview Date	Location of Interview	Result Notification	No.*
Start	Deadline			Result Notification	INU.
Oct 9, 2017 (Mon)	Nov 1, 2017 (Wed)	Nov 25, 2017 (Sat)	Tokyo, Osaka	Dec 11, 2017 (Mon)	1
Dec 25, 2017 (Mon)	Jan 17, 2018 (Wed)	Feb 3, 2018 (Sat)	Fukuoka	Feb 19, 2018 (Mon)	2

September 2018 Enrollment

Application	Period	Interview Date	Location of Interview	Result Notification	No.*
Start	Deadline			Result Notification	NO.
Feb 19, 2018 (Mon)	Mar 14, 2018 (Wed)	Apr 7, 2018 (Sat)	Tokyo, Osaka	Apr 23, 2018 (Mon)	3
May 7, 2018 (Mon)	May 30, 2018 (Wed)	June 23, 2018 (Sat)	Верри	July 23, 2018 (Mon)	4

*No.s correspond to the numbers on the Enrollment Procedure Deadlines on page 16. Please note that for the final application period for each enrollment, the deadline to complete the enrollment procedures after being admitted is shorter than other periods (particularly for No. 2 and No. 4). Please make sure you have checked these deadlines before applying. Deadlines will not be extended under any circumstances.

2 Number of Students Accepted

2018 Intake for First Year International Students Residing in Japan

	April 2018 Enrollment	September 2018 Enrollment
College of Asia Pacific Studies	10	5
College of International Management	10	5

2018 Total intake for International Transfer Students Residing Both in and Outside of Japan

	Second Year Transfer	Third Year Transfer
College of Asia Pacific Studies	10	15
College of International Management	20	28

3 Application Eligibility

Applicants MUST fulfill both of the following requirements:

Requirement 1: Educational Qualifications

For First Year Students

Applicants MUST have graduated from a Japanese high school (or secondary school) designated by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (MEXT) or have an equivalent academic background according to ONE of the following educational criteria **by the time of enrollment to APU:**

- (1) Have completed a 12-year standard education curriculum at an educational institution.
- (2) Be at least 18 years of age and have completed a 12-year standard education curriculum at a school for foreign students in Japan designated by MEXT.
- (3) Have completed an upper secondary course at a special training college designated by MEXT.
- (4) Be at least 18 years of age and have completed a Japanese preparatory education curriculum designated by MEXT.
- (5) Be at least 18 years of age and have passed an official examination that shows academic background equivalent or superior to that obtained from a 12-year standard education curriculum.
- (6) Be at least 18 years of age and have completed an International Baccalaureate, Abitur, Baccalaureate Diploma, or GCE-A level.
- (7) Be at least 18 years of age and recognized through an individual screening by APU as having an equivalent or higher academic background than a high school graduate.
- (8) Have completed more than 11-years education at an educational institution designated by MEXT, even though your country's standard length of education is 11 years. For more detail, please contact the Admissions Office before applying.

If you have completed a 12-year standard elementary and secondary school education curriculum in less than 12 years as a result of grade skipping or early graduation and thus are younger than 18 years of age by the time of enrollment* to APU, please contact the Admissions Office.

It is possible to apply even if you withdrew and did not graduate from high school as long as you have passed an examination equivalent to the Japanese Upper Secondary School Equivalency Examination, and you are at least 18 years of age by the time of enrollment* to APU.

- * If you have other educational qualifications, please send your inquiries to the Admissions Office before applying.
- * Submission of at least one of the above documents as proof of your education is required before entering APU.

Second Year Transfer Students (University Level)

Applicants must fulfill **ONE** of the following requirements:

- (1) Have completed 13 years of official education based on a standard course curriculum by the time of enrollment to APU.
- (2) Have completed their first year of studies at a university in Japan. In addition, it is compulsory to complete at least 30 credits by the time of enrollment to APU.

Third Year Transfer Students (University Level)

Applicants must fulfill ONE of the following requirements:

- (1) Have completed 14 years of official education based on a standard course curriculum by the time of enrollment to APU.
- (2) Have completed their second year of studies at a university in Japan. In addition, it is compulsory to complete at least 60 credits by the time of enrollment to APU.

Second or Third Year Transfer Students (Other Educational Levels)

Applicants must fulfill ONE of the following requirements:

- (1) Have completed their studies at a junior college or technical college by the time of enrollment to APU.
- (2) Have completed their studies at a special training school approved by MEXT by the time of enrollment to APU. However, application eligibility is restricted to the terms stated in Article 90 of the School Education Law.

Academic Credit Requirements for Transfer Eligibility

Second Year Transfer Students

Applicants must have acquired at least one fourth of the credits needed to graduate from their current university OR have graduated from a two-year college/technical college by the time of enrollment to APU.

Third Year Transfer Students

Applicants must have acquired at least one half of the credits needed to graduate from their current university OR have graduated from a two-year college/technical college by the time of enrollment to APU.

Transfer application from countries and regions that do not satisfy the standard 12-year education requirement must have completed or be scheduled to complete their second or third year of university-level education.

