Center for Asian Legal Exchange (CALE) Nagoya University

CALE Foreign Visiting Research Fellow Program (Call for Applications for Autumn 2025 Round)

Program Overview

The Center for Asian Legal Exchange (CALE) hosts academics from around the world to undertake research and participate in and enrich the research-intensive and vibrant atmosphere of the CALE and the Graduate School of Law of Nagoya University (GSL). Based on this call for applications, CALE will be offering one placement for the Autumn 2025 Round (one to three months within October 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026). Although this program is open for all academics specializing in the field of comparative law and comparative political science, those who conduct research with a particular focus on countries of the Asian Pacific region, ASEAN member states, the former Soviet Union, and Mongolia will be given a preference. A Foreign Visiting Research Fellow will be expected to engage in scholarly and cultural interaction with Nagoya University's faculty and students while staying in Nagoya and contribute to the further CALE and GSL's activities in the future.

Eligibility

Applicant must hold a doctoral degree or equivalent level of education/experience, and be able to demonstrate excellent academic achievements;

Applicant must be at least 35 years old as of the date the fellowship term starts;

Applicants who are willing to contribute to the cause of research and education as part of legal assistance activities in Asia, undertaken by CALE and GSL of Nagoya University;

Applicants with a good command of English or Japanese;

Applicants preferably belonging to universities/research institutions that have entered into academic exchange agreement with CALE/GSL or Nagoya University;

Applicants who preferably teach at the university/research institutions as a lecturer, associate professor or professor.

Application Process

To apply for CALE Foreign Visiting Research Fellow Program, the following documents need to be emailed to cale-jimu@law.nagoya-u.ac.jp by the deadline mentioned below.

- Application form; (Please download the form from https://cale.law.nagoya-u.ac.jp/en/cale_news/cale-visiting-research-fellow-2025)
- 2. A curriculum vitae that includes details of your academic employment, qualifications and publications;
- 3. Research proposal (Two A-4 pages) that outlines the research project, and other scholarly activities including collaborative work with CALE and/or GSL staff you intend to complete during your visit;

Please mention at the title of your email - 'CALE Foreign Visiting Research Fellow Program'. Note that incomplete applications will not be considered.

Deadline for submission

Your application must arrive by February 1, 2025;

The CALE selection committee will review your application and let you know the result within two months after the deadline.

Program duration

One to three months, during the period within October 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026.

Stipend and benefits

CALE will cover (1) a round trip ticket to Japan and (2) a stipend* payable per month of research;

* This stipend is a subject of calculation under Nagoya University rules. The stipend will be calculated by referring to the period between obtaining a doctoral degree and the following number of years in the office. In case if an applicant obtained a doctoral degree after having worked in the relevant field for several years, the whole number of years will be considered. Normally, it will range between 300,000 - 415,000 Japanese Yen including tax and social insurance.

CALE will also assist in reserving accommodation for the Foreign Visiting Research Fellow at the Nagoya University or other dormitory. Room Rent fee and utilities will be charged to a Foreign Visiting Research Fellow;

CALE Foreign Visiting Research Fellows will be provided with a workplace and access to the library services and other research resources.

Program requirements

While staying in Nagoya, a Foreign Visiting Research Fellow is required to conduct intensive research and interact with CALE/GSL faculty and students.

At the end of the term, the Foreign Visiting Research Fellow is expected to submit substantial outcomes of research undertaken in English or Japanese. This research will be published in a Nagoya University journal within six months after completion of the program, if it meets our publication's requirement.

CALE Foreign Visiting Research Fellow is required to participate in future joint research with CALE and/or GSL upon request;

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