

Call for ILCAA Joint Research Projects (by Visiting Researchers) 2026–2027
Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa (ILCAA)
Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

The Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa (ILCAA) is now calling for proposals for ILCAA Joint Research Projects, to be conducted between 2026 and 2027. In this category, each visiting foreign researcher will collaborate with one or more ILCAA research staff members.

The joint researchers already joining other ILCAA Joint Research Projects, including “ILCAA Joint Research Projects for KKLO” and “ILCAA Joint Research Projects for young researchers”, are also eligible to apply for this category, even if they serve as project coordinators co-coordinators.

1. Requirements for Joint Research Project

- 1) The proposed joint research project must be conducted by a foreign researcher who will stay at ILCAA for a specified period between 2026 and 2027, with one or more members of the ILCAA research staff.
- 2) The joint research project must concern Asia and/or Africa (excluding Japan).
- 3) The area of the research project must fall under linguistics, cultural anthropology, history, or area studies.
- 4) Upon the completion of the project, the research results must be disseminated in the form of publications.

2. Requirements for Applicants

Applicants must meet all of the requirements below:

- 1) In principle, applicants shall be non-Japanese nationals holding a full-time post at an academic research institution/organization outside of Japan. Japanese nationals are eligible only if they have been employed as a full-time researcher at an academic research institution/ organization outside of Japan for 10 years or more.
- 2) Applicants must possess research capabilities equivalent to that of professor or associate professor.
- 3) Applicants should be in good health for conducting the research.

3. Number of Projects to be Accepted

Approximately five

4. Project Period

The project will be conducted from September 1, 2026 to August 31, 2027. Successful applicants will obtain the status of “joint researcher” for the project period.

5. Period / Duration of Stay at ILCAA

Successful applicants must stay at ILCAA as foreign researchers for at least four months and up to six months during the project period. In general, the period of stay will be fall within one of the following terms:

(1) 1st term: from September 2026 to March 2027

(2) 2nd term: from April 2027 to July 2027

The successful applicants must choose a consecutive stay of four to six months within the 1st term, or a consecutive stay of four months within the 2nd term. They may continue their research projects at any location during the periods they are not in residence. They should consult the ILCAA Administrative Office (Joint Research Center Section, Research Promotion Division) through the host ILCAA staff member if they want to stay during a period spreading across the two terms.

6. Terms and Conditions of Employment and Salary for Visiting Foreign Researchers

- 1) Foreign researchers will receive a salary during their stay at ILCAA, if eligible, based on the regulations of the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies. (Prior to submitting the application, applicants must consult their institution/organization and/or country of residence as to whether they are eligible to receive a salary from ILCAA.)
- 2) An office will be allocated to each foreign researcher and the Institute's other facilities and equipment will be available to them during their stay at ILCAA. Accommodation may be arranged at the International Residence on campus. (If the applicant plans to be accompanied by family members, they must inform the ILCAA Administrative Office (Joint Research Center Section, Research Promotion Division) through the host ILCAA staff member at the time of application.)
- 3) The Japanese social insurance system is applied during the period of employment.

- 4) Round-trip travel expenses between the foreign researcher's permanent address and ILCAA will be provided in accordance with our university regulations. Expenses for the family members are not covered.
- 5) Foreign researchers will be required to give a presentation on their research project at academic meetings during their stay, and to submit a report on the achievements and results of their work at the end of the project period.
- 6) During the employment period, foreign researchers must carry out research at ILCAA. Overseas business trips are permitted only for those giving presentations at international academic meetings or for those engaging in a collaborative field research activity accompanied by their host ILCAA staff member. Foreign researchers may go on other overseas trips only during paid holidays that are granted as per the regulations of the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies.

7. Application Process

1) Prior Consultation

In order to submit a proposal for the ILCAA joint research project, the applicant needs to contact an ILCAA research staff member with whom the applicant plans to collaborate on the project. After sufficient consultation on the research plan, please state the name of the staff member on the application form as the applicant's host ILCAA staff member (For a list of staff and their areas of research, see the Appendix).

* If the applicant plans to collaborate with multiple ILCAA staff members, please designate one as the host ILCAA staff member and clearly state their name in the application. To avoid miscommunication, all application submissions and correspondence with the ILCAA Administrative Office must be conducted through host staff member.

2) Required Documents and Submission

The applicant must first submit the following documents to the host ILCAA staff member.

As the ILCAA staff member must submit them to the ILCAA Administrative Office by November 28, 2025 (JST), the applicant must set the submission deadline before the date in consultation with the staff. The host ILCAA staff member will check the documents and send them to the ILCAA Administrative Office (Joint Research Center Section, Research Promotion Division) as PDF. Only applications made in English or Japanese will be accepted.

