

National Museum of Japanese History
Collaborative Access Type Joint Research
FY 2020 Application Guidelines

1. Outline of FY 2020 Call for Proposals

Joint research for collaborative access involving the use of collections, equipment, and facilities of the **National Museum of Japanese History (Rekihaku)** is conducted by an outside researcher as principal investigator, working with a faculty member of Rekihaku. We welcome applications from young researchers, including graduate students and postdoctoral researchers.

2. Categories of Collaborative Research

Collaborative Access Type Joint Research is separated into the following two. Please specify your preferred category at the time of application.

1) Collections-based

Investigation and research on collections owned by Rekihaku using a non-destructive methods (visual examination, documentation, photography).

2) Analytical equipment and facilities-based

Investigation and research using analytical equipment and analytical facilities of Rekihaku

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1) Collections-based

Search the National Museum of Japanese History Collection Database

(<http://www.rekihaku.ac.jp/doc/t-db-index.html>) and enter the name of the material(s).

2) Analytical equipment and facilities-based

Select and enter the equipment and/or facilities from the following link:

http://www.rekihaku.ac.jp/research/list/joint/public_ad/equipmentandfacilities.html

4. Duration of Research

- Research begins in or after April 2020, and should be completed within the same fiscal year. The maximum period is 12 months.

5. Eligibility

The principal investigator must be one of the following:

- A researcher belonging to a research institution in Japan or overseas (full-time or part-time, including postdoctoral researchers.)
- A student enrolled in a doctoral program
- A full-time employee engaged in research activities and duties of local government.
- A person whose research capabilities and experience are equivalent to those listed above

For those applying for the analytical equipment and facilities-based, it is preferable to have some background knowledge in the area, such as completion of undergraduate level chemistry-related courses.

6. Research Team Organization

The research team comprises the principal investigator and the Rekihaku faculty member in charge of the collections, equipment, and facilities to be used.

7. Research Activities and Achievement Reports

The principal investigator will hold meetings and discussions with the Rekihaku faculty member and conduct research in accordance with the aims of 1) or 2). The principal investigator is required to submit a research achievement report by the end of the applicable fiscal year. After the completion of the research, the research achievements may be published in the Bulletin of the National Museum of Japanese History (regular volume).

8. Research Budget

As a rule, the following items of expenditure will be covered within the budget of 300,000 yen.

1) Collections-based:

Travel expenses for investigation of material(s) at Rekihaku and other related materials (costs for transportation, accommodation, and storage media such as memory sticks)

2) Analytical equipment and facilities-based:

Travel expenses, expendable supplies used for analysis, expenses for outsourced analysis, and others.

9. Number of Applications Accepted

Approximately 7. Applications are limited to 1 for each faculty member.

10. How to Apply

For collaborative research plans, the **FY 2020 Collaborative Research Proposal template** is provided. Please follow the link below to download the form. Proposals should be completed and submitted with the approval of the applicant's immediate superior.

[Download the proposal form template (URL of Rekihaku's web site)]

https://www.rekihaku.ac.jp/research/list/joint/public_ad/index.html#b

When applying, it is important that the applicant contacts the Rekihaku faculty member in charge of the collections, equipment, and facilities to make arrangements for their use, and to ensure shared understanding of the research proposal.

- In the event that the principal investigator belongs to a research institution or local government body, prior permission should be obtained from the head of institution (or department). If necessary, please attach a letter of consent (free format).
- In the event that the principal investigator is a graduate student, please attach a letter of recommendation (appended form) from the supervising faculty member.
- Please attach the electronic data of the application document (Collaborative Research Plan) to an email and send it to the mail address listed under [14. Contact & Inquiries]. (Please submit the document by email.)

11. Points to Note

- In the event that the principal investigator is a graduate student, the applicant must enroll in Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research or equivalent accident insurance. Applicants who do not belong to any research organization must also enroll in equivalent accident insurance.
- Items concerning the handling of intellectual property in collaborative research are provided in the National Institutes for the Humanities Intellectual Property Regulations.

12. Submission Deadline for Proposals

Must be received by **Friday, January 24, 2020**

13. Selection Process and Notification of Results

The selection is carried out on the basis of the collaborative research proposals and the candidates will be notified by the end of February. Research proposals and other submissions by applicants not accepted as a result of the selection process will not be returned.

14. Contact for Inquiries

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