

Registration Fee Waiver and Best Paper Award for Graduate Students

The 17th AP Conference offers graduate students opportunities for the registration fee to be waived and to be considered for a Best Paper Award with the aim of encouraging paper submissions by junior researchers.

◆ Conference Registration Fee Waiver (First Authors Only)

Applicants must meet all three conditions below to be eligible for the waiver. The successful applicants will be notified at the time of the abstract results notification (mid-July).

- Be full-time graduate students as of May 31, 2019 who will register to present in English as a main author at the 2019 AP Conference.
(NOTE: Co-authors are not eligible for the waiver)
- Complete an application to AP Conference by May 31, 2019, and pass the abstract screening.
- Submit a full conference paper by the designated deadline.

The successful applicants will also be considered for a “Best Paper Award” for the 17th AP Conference. The outstanding papers may be considered for publication in the *Ritsumeikan Journal of Asia Pacific Studies**.

Full Conference Paper Guidelines

- Language: English
- Format: Microsoft Word
- Size: A4
- Style: [APA style compliant](#)
- Abstract: 200 words with four to six keywords
- Length of paper: approximately 5,000 words not including the references
- Footnotes: keep to a minimum and use a sequential order with superscript numbers at the bottom of the page. Only cited works should be completely included in the references section.

Submission Guidelines

Abstract results announcement: Mid-July

Full paper submission deadline: July 31 (Wed)

Full paper submission method: Successful applicants will receive notification by email.

- Those who pass the abstract screening but do not submit a full paper will be required to pay the registration fee.
- Those who submit a full paper after the designated deadline will not be eligible for the registration fee waiver for any reason.

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* Ritsumeikan Journal of Asia Pacific Studies (RCAPS Journal) Publishing Guidelines

Authors whose submitted full papers are accepted for publication in the RCAPS Journal will be contacted by the RCAPS Journal Editorial Board (rjaps@apu.ac.jp), and requested to revise their papers as needed according to the notes for contributors. Please see the [RCAPS website](#) for details.

◆ **Best Paper Award**

Among the submitted full papers, one or a selected few will receive the “Best Paper Award.” The award will be presented at the Closing Ceremony on December 1 (Sun).

- * The submitted papers must not have been published elsewhere.
- * The submitted papers may be publicized online.
- * The Best Paper Award may be nullified if the Conference Committee deems that none of the papers submitted for consideration is worthy of the award. A notice will be posted on the conference website if such a situation arises.

May 31(Fri)	Deadline for application submission (conference registration)
Mid-July	Abstract results announcement
July 31(Wed)	Deadline for full conference paper submission
November	Best Paper Award results announcement
Dec 1(Sun)	Best Paper Award (@Closing Ceremony)