



Ritsumeikan University
International Center at Kinugasa Campus
立命館大学 衣笠国際教育センター



2016 Spring Housing Guide

Ritsumeikan manages three International Houses. We arrange housing for all Study in Kyoto Program students who do not wish to find housing on their own. For further details, please read this housing guide. When filling out the housing application, please double check to make sure you are applying for places for which you are eligible. You will not be able to change your housing allocation once you have received a final confirmation.

Student Accommodation

Housing Locations

An online map of the university, the housing locations, and the surrounding area can be accessed from the following link: [I-House Map](#)

Important Points Regarding International House

International Houses are university run dorms. As such, we would like you to keep the following in mind when considering living in this dorm.

- Please apply to live in an I-House only if you agree to the rules outlined in the Ritsumeikan International House Terms and Conditions.
- The dorm is overseen by a live-in house manager and Resident Mentors (RM). You will be expected to be courteous and respectful of the manager and RMs at all times.
- You will be interacting on a daily basis with various students from backgrounds different from your own. Please be courteous and respectful of one another.

When Should I Apply?

Application forms will be made available on **January 18 (Monday)**. The deadline is **January 25 (Monday) 09:00 (JST)**.

When Should I Arrive?

Arrival period is from **March 16 (Wednesday)** to **19 (Saturday)**. All students must arrive in time for orientation which is held from **March 22 (Tuesday)**. If you are unable to arrive in Japan on these dates under extreme circumstances, please contact the International Center.

When can I Move In?

Move-in dates vary slightly according to location. Please note that depending on what day and time you arrive in Japan, it may be necessary to stay at a youth hostel or hotel temporarily until you can move into your housing location.

When will I get my Housing Placement?

We will notify you of your housing placement by e-mail **around mid-February**. *date is subject to change*

Private Accommodation

For Students Who Want to Find Their Own Housing

You can find an apartment by contacting real estate agents in Japan directly. Please make sure you pre-book hotel or guest house accommodation in Kyoto before arriving so you have somewhere to stay while you look. Students who wish to find apartments on their own once they arrive in Japan may do so; however, please keep in mind that the cost of moving into an apartment in Japan can be quite high. Landlords often require key money and deposits of several months' rent each. Additionally, most apartments do not come equipped with basic furnishings such as a refrigerator, cooking stove, lights, or furniture. If you choose to rent your own apartment, please be prepared to cover the following expenses:

Shikikin 敷金 (deposit):

It is required as security money for possible damage. 1-2 months' rent (partly refundable)

Reikin 礼金 (key money):

'key money'/bond; a non-refundable fee to be paid to the landlord when the contract is signed. 1-2 months' rent. Non-refundable

Chukai-tesuryo 仲介手数料 (real estate agent's fee):

0.5-1 months' rent, Non-refundable

Please note: ☐ Most private accommodation is not furnished.
☐ The number of English-speaking agents in Kyoto might be limited.
☐ A guarantor is necessary in order to make a contract.

When signing a rental contract in Japan, you may be required to pay a rental deposit (しききん・敷金), key money (れいきん・礼金), and a real estate agent's fee (ちゅうかいてすりょう・仲介手数料) in addition to one month's rent upfront. Some rental agencies group these costs into something called security money (ほしょうきん・保証金). Each of these additional fees is equivalent to one to three months' rent. You will therefore need to be ready to pay a total of four to six months' rent at the time of signing the lease. Utilities (electricity, gas, water, internet, etc.) are usually not included in the rent.

Housing Guarantor System

In most cases, you will need a guarantor when renting an apartment in Japan. In an effort to help students smoothly complete their housing rental contracts, we recommend using the services of the Guarantor Company described in the link below. When you sign a contract and move into a new apartment, please utilize this Guarantor Company to serve as your co-signer.

<http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/eng/common/data/housingsupportsystem.pdf>

http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/eng/html/current/daily_life/support/index.html/

Rental Agencies Associated with Ritsumeikan

When looking for an apartment, it is easiest to use an agency associated with Ritsumeikan, such as the university co-op, or a similar private rental agency. If you provide them with the area, size, and the amount you intend to pay for rent, they will help you find locations meeting your requirements.

Kinugasa Campus Area

Ritsumeikan University Cooperative: (Japanese language only) / The university cooperative assists students in locating affordable accommodations.

Location: Zonshinkan (存心館) B1, Kinugasa Campus, Ritsumeikan University

URL: <http://www.ritsco-op.jp/shopinformation/kinugasa/sumaicenter.html>

Private Rental Agencies

Below is a list of rental agencies students have used in the past. Please be aware that this list is only for reference. Ritsumeikan will not be held liable for any trouble encountered during the rental process and cannot offer individual assistance for students renting apartments not offered by the university:

Gakusei Housing Co., Ltd. : (Japanese language only)
Location: Kyoto-shi, Kita-ku, Komatsubara Kitamachi 111-3
Map: <http://tinyurl.com/yg8erng>
URL: <http://3215.co.jp/>

Flat Agency, Inc., Main Office: (Japanese language only)
Location: Kyoto-shi, Kita-ku, Murasakino Nishigoshoden-cho 9-1
URL: <http://www.flat-a.co.jp/>
URL (English): <http://www.flat-a.co.jp/en/index.html>

Chintai.net: <http://www.chintai.net/> (Japanese language only)
Able: <http://www.able.co.jp/> (Japanese language only)

Monthly Mansions (Furnished Apartments)

Some students prefer to stay in what is known as a Monthly Mansion when searching for housing on their own. These apartments are pre-furnished, can be rented on a monthly basis, and in some cases do not require a deposit, key money, or agent fee. While the initial moving in cost is greatly reduced when using a Monthly Mansion, the monthly rent itself tends to be higher than a comparable unfurnished apartment. Therefore, in most cases, this type of housing is better suited for half-year (one-semester) students.