If you have other educational qualifications, please send your inquiries to the APU Admissions Office before applying. Submission of documents proving your qualification is required before entering APU.

Requirement 2: Language Proficiency

Applicants must meet one of these English or Japanese language criteria.

For First Year Students

Minimum Japanese Proficiency Requirement				Minimum E	English Prof	iciency Require	ment	
JLPT N1	JLPT N2	EJU- Japanese	TOEFL [®] iBT Test	TOEFL [®] PBT Test	IELTS	TOEIC [®] L&R Test	Eiken Test	PTE Academic
90points	100points	220points (not including the writing section)	61points	500points	5.5	700points	Grade pre-1	45

For Second or Third Year Transfer Students

Minimum Japanese Proficiency Requirement			Minimum E	English Prof	iciency Require	ment		
JLPT N1	JLPT N2	EJU- Japanese	TOEFL [®] iBT Test	TOEFL [®] PBT Test	IELTS	TOEIC [®] L&R Test	Eiken Test	PTE Academic
100points	135points	250points (not including the writing section)	79points	550points	6.0	780points	Grade1	50

Please refer to page 9 "6 Documents Proving English/Japanese Proficiency" for additional details on the required language proficiency certifications.

4 Application Documents

- 1. <u>We recommend applicants apply online* at https://admissions.apu.ac.jp or submit the fillable PDF Application</u> <u>Form.</u>
- 2. Documents marked with a can be submitted online through the APU Online Application System.
- 3. Fillable PDF versions of the Application Form and the Letter of Recommendation form can be downloaded from the admissions website (https://admissions.apu.ac.jp/material_download/). Please enter the required information, print out the forms, sign any forms that require signatures, and then submit them by post.
- 4. Documents that are not marked with a must be submitted by post.
- * To apply online, you must register an account with the APU Online Application System through the admissions website.
- * Please submit your application and pay the application fee by 23:59 (Japan time) on the day of the deadline.

IMPORTANT

- 1. Applicants must complete the application form and related documents by themselves. English-basis students should write in English while Japanese-basis students should write in Japanese.
- 2. Applicants must submit either original certificates or certified documents*. Please attach an official translation with the translator's name, address, contact details and signature or official seal for documents that are written in neither English nor Japanese.
- 3. If you have submitted original documents that cannot be reissued, you can apply to have your documents returned.
- 4. <u>Acceptance to APU will be revoked if any false information or forgeries are found within the submitted</u> <u>documents, even after enrollment.</u>
- *If you have taken the EJU or the JLPT, you can request the issuing institution to send your results directly to APU. Please contact them directly for more details.
- *A certified document is one that has been marked as being equivalent to the original with a stamp or seal by the issuing institution (preferred) or a notary public.

Can be Submitted Online =●	Document	Details
•	1. Undergraduate Application Form	Applicants must complete all forms by themselves and attach a photograph directly to the application form in the provided space.
•	2. Application Essay	Please follow the application essay guidelines within the application form. Applicants must complete the essay by themselves.
•	3. Certificate of Eligibility / Resident Status Questionnaire	Please follow the questionnaire guidelines within the application form. Applicants must complete the questionnaire by themselves.
Send by post (except for credit card payment)	 4. Proof of Application Fee Payment For more details about the application fee payment, please refer to page 13 Section 5: Application Fee. 	 Note: Payment by credit card is strongly preferred. You may pay by bank transfer (international or domestic) <u>only if you</u> <u>cannot pay by credit card.</u> 1. Credit Card Please complete the payment online by registering with the APU Online Application System through the admissions website (https://admissions.apu. ac.jp). Include your APU Online Application System Login ID on "Section IV. Application Fee" of your application form. You do not need to send a receipt by post.
		2. Bank Transfer Please send a copy of your payment receipt.

Required Documents for All Applicants (Please note that required documents differ for first year applicants and transfer applicants.)

