

Call for ILCAA Joint Research Projects (by Short-Term Visitors) 2026
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 by Short-Term Visitors, to be conducted between 2026 and 2027. In this category, each individual researcher will conduct joint research with one or more ILCAA research staff members during a short-term stay at the Institute. Prospective project coordinators are required to prepare required documents, including the Application for Joint Research Projects (by Short-Term Visitors), and submit them.

1. Requirements for Joint Research Project

- 1) The research project must concern Asia and/or Africa.
- 2) The area of the research project must fall under linguistics, cultural anthropology, history, or area studies.

Applicants must submit a proposal that aligns with 1) or 2) (or both), referring to the following themes currently being addressed at the Institute.

- [Unraveling Polarization and Symbiosis in Transcultural Situations: Building a Platform for “Sharing” and “Dialogue” of Humanities Knowledge with People from Asia and Africa](#)
- [Description and Documentation of Language Dynamics in Asia and Africa: Toward a More In-depth Understanding of the Languages and Cultures of People Living in Asia and Africa \(DDDLing\)](#)
- [Anthropological Inquiry of Sociality: Dynamics of Tolerance/Intolerance in Transcultural Contexts](#)
- [Field Archiving of Memory: Dynamics of Cooperation in Muslim Society](#)
- Construction of theories related to field sciences

2. Application Eligibility

The following individuals are eligible to apply: graduate students, faculty members or researchers belonging to a university or research institution, or individuals with equivalent research capabilities. Those who are not currently affiliated with any institution or who do not hold a formal research position are also eligible. Applicants with institutional affiliations

must obtain prior informal consent from their institution before applying. JSPS fellows must also confirm with their affiliated (host) institution before submitting an application. Graduate students must consult with an ILCAA staff member and obtain prior consent from their academic advisor.

In addition, 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 or co-coordinators.

3. Number of Projects to be Accepted

Approximately five

4. Project Period / Location

In principle, successful applicants must conduct their research at ILCAA for a period of one week to three months, during the project term from April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027, as designated by the Institute.

5. Required Documents for Application

- ① Curriculum Vitae (Use a standard commercial format or an equivalent one, and attach a recent profile photo)
- ② Letter of approval from the head of the institution/organization to which the applicant belongs (if the applicant is employed)
- ③ Application for Joint Research Projects (by Short-Term Visitors) 2026 (Use specified format and complete the following)

(1) Title of the proposed joint research project

(2) Name of the host ILCAA staff member

For the research areas of the ILCAA staff, please see the Appendix and refer to the ILCAA website for further details.

https://www.aa.tufs.ac.jp/en/staff_status/research_staff/

(3) Research objectives

Please include the research topic, outline and background of project, the role of the host ILCAA staff member as a joint researcher, the schedule during your stay, and the expected research outcomes.

(4) Publications

Please list your research history and major publications related to the joint research

project you are applying for.

(5) Proposed research period

Please indicate the requested period of the joint research.

6. Entry and Submission

All applications must be completed and submitted electronically.

- 1) Prior to application, the applicants must fill in the entry form on the ILCAA website.
ILCAA Website : https://www.aa.tufs.ac.jp/en/projects/joint_task/application/
- 2) After completing the entry, you will receive an auto-reply email containing the URL for document submission. The applicant must upload the required documents onto the specified URL by the following submission date.

When submitting, please ensure the file name begins with 【Name_】 (e.g.: If your name is Taro GAIGO, the file name must be “ 【Taro GAIGO_】 Application for ILCAA Joint Research Projects (by Short-Term Visitors) 2026.pdf”)

Submission Date : Friday, November 28, 2025
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7. Screening and Result Notification

Paper screening will be conducted by our Advisory Committee for Research Collaboration which includes a majority of external members. The result of screening will be notified from the Director of ILCAA to each applicant during February 2026.

8. Research Facilities

The coordinator of each project may use documents and equipment belonging to ILCAA as a short-term joint researcher.

9. Travel Expenses

Travel expenses up to 100,000JPY will be provided in accordance with the rules of ILCAA. Multiple short-term stays are permitted within this budget limit.
However, no travel expenses will be provided for one-way trips under 50 kilometers.

10. Submission of Research Report

The project coordinator is required to submit a research report (approximately 1200 characters in Japanese, or 600 words in English) to the Director of ILCAA within one month

following the conclusion of their project. The report will be made openly available on the ILCAA website.

11. Contact

Joint Research Center Section, Research Promotion Division

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*Any adopted research projects will be conducted on the assumption that the budget for the joint research projects is brought into the force.

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