

READYFOR × Ritsumeikan “Beyond COVID-19” -Students’ Challenges Lead to a Future With/After COVID-19- Application Guidelines for READYFOR Challenge Grant

1. Grant Summary

To address new social issues caused by the new coronavirus, the Ritsumeikan SDGs Promotion Headquarters has launched the “Beyond COVID -19” online community to support the challenges of students.

At “Beyond COVID -19”, in order to further grow as a platform to support young people who are taking on challenges, we will develop further activities to solve social issues in view of the society with COVID -19 and after COVID -19.

This grant invites students to participate in projects that challenge them to solve social problems, and grants are provided to cover the costs of these activities. We will also use the Beyond COVID -19 platform to support the implementation of public relations projects.

Resources of this grant is funded by the donation-based crowdfunding program “Students’ Challenges Lead to a Future with/after COVID-19” (<https://readyfor.jp/projects/rits-beyond-covid19>), which started on June 5, 2020 in cooperation with READYFOR Corporation, a RIMIX partner company.

[Characteristics of This Grant]

- ❑ We support students who belong to Ritsumeikan to open up the world post COVID-19 and aim to realize the project.
- ❑ Among the SDGs, we will focus on social issues that have emerged through the spread of the coronavirus infection and support students and student projects that solve these issues through business view.
- ❑ We will respond to the changing society due to the pandemic and provide support for students project by actively utilizing online. By adding the benefits of online solutions that go beyond distance, time, and cost constraints, we are able to meet the challenges of the real world more quickly and effectively.

2. Schedule

Project Recruitment Period	Monday, June 8, 2020 to Friday, June 26 1:00PM
Document Screening	Saturday, June 27 to Monday, June 29 * The selection results will be announced on the RIMIX official website on Monday, June 29. * We will inform the target of the interview about the future process such as schedule adjustment.
Interview Selection	Wednesday, July 1 - Wednesday, July 8 *Interviews will be conducted online. *We will contact you individually after the selection.
Result	Friday, July 10, 2020

3. Details of the Grant

(1) Outline

A. Number of projects

About 10 project

*It depends on the amount raised by crowdfunding and the amount paid to each project.

B. Amount of grant

Approx. ¥300,000 per project

*Grant amount will be decided by considering the application contents.

C. Method of Payment

·Bank transfer Only

For the receipt of the grant, the bank account is identified only for the purpose of the project.

D. Combination with other Ritsumeikan grants

Possible

*However, the grant amount may be adjusted so that the total amount with other on-campus scholarships does not exceed the project cost.

E. Period covered by the grant

The period of this grant for the project is as follows. Expenditure reports and activity reports are based on this period.

April 2020 - February 2021

(2) Project Covered by This Grant

In addition to overcoming the coronavirus disasters, this grant is designed to encourage students to come up with ideas for solving social issues in the era of With COVID -19 and After COVID -19, focusing on the possibilities that have emerged and social issues that have emerged during this period.

Accordingly, projects that satisfy all four "Criteria for projects for this grant" can apply for this grant. We also expect the projects shown in "Key areas for this grant".

<Criteria for Projects for This Grant>

- A. Projects to commit social challenges in Key areas for this grant
- B. Projects that incorporate a business perspective into problem solving and are conscious of sustainability
- C. Projects that are willing to continue their activities after the grant has been completed
- D. Projects with a view to pioneering a with COVID-19/after COVID-19 society, such as using the online system

<Key Areas for This Grant>

When we think of a with COVID-19/after COVID-19 society, it is essential to look toward society as a whole. Based on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set by the United Nations, this grant will focus on the following social issues that have emerged as a result of the spread of the new coronavirus infection.

- #StayHome** (SDGs goal 3,11,12,etc.)
new lifestyles, food and health needs, etc.
- #NextCarrer** (SDGs goal 5,8,9,etc.)
New platform of learning, potential ways of working, creative online content creation, etc.
- #GlobalNow** (SDGs goal 4,10,17,etc.)
New study abroad system, cross-cultural understanding, etc.