Send	5. Academic Transcripts/	A. Academic Transcript Requirements
by post	Test Results	For First Year Applicants
	 If you have both A and B, please submit both. If you do not have B, submitting only A is also acceptable. 	 Applicants who have already graduated from high school are required to submit the last 3 years of their most recent academic transcript. Applicants yet to graduate from high school are required to submit 2-2.5 years of their current academic transcript.
	You must submit originals or notarized certificates.	For Second Year University/Other Higher Education Institution Transfer Applicants
	 Attach a translation for transcripts/documents not 	High school transcript AND current transcript from the higher education to which you do or did belong.
	written in English or Japanese.	 For Third Year University/Other Higher Education Institution Transfer Applicants Current transcript from the higher education to which you do or did belong. If you have not completed your program yet, you are required to submit the transcript for at least your first 1.5 years.
		B. Standardized Test Results
		For those who have taken the following examinations, submit the official result certificate/transcript together with your application.
		① Mandatory or standardized national test results to enter university:
		 GCE A Level/AS Level Sri Lanka and Singapore GCE A Level: applicants must submit results from three subjects
		 International and other GCE A Level: applicants must submit a minimum of two subjects (or a minimum of four subjects for AS Level) International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma (predicted score accepted)
		 *However, your enrollment eligibility will be revoked if you were not able to successfully receive an IB Diploma. Abitur
		 Baccalaureate General Educational Development (GED) Senior Secondary School Certificate Examination Results, etc.
		 (2) Standardized test result certificates: • EJU - Examination for Japanese University Admission for International students (Japan and the World + Mathematics (Course 1)) • Old SAT (Critical Reading + Mathematics + Writing) • New SAT (Reading & Writing + Mathematics)
		 ACT, etc. For those students who have taken the SAT, ACT or GCE (Sri Lanka) examinations, please have your score report forwarded directly to APU and note it in your APU application.
		For the SAT, the institution code is 2791 . For the ACT, the institution code is 5475 .
		-A notarized certificate may be accepted if it is certified by the issuing institution (preferred) or a notary public as being equivalent to the original. However, the original may be required in some instances.
		-For documents that are not written in English or Japanese, please attach an official translation with the translator's name, contact details and signature, or with an official seal. ONLY translations by the documentissuing organizations, translation companies and certified translators will be accepted.
Send	6. Documents Proving	REQUIRED
by post	English/Japanese Proficiency Please submit originals	You are required to submit the <u>original results</u> from one of the English or Japanese language proficiency Exams listed below.
	(excluding IELTS and PTE Academic).	If you have taken the EJU or the JLPT, you can request the issuing institution to send your results directly to APU.
		 Period of Validity 2018 April Enrollment: Only scores of examinations taken on or after June 1, 2015 will be accepted. 2018 September Enrollment: Only scores of examinations taken on or after September 1, 2015 will be accepted.

		 For English-basis Applicants Please provide the following information on the application form, if possible. TOEFL[®] iBT Test: Registration Number TOEFL[®] PBT Test: Registration Number IELTS: Test Report Form (TRF) Number PTE Academic: Registration ID For TOEFL® Test results, applicants must request the test center to send the score reports to APU directly. The institution code of APU is 2791. For PTE Academic results, please visit the PEARSON website (http:// pearsonpte.com/) and register to send your score report to APU. Paper or PDF results will not be accepted. If you provide your IELTS Test Report Form (TRF) number in "Section V. Language Proficiency" of the Application Form, you do not need to submit the original test report. TOEFL[®]-ITP Test, IELTS (General Training Module), TOEIC[®]L&R Test (IP), PTE General are not accepted. Applicants from Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, Singapore, the United Kingdom and the United States who have undertaken their official education in the English language for the most recent 6 years are not required to submit English Proficiency Certificates. Applicants who are taking or have taken the International Baccalaureate Diploma with English as the language of instruction do not need to submit English proficiency certificates.
Send by post	7. Letter of Recommendation Forms can be downloaded from the admissions website.	Ianguage for the most recent 6 years are not required to submit Japanese proficiency certificates. Please ask an instructor from the last school/institute you attended (including language schools) or employer/supervisor from the company you worked or did internships for (not including part-time jobs) to write this recommendation letter. This must be a person whom you have known for at least a year or more. The letter should be written in English or Japanese. Please attach a translation in
Send by post	8. Passport Copy	either English or Japanese if the letter is not written in either of these languages. Applicants are required to submit a copy of their valid passport, showing their photo, name and passport number. If you already have a valid Japanese visa, please submit a photocopy of your visa. Applicants who do not have a valid passport are still eligible for application.
Send by post	9. Two Identical Photographs (4 cm X 3 cm) or (1.57 in X 1.18 in)	Two identical photographs taken within three months, showing a front view above chest level with a white background. No cap or hat is allowed. The photograph size MUST be 4 centimeters high by 3 centimeters wide (1.57 inches X 1.18 inches). Photographs may be in color or black and white. Please write your name and nationality in English on the back of the photographs, and affix one of the photographs directly to the application form.
Send by post	10.Copy of Alien Registration Card/ Residence Card	For Japanese Residence Card Holders Only Please submit a copy of both sides of your Residence Card.
•	11. Transfer Student Academic Status	 For Transfer Students ONLY Applicants who are currently attending institutions of higher education (university bachelor's program, junior college, polytechnic or technical college) are required to fill out and submit the Transfer Student Academic Status form. Credit Transfer for Transfer Students Second year transfer students may transfer up to 30 credits and third year transfer students may transfer up to 62 credits. However, the number of transfer credits awarded will be determined after review of final academic transcripts and syllabi submitted by admitted transfer applicants. Accepted students will be notified about the number of transfer credits awarded in the notification of acceptance. If the student is still taking classes at the time of application, the final results for these classes must be submitted to the Admissions Office after they have been released. If the final results are not submitted, the student will not be eligible for credit transfer. Please note that students must complete a total of 124 credits to graduate from APU.

