

**Notification: Winter Short-Term Program in Kyoto**  
**Center for the Promotion of Global Education (R-Globe)**  
**Ryukoku University**

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The Ryukoku University Center for the Promotion of Global Education (R-Globe) hereby welcomes international students to apply for the newly-launched Winter Short-Term Program, R-STEP (Ryukoku Short-Term Experience Program) on our Fukakusa Campus in beautiful Kyoto City. The program provides specially designed courses in Japanese language, history, and culture and includes lectures in [Japanese Language], [Society and Culture in Japan], and [Buddhism in Japan]. We give students the opportunity to explore past and present Japan through excursions to locations throughout the Kansai area which have been known to evoke images of the country. Eligibility requirements and application procedures are as follows:

**1. Location**

Lectures: Fukakusa Campus (Kyoto), Ryukoku University  
Field Trips: Mainly Kyoto, with some excursions to Osaka

**2. Eligibility Requirements**

Applicants must currently be registered at one of Ryukoku University's Partner Institutions

**3. Application**

3.1 Application Deadline: 10 October 2023

3.2 Applicants can register via the Google Form at the following link:

[R-STEP \(Ryukoku Short-Term Experience Program\) Application Form](#)



\*If you are unable to access the Application Form because you do not have a Google account, please contact us directly at [r-globe@ad.ryukoku.ac.jp] with the email subject line "R-STEP Application Inquiry".

**4. Program Fee**

**200,000 JPY**

\*Accommodation and expenses related to Field Trips/Cultural Experiences within the Program are included in the program cost. It will be necessary for the program participant to cover the fees of round-trip airfare (one's own country/region ⇄ Japan) and domestic transportation expenses in Japan (Airport ⇄ Univ/Accommodation) separately.

\*After applying and being selected to participate, bank account information for payment will be sent to participants. Please pay by overseas remittance.

\*If at least 10 participants are not gathered, the program will be either cancelled or postponed.

\*In the case too many applications are received (20 participants), the number of participants may be determined by lottery.

Payment should be made after receiving notification of acceptance into the program. Applicants will receive the email of acceptance, with accompanying payment information, between 16 October ~ 23 October. Please note that the program payment is non-refundable.

\* It is possible for flight arrangements to be made through the University's designated travel agency. Please inform us if this is your preference.

## 5. Program Period

**5 December - 15 December 2023**

- \* Participants must make their own arrangements to arrive at the Ryukoku University-designated accommodation between 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM on December 4<sup>th</sup> (Monday).
- \* Accommodations for this program are secured from December 4<sup>th</sup> (Monday • Arrival Date) to December 16<sup>th</sup> (Saturday • Departure Date). Please make your own arrangements for accommodations outside of this period.

## 6. Schedule

Week	2023/12/4	2023/12/5	2023/12/6	2023/12/7	2023/12/8	2023/12/9	2023/12/10
1	(Mon)	(Tue)	(Wed)	(Thu)	(Fri)	(Sat)	(Sun)
AM	Arrival	Orientation	Japanese Society	Japanese Language	Kyoto Studies	[Day Trip] ■Arashiyama Area (Tenryuji Temple, Monkey Park, Daikakuji Temple, Trolley Train <Tea Ceremony Experience, Taiko Experience, Sutra Copying at Terakoya)	Free Day
PM		Campus Tour	Japanese Language	Japanese Language	[Field Trip] ■Higashiyama Area (Pontocho, Yasaka Shrine, Kiyomizu Temple, Yasaka Koshindo <Sushi Making>)		
	Check in	Welcome Party	[Field Trip] ■Kinkakuji Area (Kinkakuji Temple, Ryoanji Temple, Ninnaji Temple)	[Field Trip] ■Nijo Castle Area (Nijo Castle, Kaishukan, Manga Museum, Mikane Shrine)			
Week	2023/12/11	2023/12/12	2023/12/13	2023/12/14	2023/12/15	2023/12/16	2023/12/17
2	(Mon)	(Tue)	(Wed)	(Thu)	(Fri)	(Sat)	(Sun)
AM	[Day Trip] Universal Studios Japan @ Osaka	Japanese Language	Japanese Pop Culture	Japanese Language	Japanese Religions	Checkout Departure	
PM		Buddhist Thought	Japanese Language	Japanese Language	Japanese Media & Arts		
		[Field Trip] ■Ginkakuji Area (Nanzenji Temple, Eikanji Temple, Heian Shrine)	[To Be Announced] Japanese TV Station Tour [Tentative] etc. @ Osaka	[Field Trip] ■Fushimi Inari Shrine (Japanese Dance Experience with Kimono Rental)	Seminar		
					Completion Ceremony & Farewell Party		

\* The opportunity for cultural exchange with Japanese students will take place in addition to scheduled lectures and fieldwork.

\*When visiting sightseeing spots in Kyoto, students will be accompanied by a tour guide who will provide many kinds of explanations.

### ●Precautions

- Please note that this schedule is tentative and subject to change.
- In principle, classes will be conducted in English.
- As for field trips, all related transportation and activity expenses, as well as entrance fees will be covered by the overall program fee.

## 7. Included Subjects

1. Japanese Language
2. Buddhist Thought
3. Kyoto Studies
4. Japanese Society
5. Japanese Religions
6. Japanese Pop Culture
7. Japanese Media & Arts
8. Seminar



## 8. Contact

For any inquiries and more information, please feel free to email us: [r-globe@ad.ryukoku.ac.jp]

•The application process will be complete when the Center for the Promotion of Global Education has received the Applicant's documents.



## Further Information about Ryukoku University:

[University Website](#)  
[Instagram](#)

Originally established in 1639 within the precincts of [Nishi Hongwanji Temple](#), Ryukoku University is one of [the oldest institutions of higher education in Japan](#). With approximately 20,000 students enrolled on [three campuses](#), our comprehensive university now boasts [ten Faculties, ten Graduate Schools, several Research Centers and Institutes](#), and over three hundred inter-institutional agreements (218 MoU Partners and 139 Student Exchange Partners as of September, 2023) throughout the world.

Our founding philosophy is based in the spirit of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, so not only do we provide an environment which is completely unique from other universities, but our libraries house a plethora of valuable historical documents which cannot be found elsewhere [Ryukoku University Digital Archives \(in Japanese\)](#).

[History of Ryukoku University](#)  
[University Guide For INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS](#)  
[University Guidebook](#)  
[Exchange Program](#)

### <Important Historical Facts>

- Emperor Meiji visited [Omiya campus](#) in 1880. Since that time, we have welcomed other dignitaries, including President Prasad (India's first President) in 1958.
- Ryukoku University published Japan's first general magazine [Chūōkōron, Central Review] in 1887.
- Ryukoku University oversees the [Ryukoku Museum](#), a Kyoto-based institution boasting several important cultural and Buddhist artifacts.
- Ryukoku University was named the "[Top Buddhist University in the World](#)" in the 2018, 2019 and 2021 UniRank University Rankings.
- [Fourth Place Among Japan's Private Universities in "THE Impact Ranking 2021" \(for SDGs\)](#)

