

Opportunities for Overseas Researchers to Spend Time at RIHN

RIHN has established two programs to enable overseas researchers to spend several months at the Institute, engaging in research and interacting with other RIHN researchers. The basic idea is that such visits benefit both the researcher and the Institute. The programs are open to researchers based outside of Japan (including those with Japanese nationality) and researchers based in Japan with a nationality other than Japanese. Candidates for both schemes are selected competitively.

- The RIHN **Invited Scholar Program** enables overseas researchers to spend between one and three months at RIHN and to contribute to the development of the Institute's intellectual foundations and strategic directions. Invited Scholars should be widely recognized in their fields and able to provide a strategic overview of the relevance of their disciplinary or interdisciplinary studies to RIHN's engagement in global environmental studies. Invited Scholars are selected based on nomination by RIHN faculty members who act as their host. Invited Scholars are employed by RIHN during their stay and receive a stipend.
- The RIHN **Visiting Research Fellow Program** brings overseas researchers to the Institute for periods of two to six months to engage in specific research in the context of one of the RIHN Programs, Projects or Units of RIHN Center and Strategic Planning and Management Department. Visiting Fellows are not employed by RIHN, but their travel, accommodation and daily expenses are covered by an allowance. Visiting Fellows are selected based on applications from the candidates themselves. RIHN faculty members act as hosts during the stay and candidates are required to identify and consult with potential hosts before applying.

Brief comparison of the schemes

	Invited Scholar	Visiting Research Fellow
Role at RIHN	Contribute to the development of the intellectual foundations and strategic directions of the Institute	Engage in specific research in the context of one of the RIHN Programs, Projects, or Units
Basic requirements	Be employed at a home institution and have rich and broad research experience	Be employed at a home institution* and have at least 3 years' postdoctoral research experience or equivalent *Applicants should maintain their employment status at the home institution until the end of placement at RIHN
Selection procedure	Competitive based on nomination by RIHN faculty member (most of the paperwork is the responsibility of the faculty member)	Competitive based on application by candidate to an open call (most of the paperwork is the responsibility of the applicant)
Period of Stay	1 month – 3 months *Subject to change based on the budget ability	2 months – 6 months *Subject to change based on the budget ability
Conditions while at RIHN	Employed by RIHN	Not employed by RIHN, costs covered