Send	12. Transfer Eligibility	Transfer Students ONLY
by post	Documents	Please submit documents showing the list of classes you are currently taking and documents which show the graduation requirements for your current major. Student handbooks or school websites that provide the relevant information may also be used. Students who have already graduated do not need to submit the above documents but MUST submit their graduation certificate diploma. If you are currently a student (excluding bachelor's program students), please submit proof that you are scheduled to graduate from your program.
Send by post	13. Application Document Checklist	Please complete the Application Document Checklist and make sure you are not missing any documents. When you send your documents, please attach the checklist on the top of the application documents.

□ Additional Documents for Submission (If Applicable)

Can be Submitted Online =●	Document	Details			
•	1. APU Tuition Reduction Scholarship	Applicants who wish to apply for the APU Tuition Reduction Scholarship are required to complete the application by themselves according to the guidelines in the application form.			
	Application	This scholarship is only appli will be revoked if it is found t "student" while at APU.		•	
		Individuals who will obtain a student visa before enrollment are eligible to apply for the APU Tuition Reduction Scholarship at the time of application. If you already possess a visa for Japan and you will not change your status of residence to "student" before enrollment, your APU Tuition Reduction Scholarship will be revoked, even if you are awarded with the scholarship in your letter of acceptance.			
		This scholarship is made available by the financial contributions of domestic and international companies and individuals, together with MEXT, that support the ideals of APU, and its purpose is to help reduce the financial burden for outstanding international students. Students awarded with this scholarship are expected to maintain a good academic record, complete the tasks assigned to them and serve as role models for their country and region.			
		A review of academic perfor semester to determine whethe Reduction Scholarship. Provid complete the tasks assigned t a scholarship recipient, the so credits required to graduate h conduct that tarnishes the rep Interested applicants should s of the above. An overall evalu the application and scholarshi together with the application re 2018 Tuition Reduction	er or not recipients qualify for ed that the recipients mainta o them on time and avoid an holarship will remain valid u as been reached. In cases utation of the University, the submit their scholarship app uation of all submitted docu p screening, and the schola esult.	r renewal of the APU Tuition ain a good academic record, ny misconduct unbefitting of until the standard number of of inappropriate behavior or scholarship will be revoked. lication upon understanding ments will be conducted for irship result will be released	
			Annual Scholarship Subsidy	Annual Tuition Fee	
		30% Tuition Reduction	approx. 390,000 JPY	Borne by Student approx. 930,000 JPY	
		50% Tuition Reduction	approx. 660,000 JPY	approx. 660,000 JPY	
		65% Tuition Reduction	approx. 850,000 JPY	approx. 470,000 JPY	
		80% Tuition Reduction	approx. 1,060,000 JPY	approx. 260,000 JPY	
		100% Tuition Reduction	approx. 1,320,000 JPY	0 JPY	

		2018 Tuition Re	duction	Scholarship Amount f	or Transfer Students
				Annual Scholarship Subsidy	Annual Tuition Fee Borne by Student
		30% Tuition Re	duction	approx. 420,000 JPY	approx. 980,000 JPY
		50% Tuition Re	duction	approx. 700,000 JPY	approx. 700,000 JPY
		65% Tuition Re	duction	approx. 910,000 JPY	approx. 490,000 JPY
		80% Tuition Re	duction	approx. 1,120,000 JPY	approx. 280,000 JPY
		100% Tuition Re	duction	approx. 1,400,000 JPY	0 JPY
•	2. Extracurricular Activities Report	competitions, stude other events are as Please only inclu equivalent of hig national, or intern will not be assessed exceptions will be and Model UN, or s • Please refer to "3 for more details a the activities you • Only the official Portfolios, CDs, please do not su	ent counci ked to list de activit h school national le ed, so plea made for a scholarship 3 Documer about the s list on the form des DVDs, et ubmit them	sipated in cultural/traditio I, volunteer work, languag these activities on the Extra ies from high school level level grade 10 or above) evel. Any activities that are assed on t include these or activities such as student of awards. See the chart below hts(s) to prove participation submission of documents to Extracurricular Activities Re- ignated by APU will be co- c. created by the applican b. Please note that these it	e learning activities and/o acurricular Activities Report rel grade 10 or above (o that are at the regional e organized in your schoo n your application. However council leadership positions ow for details: in Extracurricular Activities o prove your participation in eport. onsidered for assessment t will NOT be accepted so
		you even if they a			
		Activities	•	es of documents proving pa	•
		Study Abroad	home	nce of having studied in a country for the purpose er courses or full-time educa	of language education,
		Volunteer Work/ Independent Activities	throug • Award	of participation in volunte h certificates or newspaper s or certificates for having p e contests, or any other titions	articles, etc participated in any speech/
		Secondary Language Proficiency	langua	Il language proficiency to ge ertified document will be ac	
		Cultural/ Traditional Arts		s or certificates for having ts or performances	participated in any type of
		Sports		s or certificates for having p petitions or having participa	
		Academic Competitions		s or certificates in academ ecognized in your communi	
		Internships	• Eviden	ce of having participated in	an internship program
		Other Academic or Language Proficiency	Admis	, CU-TEP, Examination f sions (EJU-Japan and the v ertified document will be ac	Vorld), etc
		Other Activities	positio	ce of having participated in ns (such as president or v ed scholarship awards, etc	
Send by post	3. Document(s) to Prove Participation in Extracurricular Activities	submit an A4 size	copy prov	e on the "2. Extracurricula ving your participation. You e proficiency test results.	
Send by post	4. Certification of Scholarships Received from Organizations other than APU		n are requ	cholarships offered by org ired to submit proof of the	

5 Application Fee

It is preferred that you pay the application fee by credit card. You may pay by bank transfer (international or domestic) or bank check ONLY if you cannot pay by credit card.

