

Call for Applications for The “12th Professor Josef Kreiner Hosei University Award for International Japanese Studies”

The image shows a collage of promotional materials for the award. On the left, there is a Japanese fan and a QR code. In the center, there is a Japanese call for applications document. On the right, there is an English call for applications document with a table of contents.

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 ➤ If the paper is co-authored, the applicant must be the lead author of the manuscript and provide a statement detailing each co-author's relative contributions.

(2) Submission Guidelines
Please include the following with your submission:
 ➤ A cover letter with a summary of your work (1-2 pages).
 ➤ Curriculum Vitae (including your name, contact, year of birth, current and past positions, list of publications, awards, etc.).
 ➤ A copy of your work for consideration.

(3) Deadline
The application must reach us no later than Tuesday, June 30th, 2026.
 ➤ Please send all the required documents to shimizu@hosei.ac.jp.
 ➤ Please state "Application for the Hosen University Award for International Japanese Studies" in the Subject of your email.
 ➤ Please convert your documents to PDF and send them to the above-stated address, either as an attachment (maximum 8 MB) or through online storage services.
 ➤ If you want to send the application by post, please send them to the following address: (Mailing Address) Hosen University Research Center for International Japanese Studies, 2-17-1 Fujiga, Utsunomiya, Tokyo 385-8501, JPN/AO.

Selection Process
All submitted works will be reviewed by the selection committee (in principle, composed of at least three members). Then, the faculty committee of HIJAS will make the final decision.
 ➤ HIJAS will send an announcement of the result to the successful applicants and publish the chosen applicant's name and summary of the work on the official website of HIJAS.
 ➤ HIJAS will invite the award winner to a presentation ceremony held in Japan on a convenient day before the beginning of March 2027. The total expense consisting of a round trip flight (economy class), city transportation from the airport upon arrival in Japan to the place of stay in Japan, and accommodation in Japan (for three nights) will all be covered by HIJAS.
 ➤ If the winning book or article is co-authored, only the first author (i.e. applicant) will be invited to the ceremony.
 ➤ The award winner will make a speech at HIJAS on the basis of selected work.
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 ➤ If the award winner is unable to travel to Japan due to unavoidable reasons, presentation ceremony and speech will be held online, and an additional 10,000 Japanese Yen (cash) will be given as an exchange for the transportation cost.

Contact
If you have any inquiries about the award, please contact us at shimizu@hosei.ac.jp | Hosen University Research Center for International Japanese Studies.

▲ Application guidelines in PDF

1. Purpose

HIJAS holds several academic awards to invigorate the field of International Japanese Studies. The “Professor Josef Kreiner Hosen University Award for International Japanese Studies” is for emerging scholars residing outside of Japan. In 2015 HIJAS launched an academic award to publicly celebrate Professor Josef Kreiner in his remarkable academic efforts to promote Japanese studies in Europe and at our institute. We welcome the nomination of publications (books, refereed journal articles, original chapters in an edited book) from emerging scholars residing anywhere outside of Japan. Every year we invite awardees to Hosen University for an award ceremony.

2. Eligibility and Theme

(1) Eligibility

- Scholars whose academic work focus on Japan.
- Scholars who are under 45 years of age (by the time of application).
- Applicants need to either reside outside of Japan or who is affiliated with institutions outside of Japan.
- Past awardees are not eligible to apply for the second time.

(2) Topics and Theme

- a. Outstanding works focusing on Japan in the field of humanities or social sciences.
- b. Research using the database of Japanese Buddhist Art in European Collections (*JBAE).

*JBAE <https://aterui.ws.hosei.ac.jp/jbae/>

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