

Asian Research Institute for International Social Work, Shukutoku University  
**VISITING RESEARCHER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**  
leading to Ph.D.



 INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL WORK/SOCIAL WELFARE  
or  
 Asian Buddhist Social Work

*Need a quiet space and enough time to concentrate on writing your dissertation?*

*Do you want to continue your research to complete your thesis?*

**ARIISW welcomes you as our colleague!**

This may be the last chance to get Ph.D. for you, a capable matured university faculty member or the equivalent. The Asian Research Institute for International Social Work (ARIISW), Shukutoku University, presents the time to you to complete writing the Ph.D. dissertation, up to two years, with stipends. We accept you as Visiting Researcher, not a student. ARIISW does not provide any supervisors. You will write your thesis of yourself and by yourself. Our university Graduate School of Social Welfare, the degree grant body, will review, examine to make a judgement if your thesis is qualified for the doctoral degree. Rompaku, means "Ph.D. through thesis only", and is the traditional Ph.D. program in Japan. This is never an easier Ph.D. program than other prevailing programs. The program aims to help meet the growing demand for both a greater quantity and higher quality of educators and social work schools in Asia. We look forward to your challenge!

## Important Dates and Information:

Application Period: **April 1, 2020 – May 10, 2020**

Program Starting Date (Arrival day): **October 7, 2020**

Program Period: Up to **Three (3) years**

Residency in Japan with stipends: Up to **two (2) years**

Language: **English (or Japanese)**

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

**\*Due to the spread of Covid-19, ARIISW may change the starting day.**

## 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. All courses are designed to improve your skills and knowledge as a teaching staff (not as a student). Courses directly related to relevant social work subjects (e.g., children, disability, the elderly, poverty, and disasters) are not offered. All courses are tutorial.

### **Details and Application Form:**

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