IMPORTANT

- Applications will not be processed until the application fee is paid. Please make sure to pay the application fee before the application deadline. Please take note that credit card payments will not be available after 23:59 (Japan time) on the day of the deadline.
 - The application fee also includes the fee to determine application eligibility.
- 2. The payment must be made in Japanese yen (JPY). If you pay by bank transfer, include a copy of the payment receipt along with your application documents.
- 3. Cash or postal money orders will not be accepted. Please do not send cash with your application forms.
- 4. The application fee is not refundable under any circumstances.

A. Credit Card

Fee Amount 35,000 JPY

Payment Method : Register an account with the APU Online Application System through the international undergraduate admissions website and complete your payment. Please include your APU Online Application System Login ID on the application form.



Please note that the layout of the website may change.

B. Bank Transfer

Fee Amount	35,000 JPY
Payment Purpose	: Application Fee
Contact Details	: Applicant's Name, Phone Number
Bank Name	Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation Oita Branch
Branch Address	: 1-3-22 Chuo-machi, Oita-city, Oita-Prefecture, 870-0035 JAPAN
	Tel: 097-532-5161
Account Number	: 1001673 (Ordinary Deposit Account)
Account Name	: RITSUMEIKAN ASIA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY THE RITSUMEIKAN TRUST
Swift Code	: SMBCJPJT
*IDAN Code (if poor	2000 m/y 1020 CMDC 0721 XXX2 4020 0060

*IBAN Code (if necessary): JP28 SMBC 0721 XXX2 4029 0868

Bank Transfer Fee : Borne by remitter

If the application fee is paid by a friend or relative in Japan, please send a **copy of the payment receipt** to the Admissions Office. Have the payer write the **applicant's name** and **phone number** in the contact details when the payment is made.

6 Application Submission

Please send all application documents by registered mail*, postmarked by the application deadline.

Address : Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University Admissions Office (International) 1-1 Jumonjibaru, Beppu, Oita, 874-8577 Japan Tel: 0977-78-1119

* APU will not bear responsibility for any loss of documents during the course of delivery.

7 Screening Method

Application screening is based on all submitted documents and the interview. If required, the applicant's school or author of the recommendation letter may be contacted for further information.

8 Admissions Support for Prospective Applicants with Medical Conditions or Disabilities

In accordance with the "Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University Guidelines on Support Services for Students with Disabilities" (please refer to page 20), APU offers special support during the admissions process to prospective applicants with disabilities or other medical conditions when necessary. For those who would like to request this support, please read the following information carefully and submit the necessary documents.

Requesting Support during the Admissions Process

For prospective applicants with disabilities or other medical condition who would like to request support during the admissions process, please submit the Admissions Support Request Form provided by APU before applying for admission. If possible, please also submit a medical certificate or patient referral document issued by a physician.

Applicant→APU **Step 1: Making the Request** Documents to be submitted: Download the Admissions Support Request Form from our website: Required https://admissions.apu.ac.jp/material download/ Medical certificate* or patient referral document* Optional Copies accepted. Submitting these forms is optional during the application process, but will be required if accepted to APU. *Only documents written in English or Japanese will be accepted. Please attach an English or Japanese translation if the documents are written in another language. Submit to: welcome@apu.ac.jp Write in the email subject: Request for Support during the Admissions Process Submission deadline: Four weeks prior to the deadline of your intended application period If you are unable to make the submission deadline due to unavoidable circumstances, please include the reason for late submission on one of the documents to be submitted. Please note that even with a reason, late documents may not be accepted.



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Step 3: Notification of Support Request Results

APU will send the **Support Request Results** in an email within 3 weeks after sending out the Support Request Arrival Receipt.

9 Information on Local Medical Services

1. APU Health Clinic

The APU Health Clinic is not a full service medical institution and therefore cannot perform medical procedures such as prescribing medication or giving injections and infusions. Students who will require medical care or treatment will need to use off-campus medical institutions.

2. Applicants Currently Receiving Medical Treatment

For those currently receiving medical treatment*, please consult with a physician **before applying to APU** about whether or not continued treatment will be necessary after enrollment. If continued treatment is necessary, the applicant will be required to submit a **treatment plan** when completing their enrollment procedures. They must also submit a **patient referral document**** once they enter APU.

*'Receiving medical treatment' refers to individuals who require such treatment as oral, injectable or topical medication, physical therapy, psychological treatment, etc., as advised by a medical professional.

