

National Museum of Japanese History (Rekihaku)
Invitation Fellowship Program
Application Guidelines for the 2025 Fiscal Year (May 2025- March 2026)

1. Purpose

The purpose of this program is to invite researchers of overseas research institutions in order to offer opportunities to conduct research on Japanese history and culture, and to contribute to the promotion of research projects and activities of the National Museum of Japanese History (Rekihaku) in the following categories:

- The promotion of innovative research in related fields by joining projects of collaborative research conducted by the Rekihaku.
- The development and strengthening of scholarly networks with overseas research institutes through discussions and exchange of views with researchers of the Rekihaku, but also through research meetings, lectures and so on.
- The exploration of other potential areas of collaborative research, and the provision of advice on the research projects and activities of the Rekihaku from an international perspective.

2. Eligible Research Fields

All that are related to the fields of the researchers at the Rekihaku, such as museum science, art history, history, archaeology, folklore, or sociocultural anthropology

3. Requirements

Applicants must be full-time employees, or in a position with responsibilities equivalent to those of a full-time position, at a research institution (including universities) outside of Japan. Further, they must meet at least one of the following requirements:

(1) Hold a doctoral degree

(2) Have expertise or research skills equivalent to those who hold a doctoral degree

* Approval from the applicant's supervisor at their home institution is required prior to application.

4. Number of Available Positions Slots

A few positions

5. Research Period at the Rekihaku

Between 14 and up to 90 days during the period of May 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

*Depending on budget developments, we may ask for the applicants' cooperation in adjusting the length of their stay.

6. Program Benefits

The Rekihaku will cover the following expenses:

(1) Round-trip airfare

(2) Living expenses allowance (based on the regulations of the National Institutes for the Humanities, in addition to free-of-charge use of the museum's accommodation facilities)

*Note that interpretation fees for researchers without sufficient Japanese language skills will not be covered.

7. Research Perquisites

The fellows will have access to the collections, facilities, equipment, books and journals of the Rekihaku on a requested permission basis.

8. Accommodation

The Rekihaku will provide a guest room at the affiliated guest house adjacent to the museum. Program participants are expected to stay at the assigned facilities.

9. Research Trips to Other Institutions in Japan

Fellows may go on research trips that are part of one of the museum's research projects, if the trip has been planned prior to the fellow's arrival in Japan and the plans have been announced to the museum in a timely fashion. However, fellows are asked to refrain from travels or other activities in their capacity as researchers, if these are not within the scope of the research visit at the museum.

10. Application

In order to be eligible to apply as a visiting fellow, you first need to find a host researcher at the Rekihaku. Please make sure to contact suitable Rekihaku researchers in advance and make the necessary arrangements prior to submitting your application. The following documents must be submitted to the host researchers of Rekihaku **by Friday, November 22, 2024**:

- (1) Application form (Please refer to the "Instructions for the Application Form".)
- (2) Curriculum vitae (Mailing address, telephone number and email address required.)
- (3) List of publications

* Rekihaku researcher Profile are available on our website:

(Japanese) <https://www.rekihaku.ac.jp/research/researcher/index.html>

(English) https://www.rekihaku.ac.jp/english/education_research/research/researcher/index.html

11. Selection Process and Announcement of Results

Applications will be examined by the selection committee and by the Director-General of the Rekihaku. The results of the selection process will be announced to each the applicant's, host researchers, and the heads of applicant's home institution around February 2025.

12. Necessary Procedures Following the Announcement of Results

Successful applicants are required to submit the completed forms designated to be produced by themselves and their home institution to the Rekihaku Research Affairs Division within 2 months of the date of the notification (indicated in the upper right corner) of their application results.

13. Obligations

Applicants are requested to follow the procedures for application and invitation with the following points in mind.:

- 1) As a general rule, fellows may not leave Japan for the duration of the fellowship and are to focus on their research at the Rekihaku. Fellows may not engage in other work, whether paid or unpaid, during the fellowship.
- 2) Participants must pursue their research plans under the rules of the Rekihaku so as to prevent research misconduct (such as fabrication or falsification of research results) and misuse of research funds (such as the use of funds for private purposes or purposes other than the intended research).
- 3) Fellows must contribute to the advancement of research as well as to the promotion of international scholarly exchange at the Rekihaku in ways such as giving research presentations and submitting research reports.

Research presentations are optional for fellowships of less than 30 days.

- 4) The museum has to be informed, if publications related to this program are being made in books or journals etc. after the submission of the mandatory research report.

14. Risks after a Finalized Invitation

In light of the events of recent years, we ask for your understanding that a project for which an invitation has been issued may be canceled or suspended at the discretion of the museum, if travel is restricted, or if the project becomes unfeasible at the museum for any other reasons.

15. Inquiries

For additional information, please contact the department listed below.

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