

NEXUS Program

Voices from NEXUS Student Tutors



The following are excerpts from reflection reports written by Rikkyo University students who served as NEXUS student tutors!

This program was a meaningful opportunity that taught me how difficult it can be to communicate effectively—and, more importantly, the value of learning together. By explaining technical terms in plain Japanese and organizing information from the other person's perspective, I feel that I learned what genuine communication—and mutual understanding—really mean. We also built a good friendship that went beyond simply providing academic support. I learned how important it is to create psychological safety by opening up first, rather than waiting for the other person to do so. Rather than trying to fit others into our own frame of reference, I learned to embrace different values as new perspectives and make an effort to find common ground.

(Third-year student, College of Business, Academic Year 2025)

When working with international students or hearing the word "global," I used to think that what mattered most was proficiency in foreign languages such as English and openness to other cultures. However, I learned that it is equally important to express my own views clearly, drawing on my own knowledge. I learned that it is only when you turn your attention inward rather than outward, and can express your own opinions, that you begin to move closer to becoming a global leader.

(Third-year student, College of Intercultural Communication, Academic Year 2025)

I was inspired by the determination of the junior student I supported, who was working hard under extremely difficult circumstances—adjusting to a new life in an unfamiliar country, managing a heavy load of Japanese-language classes and assignments, and having very few people to rely on. Although the countries in which we were born and raised, as well as our current circumstances, were completely different, the fact that they had joined my department at Rikkyo University as a junior student gave us a great deal to talk about. We enjoyed discussing our different views and cultures, and it was a very positive and rewarding exchange.

(Graduate School of Contemporary Psychology, Academic Year 2025)