

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

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 (**R**yukoku **S**hort-**T**erm **E**xperience **P**rogram) 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, 20 April 2025.
- 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

280,000 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 (such as between the airport and the university, and between the accommodation and the university) 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 : 7 July - 19 July 2025

- * Participants must make their own arrangements to arrive at the Ryukoku University-designated accommodation (currently being arranged near Kyoto Station or near Ryukoku University) between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM on July 7 (Monday).
- * If you are unable to arrive during this time, please arrange to arrive in Japan on July 6 (Sunday) and stay one night at a hotel near Kyoto Station. Then, come to the designated accommodation (currently being arranged near Kyoto Station or near Ryukoku University) between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM on July 7 (Monday).
- * Accommodations for this program are secured from July 7 (Monday • Arrival Date) to July 19 (Saturday • Departure Date). Please make your own arrangements for accommodations outside of this period.

6. Schedule

Week	7-Jul	8-Jul	9-Jul	10-Jul	11-Jul	12-Jul	13-Jul
1	(Mon)	(Tue)	(Wed)	(Thu)	(Fri)	(Sat)	(Sun)
AM	Arrival	Orientation I	【Field Trip】 ■Nishi Hongwanj	Japanese Language	【Field Trip】 ■Higashiyama Area (Sushi Making, Kimono Rental)	【Day Trip】 ■Arashiyama Area (Tenryuji Temple, Daikakuji Temple, Taiko Experience, Sutra Copying at Terakoya)	Free Day
PM		Campus Tour		Japanese Language			
	Check in	Orientation II Interaction with Japanese students Welcome Party	【Field Trip】 ■Nijo Castle Area ■Kinkakuji Area	Japanese Language			
				Japanese Religions			
Week	14-Jul	15-Jul	16-Jul	17-Jul	18-Jul	19-Jul	20-Jul
2	(Mon)	(Tue)	(Wed)	(Thu)	(Fri)	(Sat)	(Sun)
AM	【Day Trip】 Universal Studios Japan @ Osaka	Japanese Society I	Japanese Pop Culture	【Field Trip】 ■Uji Byodoin Temple ■Machiya Campus (Japanese Traditional Confectionery Experience, (Kintsugi experience))	Seminar	Checkout Departure	
PM		Buddhist Thought	Japanese media & arts		Japanese Society II		
		Japanese Language	Japanese Language		Japanese Society III		
		Japanese Language	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 Media & Arts
6. Japanese Religions

※Please note that these subjects are scheduled to be offered but are subject to change.



8.Housing

We are considering accommodations either near Kyoto Station or close to Ryukoku University. These dorms are provided through our partner school, Temple University, and are located in nearly new apartment buildings. Each unit is a private room equipped with a kitchen, bathroom, and toilet, as well as a microwave, refrigerator, electric kettle, desk, and washing machine. These well-furnished rooms provide a comfortable and private living environment, making them very popular among international students.

Accommodation costs are covered by the program fee.

We hope you enjoy a comfortable and memorable short-term study abroad experience in these beautiful apartments!

For more details about the accommodations, please visit the following link:

<https://www.tuj.ac.jp/ug/kyoto/student-services/housing>

9.Contact

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

10. 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〉

Happy Travel Co.,Ltd

Registered Travel Agency No. 1-2107, under the Commissioner of the Japan Tourism Agency

TOHO Fukuoka Building 11F, 1-31-17 Hakata Ekimae, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka City, Fukuoka Prefecture, Japan

<https://happytravel.jp/company.html>

<https://happytravel.jp/dog/guide/pg229.html>

10. Reference to the previous R-STEP

[R-STEP Webpage](#)

[You Tube 2024R-STEP](#)

[Instagram #ryukokur-step](#)



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 (220 MoU Partners and 133 Student Exchange Partners as of February, 2025) 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 Guidebook](#)

[Exchange Program](#)