**The patient referral document (which must include: name of condition, symptoms, test results and course of treatment/treatment plan) must be written in English or Japanese. Please attach an English or Japanese translation if the documents are written in another language.

3. Restrictions on Bringing Medication into Japan

There are strict restrictions on bringing medication into Japan from abroad. It is recommended that prospective applicants check with their local Japanese embassy or Ministry of Health **before applying to APU** regarding whether it will be possible to bring the medication* that you are currently using into Japan. If accepted to APU, please make sure to complete the legal procedures to bring medication into Japan.

(Further Information: Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare Homepage "Information for those who are bringing medicines for personal use into Japan")

http://www.mhlw.go.jp/english/policy/health-medical/pharmaceuticals/01.html

*Injectable Medicine: Injectable medicine that cannot be self-administered must then be administered at a medical institution under the supervision of a doctor. However, depending on the facilities of the medical institution, there is a possibility that you may not be able to have the medicine administered. Please also be aware that the APU Health Clinic cannot perform medical procedures such as giving injections.

4. Psychiatric Disorders/Disabilities

(mental illnesses, developmental disorders, sleeping disorders, etc.)

There are no medical institutions near APU that can treat psychiatric disorders or disabilities **in languages other than Japanese.** In addition, there are strict restrictions for bringing medication into Japan.

For individuals currently receiving treatment for psychiatric disorders or disabilities and who will require treatment after coming to Japan, please inquire with the university **before applying**.

5. Accessibility

Wheelchair-accessible public transportation within Beppu city is very limited. There are currently only a few wheelchairaccessible buses available on the routes used to commute to APU. Accordingly, it is difficult to commute to APU by bus. Students must also contact the bus company in advance to use a wheelchair-accessible bus. <u>It is advisable for</u> wheelchair users considering APU to inquire to the university about accessibility accommodations before applying.

From Acceptance to Enrollment

Admitted applicants must pay all required admissions procedure payments together with the submission of documents within the specified deadlines. For more details, please refer to the Handbook for Enrollment Procedures, which is sent together with your screening result notification. **Please note that the completion of required payments and submission of documents will not be accepted beyond the specified deadline.**



Important Deadlines in the Enrollment Procedure

Please confirm the payment deadlines below with the deadline that appears on your Invoice for Required Enrollment Procedure Feess sent together with your screening result notification.

April 2018 Enrollment

No.	Result Notification	Payment 1Payment 2DeadlineDeadline		Document Submission Deadline	
1	Dec 11, 2017 (Mon)	Jan 10, 2018 (Wed)	Feb 14, 2018 (wed)		
2	Feb 19, 2018 (Mon)	Mar 9, 2018 (Fri)			

September 2018 Enrollment

No.	Result Notification	Payment 1 Deadline	Payment 2 Deadline	Document Submission Deadline	
3	Apr 23, 2018 (Mon)	May 23, 2018 (Wed)	June 27, 2018 (Wed)		
4	July 23, 2018 (Mon)		Aug 22, 2018 (Wed)		

Enrollment Procedure Fees

To complete your enrollment procedures, the payment of the admission fee, partial tuition fee of the first semester, AP House entrance fee, Comprehensive Renters' Insurance and an advance payment of remaining tuition and other fees (if applicable) is necessary.

Please ensure that you have sufficient financial means before applying. For admitted applicants, the invoice for the enrollment procedure fees will be sent along with the result notification. It is compulsory for prospective enrollees to pay the stated fees in the invoice by the payment deadline. In case of missed deadlines, acceptance will be revoked.

1. Admission Fee

130,000 JPY

The admission fee will not be refunded under any circumstances.

2. Partial Tuition Fee 370,000 JPY

The partial tuition fee for each individual varies according to the awarded APU Tuition Reduction Scholarship percentage.

APU Tuition Reduction Scholarship Percentage	0%	30%	50%	65%	80%	100%
Partial tuition due before enrollment	370,000 JPY	259,000 JPY	185,000 JPY	129,500 JPY	74,000 JPY	0 JPY

3. Comprehensive Renters' Insurance

16,200 JPY — First year students	All international students must join the insurance program
12,380 JPY — Second year students	designated by APU. After acceptance, please refer to the "Guide
8,540 JPY — Third year students	to Comprehensive Renters Insurance for International Students
	Studying in Japan".

4. AP House Entrance Fee

188,000 JPY — For April enrollment
 or
 168,500 JPY — For September enrollment

This fee is required for all students, regardless of scholarship amount. The fee includes a moving-in fee (32,000 JPY), security deposit (78,000 JPY) and rent (39,000 JPY per month) for two months for April enrollees and for one and half months for September enrollees.

* The amounts listed in numbers 1-4 are subject to change.

Reference Advance Payment of Fees (Only Required for Certain Nationalities)

The Advance Payment of Fees system requires students of certain nationalities intending to enter APU to pay the full amount of their tuition expenses and AP House rent for their first year of studies. This system provides assurance that the student has sufficient financial resources to study abroad at our university.

