The Nakatani RIES: Research & International Experiences for Students connects undergraduates with the best of science & engineering research in Japan through a fully-funded summer program abroad. While abroad, fellows participate in language, cultural, and communication training and conduct a hands-on research internship in a leading science or engineering research host laboratory. The program serves as a catalyst for U.S. students interested in future graduate study and research and contributes to the development of a generation of globally-engaged scientists & engineers who have the technical and culture skills to contribute to vibrant international research collaborations in the future.

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Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a U.S. Citizen or U.S. Permanent Resident
- Must Be a Freshman or Sophomore Engineering or Science Major
- No Prior Japanese Language or Research Experience Required
- Women & Students Underrepresented in STEM Strongly Encouraged to Apply

2018 Schedule

- Application Opens: mid-November
- Applications Due: Jan. 16, 2018
- Finalist Interviews: Mid-February
- Participants Selected: Early March
- Pre-Departure @ Rice: May 10 - 11
- Orientation In Tokyo: May 12 – June 2
- Research Internship: June 3 – Aug. 6
- Return to U.S.: Aug. 7
- Re-Entry Pgm. & Poster Presentation: Aug. 8 - 10

Funding Provided

- Domestic & International Airfare
- Housing & Partial Meal Stipend
- International Health Insurance
- Rice Summer School Tuition & Fees