

VISITING RESEARCHER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

leading to Ph.D

April 1, 2019

We provide two years for you to focus. You provide an outstanding Ph.D. thesis.

The Asian Research Institute for International Social Work (ARIISW) at Shukutoku University in Chiba, Japan, is now offering a VISITING RESEARCHER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM leading to Ph.D. ("VR *Rompaku* Program"). **Rompaku*** is the system for earning a Ph.D. through Japan's dissertation program, requiring no supervisor or course work. The program is intended for **qualified researchers** who have already made a substantial effort towards completing their dissertation. We welcome you as a Visiting Researcher, not as a student. The program aims to help meet the growing demand for both a greater quantity and higher quality of educators in social work at Asian schools.

Please apply if you are interested in the fields of either

International Social Work/Social Welfare Studies
or Asian Buddhist Social Work



Qualifications:

- (1) A master's degree or its equivalent
- (2) Readiness to complete a Ph.D. thesis (Preferably, applicants have already written some parts of the dissertation; or determined the thesis topic and its conceptual framework.)
- (3) Three letters of recommendation

Features of the program:

- (1) Secures time to concentrate on completing a dissertation thesis without outside obligations.
- (2) Provides research methodology courses (e.g., "qualitative," "quantitative," and "thesis writing skills") and International Social Work and Essence of Social Work (for non-MSW holders) at the Institute. Courses directly related to relevant social work subjects (e.g., children, disability, the elderly, poverty, and disasters) are not offered. All courses are tutorial.

*** Rompaku:**

Language: English (or Japanese)

Application Period:

April 1, 2019 – May 10, 2019

Program Starting Date (Arrival day):

October 2, 2019

Program Period: Up to Three (3) years

Residency in Japan: Up to two (2) years

Number of visiting researchers to be accepted: One (1) per year

Details and Application Form:

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Please note that *Rompaku* is not a discounted Ph.D. program, and may be more difficult to complete than a typical one. ARIISW supports and recommends VRs for the dissertation submission to the Graduate School of Social Welfare, Shukutoku University. The Graduate School will examine the thesis and award the Ph.D.