Those who must pay the Advance Payment of Fees will be notified in the Invoice for Required Enrollment Fees, which is sent together with the result notification.

Students of certain nationalities are required to pay the remaining portion of tuition and housing fees in addition to the enrollment procedure fees (number 1-4) under the "Advance Payment of Fees" system before they enroll.

*The nationalities required to pay the Advance Payment of Fees vary each year. Please click on the 'Cost' tab on the admissions website for more information.

Reference Standard Tuition Fees for Four Years of Study

Generally, students need to earn a total of at least 124 credits over four years to graduate from APU. Below is an example of the tuition for each year.

Tuition for April and September 2018 Enrollees (Based on Four Years of Studies)

	First Year	Second Year	Third Year	Fourth Year
First Year Students	1,328,000 JPY	1,412,000 JPY	1,412,000 JPY	1,412,000 JPY
Second Year transfer Students	_	1,412,000 JPY	1,412,000 JPY	1,412,000 JPY
Third Year transfer Students	_	_	1,412,000 JPY	1,412,000 JPY

For APU Tuition Reduction Scholarship recipients, please refer to page 11 "APU Tuition Reduction Scholarship Application" for more information. Tuition fees may be subject to change.

Procedures Necessary for Enrollment

Regarding renewal or change in residency status for those who already possess a visa in Japan

Please consult with the Immigration Bureau regarding changing/renewing your residence status and also with your local municipal authority (i.e., city hall) regarding changing/renewing any other registrations. Once you have confirmed the correct procedures, please complete these on your own. Please note that the APU Tuition Reduction Scholarship will be revoked for those who receive it but do not change their residency status to "student" before enrolling.

Admissions for International Applicants Residing in Japan Application Document Checklist

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II. Ap	plication Document Checklist				
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AR	equired Application for All Applicants	O online	P by post		
1.	Undergraduate Application Form [D]				
2.	Application Essay [D]				
3.	Certificate of Eligibility / Resident Status Questionnaire [D]				
4.	Application fee payment • Credit card: Must register on the APU Online Application System through the admissions website • Bank transfer: Send in proof of payment				
5.	Academic transcripts for most recent 3 years (If you are currently in high school, the most recent 2-2.5 years are acceptable) Original or Certified Document				
	Mandatory or standardized national test results to enter university / standardized test result certificates (only for those who have taken them) Original or Certified Document				
7.	Letter of Recommendation [D] Original ONLY				
8.	Passport copy (if available)				
9.	Two identical photographs (4 cm × 3 cm or 1.57 inches × 1.18 inches)				

 Copy of Alien Registration Card / Residence Card (Applicants who already have a valid Japanese visa ONLY) 	
11. Checklist (This form: When you submit your documents, please make sure to put this checklist on the top.)	

E Language Proficiency Test Scores*

I. Application Categories

1. English-basis students: TOEFL [®] (iBT) Test / TOEFL [®] (PBT) Test / IELTS / TOEIC [®] L&R Test / The EIKEN Test in Practical English Proficiency / PTE Academic Original ONLY	
2. Japanese-basis students: JLPT/ EJU Japanese (not including the writing section) Original ONLY	

*International applicants residing in Japan MUST submit an official English or Japanese test score.

Additional Documents for Submission (If Applicable)

1. APU Tuition Reduction Scholarship Application [D]	
2. Extracurricular Activities Report Please only include activities from high school level grade 10 or above (or equivalent of high school level grade 10 or above) [D]	
3. Documents proving participation in extracurricular activities	
4. Certification of scholarships received from organizations other than APU	

Transfer Student Application

1. Tranfer Student Academic Status [D]	
2. List of classes currently attending*	
 Credit requirements for graduation* (e.g. student handbook or school website that provides the relevant information) 	
 Higher institution (e.g. university) graduation certificate (in the case of graduates) or certificate of scheduled graduation (in the case of applicants currently undertaking programs other than bachelor's) Original or Certified Document 	

*If you have graduated from a higher educational institution (e.g. university), item 2 and 3 are not required.

Certified Document

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A certified document is one that has been marked with a stamp or seal by the issuing institution (preferred) or a notary public as being equivalent to the original.

Application handbooks and application forms are also available for download from the admissions website (https://admissions.apu.ac.jp).

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Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University Guidelines on Support Services for Students With Disabilities

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (hereinafter referred to as "APU") will provide support based on the following guidelines to students with physical, developmental, psychological, and other psychosomatic disabilities (hereinafter referred to as "disabled students").

However, these guidelines serve to establish the university's support service standards and core foundation. Support provisions will be finalized through thorough discussion between the disabled student and the relevant parties after reviewing reasonable accommodation for the individual student in line with the student's disability and the university's support system.

1. Core Support Principles

All APU faculty and staff will support the process of enabling disabled students who request support, to have access to the appropriate support needed in order to use their learning experiences at our university to grow and fully connect with society. APU expects that all enrolled students and relevant parties understand these guidelines and will work together to realize our objectives.

