

Application for Senior Research Fellow at the Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture

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Open Search for a Senior Research Fellow

The Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture (Nanzan University) is accepting applications for the position of full-time Senior Research Fellow.

Job Title: Senior Research Fellow (full, associate, or assistant professor)

Number of hires: 1

Affiliation: Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture

Research specialization: Theology, Interreligious Dialogue, or Religious Studies with a focus on Christianity

Duties:

1. Maintain personal research.
2. Operations related to the management of the Institute, planning and execution of various events (such as lectures and seminars), editing of publications, and other administrative duties.
3. Teach 12 credit hours per year.
4. In accordance with employee's consent, the employment conditions (including the allocation of working hours) shall be subject to the Japanese Discretionary Labor System (*sairyō rōdōsei*).

Appointment: Begins 1 April 2027

Qualifications:

1. PhD in Religious Studies, Theology, or related field.
2. A history of academic publications and participation in international academic conferences within Japan or abroad, preferably in both Japanese and English.
3. Willingness to engage in administrative duties as a member of the research institute and university.
4. Although nationality is not a factor, sufficient Japanese and English language ability to carry out Institute and university administrative duties is required.
5. Willingness to reside in or near the Nagoya area.

Deadline for application: Required material must arrive by 4 p.m. on 15 May 2026.

Required documentation:

1. Cover letter explaining how the candidate's research contributes to the research activities of the Institute.

2. Complete curriculum vitae (*rirekisha*) including photo, academic qualifications, work history, awards, and membership in academic associations. Please include contact information (email address and phone number).
3. List of research and teaching activities (*gyōseki*) including monographs (including MA thesis and PhD dissertation), academic articles, conference presentations, and the history and status of funding grants. Clearly demarcate peer-reviewed academic publications. Also note any experience of supervising graduate students.
4. Submit five representative books or articles (including PhD dissertation), summarizing the content of each in approximately 100 words.
5. Copy of diploma (copy of transcript is also possible).

Notice:

1. Additional documents may be requested.
2. Final candidates will be asked to submit two letters of reference.
3. Interviews may be conducted following the screening of applications. Should an interview be scheduled, any expenses such as travel shall be borne by the applicant. An online interview may be permitted for candidates residing abroad or candidates who are unable to attend in person.

Submission of application:

1. Digital submission:

Contact staff at shubunken-koubo@nanzan-u.ac.jp by 8 a.m. on 11 May 2026 for instructions.
(Office staff will reply as soon as possible during working hours.)

2. Send by mail to:

NIRC Search Committee
c/o Director, Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture
Nanzan University
18 Yamazato-cho, Showa-ku, Nagoya, Japan 466-8673

Send inquiries to shubunken-koubo@nanzan-u.ac.jp.

Addenda:

- Materials submitted for the application will not be returned to the applicant. If you wish a printed materials to be returned, please submit a self-addressed envelope with instructions.
- Information gathered for the application process will be handled in a confidential manner in line with Nanzan policies concerning private information and will not be used for any purpose other than the application process.