The required documents are as follows. Please download the formats from the ILCAA

Website (<http://www.aa.tufs.ac.jp/en/projects/jrp>):

- ① Application Form, Educational Background and Work Experience (Please use the specified formats which are available on the ILCAA website
<<http://www.aa.tufs.ac.jp/en/projects/jrp>>)
- ② List of research achievements (in any format) and three publications
- ③ Research proposal for the joint project that includes:
 - (i) research outline
 - (ii) background of the research
 - (iii) role of the ILCAA research staff member in the project as a joint researcher
 - (iv) expected outcomes (The proposal must be no more than three A4 or letter-size pages in length. Proposals including plans to co-author books or articles with the project participant(s) will be given preference in the selection process)
- ④ Letter of consent for the application from the head or divisional head of the institution/organization to which the applicant belongs. The letter must be printed on the letterhead of the applicant's current institution/organization.
- ⑤ Explanation of Acceptance Status (It must be prepared by the host ILCAA staff member. (*see 8.))

8. Preparation and Submission of an Explanation of Acceptance Status

The host ILCAA staff member who will conduct the joint research with the applicant must prepare an “Explanation of Acceptance Status” and send it with other required documents submitted by the applicant to the ILCAA Administrative Office (Joint Research Center Section, Research Promotion Division) by November 28, 2025 (JST) as PDF.

9. Notification of the Result

ILCAA will inform the applicants of the result of the screening by the end of March 2026.

10. Inquiries

Inquiries should be addressed to the host ILCAA staff member with whom the applicant plans to conduct the joint research. Even if multiple ILCAA staff members are involved, please direct all inquiries through the designated host staff member (see 7.1)).

Appendix (En): List of the ILCAA Staff Members

Professors:

ARAKAWA, Shintaro. Prof., Tangut Language and its Philology

HOSHI, Izumi. Prof., Linguistics of Tibetan Area

ISHIKAWA, Hiroki. Prof., History of Sub-Saharan Africa

KAWAI, Kaori. Prof., Anthropology, East African Pastoralism

KONDO, Nobuaki. Prof., History of Modern Iran

KUREBITO, Tokusu. Prof., Chukchi Language

KUROKI, Hidemitsu. Prof., Area Studies of the Middle East, Modern History of the Arab East

NAKAYAMA, Toshihide. Prof., Wakashan Languages (North American Pacific Northwest Coast),
Morphosyntax, Linguistic Typology

NODA, Jin. Prof., History of Central Asia, Russia-Qing relations

OTA, Nobuhiro. Prof., History of South Asia

SAWADA, Hideo. Prof., Description of Burmish Minority Languages, Study of the Systems of
Indic Scripts in Mainland Southeast Asia

SHIINO, Wakana. Prof., Social Anthropology, Ethnography of East Africa

SHIOHARA, Asako. Prof., Linguistics, Languages in Indonesia

TAKAMATSU, Yoichi. Prof., Ottoman History, Diplomats, Archival Science

TOGAWA, Masahiko. Prof., Cultural Anthropology of South Asia, Bengal Studies

TOKORO, Ikuya. Prof., Anthropology of South-East Asian Islanders

WATANABE, Honoré. Prof., Salishan Languages

YAMAKOSHI, Yasuhiro. Prof., Mongolic Languages

Associate Professors:

ADACHI, Mayumi. Assoc. Prof., Vietnamese Language, Pragmatics, Sociolinguistics

GOTO, Emi. Assoc. Prof., Contemporary Islamic Studies, Gender

KAWAI, Aya. Assoc. Prof., Anthropology, Southeast Asia, Orang Asli

KOGURA, Norikazu. Assoc. Prof., Descriptive Linguistics, Sibe (Spoken Manchu)

KURABE, Keita. Assoc. Prof., Tibeto-Burman Languages, Languages in Myanmar

OGURA, Satoshi. Assoc. Prof., South Asian History

SHINAGAWA, Daisuke. Assoc. Prof., Descriptive Linguistics on Bantu Languages

YOSHIDA, Yukako. Assoc. Prof., Cultural Anthropology on Indonesian performing arts, religions,
and mask cultures

Assistant Professors:

KANDA, Yui. Assist. Prof., Material cultures in the Muslim World; Islamic art and architecture;
ceramics; manuscripts; metalwork; Persian literature; Arabic and Persian epigraphy; The
arts of the Safavids; Twelver Shī‘ism; Persian documents; Text transmission

KURONUMA, Taichi. Assist. Prof., Archaeology, Study of historical landscape in Southeast
Arabia

MURATSU, Ran. Assist. Prof., Cultural Anthropology, Visual / Multimodal Anthropology,
Religions in West Africa

OGATA, Shirabe. Assist. Prof., Anthropology of Arts, Nigerian area studies

TAKAHASHI, Yona. Assist. Prof., Linguistics in Hebrew, Semitic and Afroasiatic languages

UETA, Naoki. Assist. Prof., Linguistics, Phonetics and Phonology, Mongolian