2. Basic Policies

- 1) APU faculty and staff will provide support to disabled students, in a way that will avoid making distinctions between students without disabilities, so that they are able to lead fulfilling student lives with a mutual appreciation and respect for human character and individuality.
- Initiatives implemented as support for disabled students will aim to contribute to the overall growth and learning of all students.
- 3) In principle, support provisions for disabled students will be implemented based on a request for support by the disabled student.
- 4) In the case of difficult decisions concerning support provisions, APU will refer to the principle of reasonable accommodation in the Basic Act for Disabled Persons, as well as the standards and treatment set out in MEXT's Investigative Report on Learning Support for Students with Disabilities (Preliminary Summary). Both the disabled student's own individual situation and the university's environment will be taken into consideration in these decisions.

3. Support Objectives

The primary objective of APU support for disabled students is to ensure that disabled students' right to an education and learning is not wrongfully harmed because of their disability. At the same time, it is our hope that the provision of appropriate learning support when necessary, in addition to other varieties of support activities, will result in the cultivation of improved personal relationships and will provide opportunities for support persons to better their understanding of disabilities.

4. Support Framework

Individuals involved in support for disabled students will consist of APU faculty and staff in addition to enrolled students.

We will cooperate closely with an external specialist on support for disabled persons.

A "Consultation Desk for Students with Disabilities" will be set up in the Student Office in order to provide universitywide support to disabled students. Support Coordinators for Students with Disabilities will be placed in the Student Office, Academic Office, Admissions Office, and Career Office. Information concerning the placement of Student Coordinators in these offices will be made public to the student body. Students will not only have the option of the Consultation Desk available to them, but will also be able to directly consult with Support Coordinators.

Staff at the Consultation Desk for Students with Disabilities will connect disabled students who come in for consultation with the appropriate Support Coordinator in the above offices according to the nature of the issue. Support Coordinators will be in charge of making the necessary learning support adjustments for disabled students, in addition to monitoring collaborative support efforts between support staff and the relevant departments to ensure that they are appropriately carried out.

5. Protection of Personal Information and Confidentiality

- Support persons who possess knowledge of a disabled student's personal information (this includes information concerning the disability and consultation records) as a result of their support activities must strictly manage the information in their possession, and obtain consent directly from the student in the case that it is necessary to submit or disclose this information to a third party.
- 2) Support persons may share personal information concerning the disabled student while respecting the boundaries of collective confidentiality in cases where APU determines collaborative support provisions to be necessary.

6. Disclosure of Information

Mediums such as APU website, etc., will be used to spread information on university support policies for disabled students, the support system, consultation process, and support provisions. APU will notify students and prospective applicants via appropriate means as seen fit.

7. The Student Office will be in charge of all administrative matters concerning these guidelines.

8. The President of the university will make the final decision with regards to revision or abolition of these guidelines after deliberation by the Student Affairs Committee and Academic Affairs Committee.

Personal Information Policy

Personal information collected from individuals during the admissions process will be handled in accordance with the following:

(1) Purpose of Use of Personal Information

i To carry out the admissions process, such as screening, etc.

- ii To notify results
- iii To send enrollment-related documents
- iv To complete the procedures to attain the Certificate of Eligibility to issue a visa
- $v \ensuremath{\text{To}}$ send the orientation guide for international students
- vi To send information on pre-enrollment education
- vii To send information on post-enrollment living matters (accommodation services, personal injury insurance, university co-op, etc.)
- viii To send various questionnaires after admission
- (2) Management of Personal Information

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University will manage the personal information of application in compliance with relevant laws and regulations. Information will be managed securely to prevent loss, destruction or divulgence.

(3) Outsourcing of Handling of Personal Information

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University may outsource part of the handling of the personal information of applicants when necessary, such as the receipt of applications or the data entry of personal details. In such cases, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University and the external organization will sign a contract regarding the appropriate management of personal information.

(4) Statistical Use of Personal Information

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University may use data extracted from applicants' personal information to conduct various statistical analysis to be used for surveys and research relating to the admissions process.

This data may also be provided to students interested in applying to Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University.

However, the university shall ensure that any information made public cannot be used to identify specific individuals.

Organizations Providing Standardized Examinations

Japanese Language Proficiency Test	The Japan Foundation/Japanese Educational Exchange and Services http://www.jlpt.jp
Examination for Japanese University Admission (EJU)	Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) http://www.jasso.go.jp/ryugaku/study_j/eju/index.html
TOEFL [®] Test	Test of English as a Foreign Language by ETS: Educational Testing Service http://www.ets.org/toefl
IELTS	International English Language Testing System by the British Council http://www.ielts.org
TOEIC [®] (L&R) Test	Test of English for International Communication by ETS: Educational Testing Service http://www.ets.org/toeic
PTE Academic	Pearson Test of English Academic by PEARSON http://pearsonpte.com/
EIKEN Test in Practical English Proficiency (実用英語技能検定)	The Society for Testing English Proficiency http://www.eiken.or.jp

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* L&R is an abbreviation for LISTENING AND READING.



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Choose your preferred method of contacting us with your questions!





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