4. Application

(1) Who Can Apply

- A. For group applications: Of the members of the group, at least three and at least 2/3 are students who enrolled at Ritsumeikan as of June 1, 2020.
- B. For individual applications: Students who enrolled at the Ritsumeikan as of June 1, 2020.
- C. Multiple applications by the same person are not allowed. In addition, in the case of an group applications, the applicant may not apply concurrently as representation, vice representation, or accounting in plural projects.

(2) What is Necessary for the Application

■ TO APPLY FOR THE GRANT

URL: <https://forms.gle/NUrFezgb9mn4tcdU8>

【Required documents】

• Project Activity Plan Sheet URL: <https://bit.ly/3h7Ux6U>

Download the Excel file from the link above, and, fill in the overview of the project, activity plans and schedules, and expense use plans, and then upload it for the application.

• **(Group Only) Member Information Sheet** URL: <https://bit.ly/3dHAslQ>

If you are applying as a group, please download the Excel file from the link above, fill in the member information, upload it for the application.

*If you are a faculty member, please write your position in the grade column.

*An applicant requires a Google account but does not submit the bank- account information at this stage.

5. Selection

(1) Selection Requirement

Project must meet all of the requirement which is specified in section 3. Details of the grant (2) Project covered by this grant < Criteria for projects for this grant >”

(2) Scoring Points for Selection

The following 5 points will be judged by 4 members of the selection committee, and each member will evaluate the total of 25 points, 100 points in total, and decide the acceptance or rejection.

- A. Independent Project execution · Willingness to achieve the plan [5point]
- B. focus point · Social impact [5point]
- C. Uniqueness and creativity of the plan [5point]
- D. Marketability and Sustainability of the Plan [5point]
- E. Past Achievements [5point]

(3) Selection Method

- We will check the documents based on the selection requirement and decide who will be interviewed.
- We will decide the acceptance or rejection after the selection by online interview.

(4) Selection Committee

In addition to school faculty member, Ritsumeikan alumni participate as judges in the selection process.

6. Obligations of the Grant Recipient

- Reporting and releasing of project results through reports, results reporting meetings, websites, SNS, and media coverage
- Bank accounts for the grant
- Participation for financial literacy training and appropriate accounting. And reporting of grants in line with the content of the training.
 - *You need a voucher for the expenditure, such as a receipt after using the grant.※ We recommend that you take the "President's Pitch Challenge" course to learn about building business models.
 - *Participation or non-participation does not affect the results of selection.

7. Rules for the use of grants

1. Usage

This grant may only be used to promote the project activity to be applied. It cannot be used for entertainment, accommodation, or food or drink that is not related to the promotion of project activities which it is granted.

2. Cancellation of Grant

The grant will be withdrawn if:

- False statements or fraud at the time of application are found
- A member of the group or individual who receive the grant is suspended or expelled from school
- The group or individual who receive the grant commits a crime or other illegal act
- The adopted project is suspended or postponed
- The grant for purposes other than promoting the adopted project activity is used
- Other cases where Ritsumeikan SDGs Promotion Headquarters finds it inappropriate in light of the purpose of this grant.

3. Return and refund of grant

- If a grant is cancelled, you must return part or all of the grant within two weeks from the date of cancellation.
- If there is any balance in the grant as a result of checking the accounting report, return it to the Fund.

8. Contact Information

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9.About RIMIX

■What is RIMIX ?

RIMIX (Ritsumeikan Impact-Makers Inter-X (Cross) Platform) is a social entrepreneur support platform developed by Ritsumeikan. The purpose of RIMIX is to enhance the social entrepreneur programs at Ritsumeikan by visualizing as one platform, ranging from nurturing the entrepreneurship mind of human resources who contribute to solving social issues to supporting, by collaborating within and outside the school. By linking practical educational programs to foster leaders in achieving the SDGs, we aim to improve the qualities and abilities required of social entrepreneurs "Impact - Makers" and to develop human resources that will become the driving force of society. This is an initiative by the Ritsumeikan SDGs Promotion Headquarters, which is responsible for promoting the SDGs of Ritsumeikan Trust.

Official Site:<https://r-rimix.com>

■About "Beyond COVID-19 "- Online Community

"Beyond COVID-19" is an online community established by the RIMIX Office on April 16, 2020, in response to students who say, "I want to do something within the restrictions.". The Ritsumeikan provides online opportunities for people who want to do something to meet, work together, and engage in action.

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