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Robins International: <http://www.ips-robins.co.jp/en/> (English) * other available language: Japanese, Korean and Chinese
NPO Freedom: <http://room.free-d.jp/html/international.html> (English)
<http://room.free-d.jp/> (Japanese)
Duo Inn: <http://www.duo-inn.com/eg/> (English)
<http://www.duo-inn.com/jp/index.htm> (Japanese)
Seed in Kyoto: <http://www.kyoto-seed.jp/english/> (English)
<http://www.kyoto-seed.jp/> (Japanese website)
Koala Apartments: <http://koala-apartment.com/> (English website) * other available language: Japanese and Chinese
Expo House: <http://www.expothouse.info/english/> (English website) * other available language: Japanese, Korean and Chinese

Homestays

Homestays are not available through the Study in Kyoto Program.

Ritsumeikan International House - Tokiwa

Room Details	Furnished Single Room, 50 Rooms
Dorm Fee (per month)	¥36,000/month
Fees Due Before Moving In	Deposit: ¥36,000 (a deposit of one month's rent) March rent (¥18,000: half a month), April rent (¥36,000)
FACILITIES	
Toilet/Wash Basin	Communal, separated by gender
Baths/Showers	Communal, separated by gender
Shower Cubicles	None
Kitchen	Shared
Refrigerator	Communal
Laundry (Washer/Dryer)	Coin Operated
Furniture	Desk, chair, bed, bookshelf, air condition/heating unit, closet
Bedding	Provided (free)
Lounge	Yes
Telephone (in room)	Yes (Incoming Calls Only)
In-room Internet Access	Yes (LAN cable in each room)
Computer Room w/ Internet	Yes
Transportation to Campus	12 min by bicycle
Other	No guests are allowed to stay over. Visitors allowed 10:00-21:00 No curfew/Auto-lock entry. There are no individual shower rooms, only a Japanese style bath with an open shower area.
Move-in Date	March 16 (Wed) to March 19 (Sat) 10:00-1700



Ritsumeikan International House - Utano

Room Details	Furnished Single Room, 35 Rooms
Dorm Fee (per month)	¥45,000/month
Fees Due Before Moving In	Deposit: ¥45,000 (a deposit of one month's rent) March rent (¥22,500: half a month), April rent (¥45,000)
FACILITIES	
Toilet/Wash Basin	Private (in room)
Baths/Showers	Communal, separated by gender
Shower Cubicles	Communal, separated by gender
Kitchen	Communal
Refrigerator	Private (in room)
Laundry (Washer/Dryer)	Coin Operated
Furniture	Desk, chair, bed, bookshelf, air conditioning/heating unit
Bedding	Provided (free)
Lounge	Yes
Telephone (in room)	Yes (Incoming Calls Only)
In-room Internet Access	Yes (LAN cable in each room)
Computer Room w/ Internet	Yes
Transportation to Campus	15 min by bicycle
Other	No guests are allowed to stay over. Visitors allowed 10:00-21:00 No curfew/Auto-lock entry.
Move-in Date	March 16 (Wed) to March 19 (Sat) 10:00-1700



Ritsumeikan International House – Taishogun **NEW!**

Eligible Students	One/two semesters
Room Details	Furnished Single Room, 190 Rooms
Dorm Fee (per month)	Rent: ¥42,000/month Bedding fee: ¥2,000/month
Fees Due Before Moving	Deposit: ¥42,000 (a deposit of one month's rent) March rent (¥21,000: half a month), April rent (¥42,000) Bedding fee (March & April): ¥4,000 One-time Cleaning Fee ¥10,000
FACILITIES	
Toilet	Communal, separated by gender
Wash Basin	Private (in room)
Baths/Showers	Communal, separated by gender
Shower Cubicles	Communal, separated by gender
Kitchen	Communal
Refrigerator	Private (in room)
Laundry (Washer/Dryer)	Coin Operated
Furniture	Desk, chair, bed, bookshelf, air conditioning/heating unit
Bedding	Provided (¥2,000 per month)
Lounge	Yes
Telephone	Payphone
In-room Internet Access	Yes (Wi-Fi)
Computer Room w/ Internet	No
Transportation to Campus	15 min walk
Other	No guests are allowed to stay over. Visitors allowed 10:00-21:00 No curfew/Auto-lock entry.
Move-in Date	March 16 (Wed) to March 19 (Sat) 10:00-1700

