

Call for Applications: Visiting Research Scholar (Team Research Organizer) 2015–2016

International Research Center for Japanese Studies

In order to deepen research on Japanese culture and broaden its scope by bringing together researchers from different fields of specialization, the International Research Center for Japanese Studies (Nichibunken) supports the “team research” (*kyōdō kenkyū*) approach to opening up new frontiers in Japanese studies scholarship.

Nichibunken seeks visiting research scholars to plan and organize one-year team research projects for the Japanese academic year 2015 (April)–2016 (March). Research themes of outstanding significance and future potential will be favorably considered.

1. Role of the Team Research Organizer

The team research organizer will be appointed as a Nichibunken visiting research scholar. He or she will be responsible for: selecting the project participants and organizing their project-related activities, drawing up and implementing the research plan; chairing research meetings; and collating the research results for publication.

2. Other Participants in the Project

Participants in the project must be either researchers residing in Japan or members of Nichibunken’s faculty. A faculty member will assist the project organizer.

3. Venue of Research Meetings

Research meetings will be held at Nichibunken.

4. Eligibility

Researchers who are attached to a university or other research institution outside Japan and not more than 65 years old as of 1 April 2015, or whom the Director-general deems to have equivalent qualifications.

5. Number of Openings

Not more than two project organizers will be selected each year.

6. Research Period

The project runs for one year after the arrival of the organizer in Japan. The project organizer is expected to arrive in Kyoto between April 1 and August 31, 2015.

7. Application Procedure

Applicants should submit the following:

(1) Completed application forms, with a list of prospective participants.

In principle, all project participants should reside in Japan. The list must include at least one faculty member of Nichibunken. (See the accompanying list of faculty.)

Before applying, please contact the faculty member(s) in question.

- (2) Sample of work
Copies of up to three major publications by the applicant relevant to the proposed project. (Note: Submissions of written work will not be returned.)
- (3) Deadline for applications
The application form and copies of publications should reach Nichibunken by January 11, 2013.
- (4) Applications should be sent to:
International Research Center for Japanese Studies
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Nishikyo-ku, Kyoto 610-1192
Japan
- (5) For further information contact:
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The application form may also be downloaded from the Nichibunken website.
http://www.nichibun.ac.jp/number/number_1_e.html

8. Screening Results

Nichibunken will screen all applicants fairly and critically and will notify all applicants of the results by December 31, 2013. The applicants will be notified of the progress of screening by June 30, 2013.

9. Terms of Appointment

- (1) The Visiting Research Scholar's salary will be determined according to experience and career status. It will be paid on the appointed day each month.
- (2) Roundtrip travel expenses will be paid according to a rate stipulated in the regulations.
- (3) A research allowance (including a domestic research travel expense allowance) will be disbursed to each Visiting Research Scholar.
- (4) Nichibunken's library, computers, and other facilities, including an individual research office, will be made available for the use of the Visiting Research Scholar, in the same way as for regular full-time employees of Nichibunken.
- (5) Visiting Research Scholars will have opportunities to present their research findings in seminars, public lectures, and the Nichibunken Forums.
- (6) Housing accommodations will be available on the Nichibunken campus. (There are charges for the use of these facilities.)