

**Notification: Summer 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 Summer 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

1.1 Application Deadline: Sunday, 14 April 2024.

1.2 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, participants who are accepted into the program will receive an email with instructions regarding the payment of the program fee. Your application will be considered complete once the payment is made according to the instructions within one week. Please note that if the payment is not completed by the payment deadline, your application will not be confirmed as accepted.

\*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.

\*If the capacity is reached, the recruitment may be closed even before the end of the application period.

\* 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

1 July - 13 July 2024

- \* Participants must make their own arrangements to arrive at the Ryukoku University-designated accommodation between 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM on July 1<sup>st</sup> (Monday).
- \* Accommodations for this program are secured from July 1<sup>st</sup> (Monday · Arrival Date) to July 13<sup>th</sup> (Saturday · Departure Date). Please make your own arrangements for accommodations outside of this period.

## 6. Schedule

Week	1-Jul	2-Jul	3-Jul	4-Jul	5-Jul	6-Jul	7-Jul
1	(Mon)	(Tue)	(Wed)	(Thu)	(Fri)	(Sat)	(Sun)
AM	Arrival	Orientation I	<b>【Field Trip】</b> ■Nishi Hongwanj (Nishi Hongwanj Temple)	Japanese Language	Japanese Studies	<b>【Day Trip】</b> ■Arashiyama Area (Tenryuji Temple, Daikakuji Temple, Experience, Taiko Experience, Sutra Copying at Terakoya)	Free Day
		Campus Tour		Japanese Language	Buddhist Thought		
PM	Check in	Orientation II	Japanese Language	<b>【Field Trip】</b> ■Nijo Castle Area (Nijo Castle, Manga Museum)	<b>【Field Trip】</b> ■Fushimi Inari Shrine (Japanese Dance Experience with Kimono Rental)		
		Interaction with Japanese students	Japanese Language				
	Welcome Party						
Week	8-Jul	9-Jul	10-Jul	11-Jul	12-Jul	13-Jul	14-Jul
2	(Mon)	(Tue)	(Wed)	(Thu)	(Fri)	(Sat)	(Sun)
AM	<b>【Day Trip】</b> Universal Studios Japan @ Osaka	<b>【Field Trip】</b> ■Uji Byodoin Temple Kintsugi experience	Japanese Society I	<b>【Field Trip】</b> ■Kinkakuji Area (Kinkakuji Temple, Ryoanji Temple, Ninnaji Temple)	Japanese Society II	Checkout	
		Japanese Language	<b>【Field Trip】</b> ■Higashiyama Area (Pontocho, Yasaka Shrine, Kiyomizu Temple, Yasaka Koshindo <Sushi Making>)		Japanese Society III		
PM		Japanese Pop Culture			Japanese Language	Seminar	Departure
				Japanese Language	Final Presentation Completion Ceremony		

\* 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. Japanese Pop Culture
4. Japanese Society I II III
5. Japanese Diplomacy
6. Seminar



## 8. Contact

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

## 9. Field Trip Partner

For the field trips conducted within the program, we will be implementing them in partnership with the following travel agency.

(Travel planning and implementation for field trip)

AIR WORLD CO.,LTD.

Licensed by Ministry Transport

Tourism Agency No.961

2-2-14 207,Uchihonmachi,

Chuo-ku,Osaka, Japan 540-0026

Japan Association of Travel Agents (JATA) Member

(Reservation acceptance for field trip )

Cruise World Co., Ltd.

travel agent's business representative by the Governor of Osaka Prefecture No.5553

#201 NLCKitaumeda Bldg.,2-3-16,Shibata,Kita-ku,Osaka,Japan,530-0012

wakita@cruise-world.net

<https://www.airworld.co.jp/company.html>

<https://www.airworld.co.jp/legal.html#03>

Please register for the R-STEP application under '3. Application'.

## 10. Reference to the previous R-STEP

[Instagram #ryukokur-step](#)

[R-STEP Webpage](#)

## Ryukoku University Center for the Promotion of Global Education (R-Globe) 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" \(for SDGs\)](#)

