

Guidelines for Nomination for the Fifth (2023) NIHU International Prize in Japanese Studies

1. Objective

The Inter-University Research Institute Corporation National Institutes for the Humanities (hereinafter, “NIHU”) established the NIHU International Prize in Japanese Studies in January 2019 with cooperation from the Kuraray Foundation. This award is aimed at not only promoting the international development of Japanese studies, but also deepening and boosting the comprehension of Japanese culture.

The prize is awarded to a researcher based overseas who has achieved outstanding academic achievements in Japanese literature, language, history, folklore, ethnology, environment, and other fields in the Humanities, and who has made a significant contribution to the international development of Japanese studies, and honors his/her performance.

2. Eligible fields

The prize is awarded to studies in fields related to Japan and the humanities, including literature, linguistics, history, folklore, ethnology, and environmental studies.

3. Number of laureates: 1

The laureate of the prize will be presented with a certificate of merit, a trophy and a cash prize of 20,000 U.S. dollars.

The laureate will also be invited to the presentation ceremony to be held in Japan (planned in December 2023) and a commemorative lecture meeting will also be held.

Round-trip airfare to and from Japan will also be provided for the laureate and his/her partner, with an additional 500,000 yen for the cost of two persons' stay in Japan.

4. Eligible persons

1) The prize is granted to a researcher based outside of Japan who has greatly contributed to the international development of Japanese studies by making an outstanding academic achievement in one of the eligible fields shown in Section 2.

*In addition to researchers residing outside of Japan, eligible persons also include those who have a track record in research activities based outside of Japan.

*No restrictions according to nationality.

2) Persons who were nominated for the prize in the past remain eligible for three years (three times including the one when they were nominated), in principle.

5. Right to nominate

A nomination for no more than one nominee for the prize will be accepted by the following organizations. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

- 1) Universities (nominations from faculties and equivalent institutions are accepted), inter-university research institutes, academic associations, and similar institutions in Japan that are related to studies in the humanities.
- 2) Overseas universities and similar institutions that have concluded an agreement with NIHU or one of the six inter-university research institutes of NIHU (National Museum of Japanese History, National Institute of Japanese Literature, National Institute for Japanese Language and Linguistics, International Research Center for Japanese Studies, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature, and National Museum of Ethnology).

Persons who hold the right to nominate are as follows.

[Organizations in Japan]:	Deans of related faculties, graduate schools and research institutions as well as heads of inter-university research institutes, academic associations and similar institutions.
[Organizations overseas]:	Heads of universities (or faculties, departments, etc.) and research institutions related to Japanese studies.

6. How to nominate

Fill in the Nomination Form (separate form), affix the official seal of the head of the organization (a signature is also accepted in the case of a university or similar institution overseas) on the form, and submit it to the address below in “11. Where to submit the nomination documents”.

* Please note that the form to be used for the nomination differs between *Organizations in Japan* and *Organizations overseas* as shown in the table below.

Location of	Form to be used
Organizations in Japan	Form 1
Organizations Overseas	Form 2 (English) or Form 3 (Japanese)

7. Deadline

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

By postal mail: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 (postmarked)

By email: No later than Tuesday, June 13 17:00, 2023 (JST)

8. Selection and notification of the result

Around September 2023, nominees for the prize will be selected by the International Prize in Japanese Studies Selection Committee, which will be set up in NIHU, and the results of the selection will be sent to the organizations that submitted nominees for the prize.

The result of the selection will be published on the website of NIHU after confirming whether the laureate has accepted the prize.

Even where multiple organizations nominate an identical nominee, the selection of a laureate will be made strictly by the committee based on the contents of each nomination document, without considering the number of nomination documents.

9. Presentation ceremony and commemorative lecture meeting

The prize presentation ceremony and commemorative lecture meeting are planned to be held around December 2023.

10. Others

- 1) No change or addition to the information provided in the nomination documents will be accepted after they are submitted.
- 2) Submitted nomination documents will not be returned.
- 3) Regardless of the provisions of the above "4. Eligible persons 2)," nomination documents may be submitted again for this year's selection if there is any change to their contents.
- 4) No inquiries will be accepted about the results of the selection.
- 5) Please note that the information to be disclosed includes the name and a brief history of the laureate as well as the research achievements for which the Prize will be granted.
- 6) The laureate may be requested to cooperate in the formation of an international network concerning Japanese studies, which is being promoted by NIHU.
- 7) Personal information contained in nomination documents will be tightly controlled in accordance with the Regulations on the Protection of Personal Information Held by the National Institutes for the Humanities and relevant laws and will only be used for the selection. The information will be responsibly and subsequently discarded.

11. Where to submit the nomination documents

Please submit the nomination documents to the following address by postal mail or email. If you choose to submit by postal mail, please make sure to choose a delivery method that can track your mail and confirm the delivery of the documents to NIHU using the tracking number of your documents, to ensure that the documents have reached NIHU.

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*Please replace☆with @ to send an e-mail.

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