

National Museum of Japanese History
FY 2021 Application Guidelines for Collaborative Research

1. Overview

The purpose of collaborative research hosted by **the National Museum of Japanese History (Rekihaku)**, the National Institutes for the Humanities, the Inter-University Research Institute Corporation aims for interdisciplinary collaboration of history, archaeology, and the study of folklore and folklife as well as related fields including analytical science. Applications from both within and outside the Museum are invited through this open call, with the aim of enhancing collaborative access an Inter-University Research Institute and contributing to research and education at universities and other institutions.

2. Categories of Collaborative Research

Applications for FY 2021 can be made under the following categories of collaborative research. (Note: This year, we won't invite applicants for Principle Research.)

● **Fundamental Research 1 (Topics to be selected)**

With the goal of developing new research foundations such as research perspectives and methods, this type of fundamental research is designed to make archaeological, historical, and folk resources accessible for research purposes through advanced information infrastructure. The principal investigator (PI) is free to select a research topic under the following condition.

Topics should be related to “Museum-based Research Integration” in which Rekihaku takes the initiative or “Constructing Integrated Studies of Cultural and Research Resources”.

Research Topic	Interdisciplinary research whose major goal is to make archaeological, historical, and folk resources accessible for research purposes through advanced information infrastructure
Research Period	3 years starting from FY 2021
Research Meetings	3 to 4 times per year at Rekihaku etc.
Principal Investigator (PI)	The PI is responsible for preparing the research plan, organizing team meetings, and synthesizing research achievements. In addition, the PI is required to submit a report for each FY and, as a rule, present a report at the outcome report meeting after end of the research period.
Deputy Principal Investigator (DPI)	The DPI must be a faculty member of Rekihaku
Research Organization	About 10 members, including researchers who are able to carry out research collaboratively and faculty members of Rekihaku

Research Budget	Maximum of approximately 2,250,000 yen per year (travel expenses, expendable supplies etc.)
No. of topics expected to be adopted	3

● **Fundamental Research 2 (Pre-selected topics of Rekihaku's collections)**

This type of fundamental research is designed for research topics and research proposals focusing on Rekihaku's collections. Please see the "Focal Museum Collections" table below for applicable materials.

Research Topic	Collaborative research on resources held and designated by Rekihaku (To be selected from below)
Focal Museum Collections	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research on utilization of the Shoso-in Documents (reproduction) (Assoc. Prof. Ogura, History Division) 2. The Artifacts excavated from the Hirota-Site in Kagoshima Pref. (Prof. Fujio, Archaeology Division) 3. The Clothing Materials of the Mizushima family collections(H-1-1911-1) (Assoc. Prof. Sawada, Museum Science Division) 4. The Map of Nukata-dera and its Vicinity(H-108) and Eizanji estate Documents (H-74)(Ancient Shoen Materials)(Prof. Nito, History Division)
Research Period	3 years starting from FY 2021
Research Meetings	3 to 4 times per year at Rekihaku etc.
Principal Investigator (PI)	The PI is responsible for preparing the research plan, organizing team meetings, and synthesizing research achievements. In addition, the PI is required to submit a report for each FY and, as a rule, present a report at the outcome report meeting after the end of the research period.
Deputy Principal Investigator (DPI)	The DPI must be a faculty member of Rekihaku.
Research Organization	About 10 members, including researchers who are able to carry out research collaboratively and faculty members of Rekihaku
Research Budget	Maximum of approximately 2,250,000 yen per year (travel expenses, expendable supplies etc.)
No. of topics expected to be adopted	1

3. Eligibility

- 1) Researchers employed by universities or other research institutions in Japan or overseas (full-time or part-time)
- 2) Researchers who have research capabilities equivalent to criteria (1) above (This does not include graduate students.)

4. Application procedure

For collaborative research plans, **FY2021 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 candidate's immediate superior.

[Collaborative Research Plan download (URL of Rekihaku's web site)]

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

Before making a formal application and preparing the research proposal, the candidate should contact a faculty member of Rekihaku as potential Deputy Principal Investigator and adequately discuss the research plan and research methods. Contact information for the faculty members is available upon request at the Research and Education Section of the Research Affairs Division.

5. Submission method of application documents

Please attach the electronic data of the application document (Collaborative Research Plan) to an email and send it to the mail address listed under [10. Contact & Inquiries]. (Please submit the document by email.)

6. Submission Deadline for Proposals

Must be received by Friday, August 28, 2020

7. Selection Process and Notification of the Results

On the basis of the collaborative research proposals, applications will be evaluated in the primary review in September. Faculty members of Rekihaku and the external members of the Collaborative Research Committee of the Executive Council will review the documents, and if necessary, they will hold interviews as well. The secondary review will be held in mid November to mid December, during which the Collaborative Research Committee of the Executive Council will interview selected applicants. Following the deliberations by the Executive Council, the final decision will be made by the Director-General. The results of the selection process will be notified to candidates promptly after the decision is made.

Research proposals and other submissions by candidates not accepted as a result of the selection process will not be returned.

8. Use of Facilities

Collaborative researchers have access to facilities of Rekihaku including the library resources, the museum collections, computers, and various research instruments.

9. Report of Research Achievements

- An annual report is to be submitted each year.
- Publication of the research achievements in Rekihaku's research report ("Bulletin of the National Museum of Japanese History") is required within 3 years from the completion of the research.

10. Contact & Inquiries

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