

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

1. Purpose

The purpose of the program is to offer overseas researchers opportunities to conduct research on Japanese history and culture, and to promote innovative research in related fields and contribute to the development of research projects and activities of the National Museum of Japanese History (Rekihaku) by joining its collaborative research, international exchange activities, and projects for the permanent and special exhibitions of the Rekihaku.

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 employed by an overseas research institution, and must meet 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 Position Slots

A few positions

5. Research Period at the Rekihaku

Between three and up to six months during the period of May 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

6. Program Benefits

The Rekihaku will cover the following expenses:

(1) Salary (entering Japan on work visa (professor), employment contract with the Rekihaku will be signed after arrival)

(2) Round-trip airfare

(3) Travel expenses for domestic research trips (For details, see item 9: Research Trips to Other Institutions in Japan.)

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

* We are legally required to withhold the applicable taxes and employee insurance premiums from your salary.

* National Health Insurance fees incurred during your stay in Japan are to be paid at your own expense.

* Should you be registered as a resident in Japan on January 1 during your employment period, you might have to pay a resident tax after returning to your country. You will be obliged to pay the resident tax at your own expense.

7. Research Perquisites

Participants 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 guest rooms at the affiliated guest house adjacent to the museum. Except for multiple-day research trips, program participants are expected to stay at the assigned facilities.

9. Research Trips to Other Institutions in Japan

The International Visiting Scholars may visit universities, libraries, etc. in Japan for research purposes when such visits are considered necessary for completing their proposed research plans. Within the range of this program, travel expenses up to a total of 25,000 yen per month will be reimbursed.

Program participants may join research trips conducted as a part of collaborative researches related to the participants' projects after obtaining permission from the head of the research team. If you are interested in any of the Rekihaku's collaborative research projects, please consult with your host researcher.

10. Application

In order to be eligible to apply as a visiting scholar, 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 (Application form provided separately. Please refer to the "Application Form Instructions".)
- (2) Curriculum vitae (To be written in Japanese. Mailing address, telephone number and email address required.)
- (3) List of publications

* Rekihaku researcher Profiles 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, host researcher, and the head of the 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, visiting scholars may not leave Japan for the duration of the program and are to focus on their research at the Rekihaku. Visiting scholars may not engage in other work, whether paid or unpaid, during the program.
- 2) Participants must proceed with their research under observation of 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) Visiting scholars 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.

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.

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