

<b>Sub-Program</b>	<b>1. Enhancement of Governance</b>
<b>Component</b>	<b>1-2. International Relations</b>
<b>Accepting University (Number of Scholars)</b>	<p><b>Doshisha University (2)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graduate School of Global Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Studies Cluster</li> <li>• Contemporary Asian Studies Cluster</li> <li>• Global Society Studies Cluster</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Master of Arts in American Studies</li> <li>- Master of Arts in Global Society Studies</li> <li>- Master of Arts in Contemporary Asian Studies</li> </ul> <p><b>Ritsumeikan University (1)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graduate School of International Relations</li> <li>Global International Relations Program</li> <li>- Master of Arts in International Relations</li> </ul>
<b>Expected Research Area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- International Relations</li> <li>- International Law</li> <li>- Foreign Policy</li> <li>- International Politics</li> <li>- International Economy</li> <li>- Regional Integration</li> </ul>
<b>Purpose of the Study (Background and Needs):</b>	
<p>The Lao PDR is a landlocked country surrounded by China, Thailand, Vietnam, and Myanmar, and "the 9th National Socio-Economic Development Plan" (2021-2025) lists the utilization of its geographical advantage and potential as priority issues. Laos will actively engage in regional and international cooperation and integration.</p>	