

Appendix

AY2026 ANU-RU Visiting Researcher's Program (Dispatch Scheme) - Application Guidelines -

In July 2014, Ritsumeikan University (RU) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Australian National University (ANU) on cooperation and collaboration, affirming that RU will consider implementing student exchange, joint undergraduate programs, research collaboration between the Ritsumeikan Asia-Japan Research Organization/Asia-Japan Research Institute and the ANU College of Asia & the Pacific, and materializing faculty and researcher exchange. In April 2019, moreover, RU opened the College of Global Liberal Arts at the Osaka Ibaraki Campus (OIC), where students will study under a dual degree (joint undergraduate degree) program of ANU and RU.

The ANU-RU Visiting Researcher's Program launched the "Acceptance Scheme" to welcome researchers from ANU to RU in AY2016, and the "Dispatch Scheme" to send RU researchers to ANU is being implemented from AY2019.

Accordingly, two researchers to be dispatched to ANU will be selected within RU based on the following guidelines. Matching will be conducted at ANU between RU researchers and ANU researchers who wish to conduct joint research (separate internal recruitment will be conducted within ANU) with RU researchers, in order to determine the researchers to be dispatched, and the Division of Research will notify the applicants of their adoption or rejection from middle of May 2026 onward.

1. Applicable research areas and program details

In AY2026, two RU researchers interested in collaborating with ANU researchers are invited to apply, focusing on the following research areas aligned with those of the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific.

[Applicable research areas]

Anthropology, Archaeology and Natural History, Asian Studies, Gender, Cultural and Media Studies, History, International Relations, Languages and Linguistics, Pacific Studies, Peace, Conflict and Human Security, Political Science, Politics, Society and Culture, Regional Security, Strategy and Diplomacy

c.f. Research areas: <https://asiapacific.anu.edu.au/research>

Schools and Centres in the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific (CAP):

<https://bellschool.anu.edu.au/> <https://chl.anu.edu.au/> <https://ciw.anu.edu.au/>

[Program details]

For the implementation of the Dispatch Scheme, ANU will cover the travel, domestic transportation, and local accommodation expenses of RU researchers, as well as research activity support expenses totaling AUD10,000 per researcher, which can be used for joint research with ANU researchers.

2. Application eligibility

To apply for this program, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- (1) Professors, Associate Professors, Ninkisei Kyoin (fixed-term faculty) (Professors, Associate Professors, Lecturers, Assistant Professors), Tokunin (specially-appointed) Assistant Professors, Tokubetsu Keiyaku Kyoin (special contract faculty) (Professors, Associate Professors), Tokubetsu Shohei Kyoin (special invited faculty) (Professors, Associate Professors), Eminent Research Professors (Professors, Associate Professors), Research

Professors (Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors), Research Staff (Senior Researchers, Researchers), Project Researchers <JSPS Postdoctoral Fellows (PD/RPD only)>, doctoral students, students in the third year or above of the integrated doctoral course, and students of the four-year doctoral course of Ritsumeikan University.

- (2) Those who wish to stay at ANU for up to three months between June and November 2026 and conduct joint research with ANU researchers. (The period of stay will be based on coordination with the ANU side.)
- (3) Applicants must have the approval of the Dean of their College/Graduate School (for those who are affiliated to College/Graduate School), the host researcher of their Research Organization (for those who are affiliated to Research Organization), or the supervisor (for doctoral students).

3. Dispatch period

Up to three months between June and November 2026.

The academic calendar of ANU is as follows: the first semester ends at the end of May, and the second semester runs from the end of July to early November. Based on the previous year's records, ANU researchers tend to be away outside of the semester period; therefore, it is preferable to dispatch researchers during the semester period to interact with researchers on the ANU side. Applicants should specify the desired dispatch period in the application form.

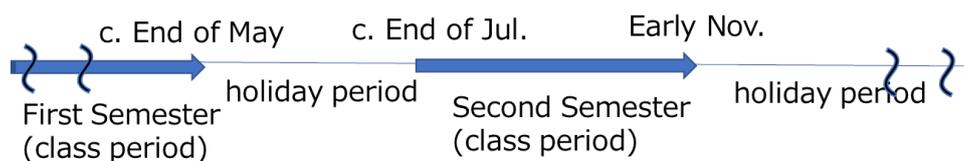


Fig. Outline of ANU academic calendar

4. How to apply

Fill out the prescribed application form (download the form from the Faculty Portal), attach a statement of achievements (in any format) and a letter of approval from the head of your department/host researcher/supervisor(PDF with sign or stamp), and submit it by e-mail to the address below.

Application period: Between Monday, March 9 and noon on Monday, April 13, 2026

Submit to: app-dest@st.ritsumei.ac.jp (In charge: Nakagawa (Ms.), Extension: 510-2417)

5. Schedule (tentative)

Monday, March 9, 2026	Open call for applications
Noon on Monday, April 13	Deadline for applications
Mid-April to mid-May	Researcher matching to be conducted at ANU
From mid-May onward	The Division of Research notifies applicants of adoption or rejection
Late-June	To be reported at the Committee on Research Administration
Between June and November 2026	The selected RU researchers will be dispatched to ANU to conduct joint research after coordinating with the ANU Secretariat on the place of stay, handling of research expenses, and other matters.

6. After conducting joint research

The selected participants shall complete the following actions within one month after the end of their

dispatch period:

- (1) Submit a program dispatch report.
- (2) Based on the researcher network established during the stay at ANU, register overseas researchers who are able to respond to the academic reputation survey in the university rankings published by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), a university evaluation agency in the United Kingdom, using the URL below.*



<https://secure.ritsumei.ac.jp/staff-all/research/member/rank/>

*The academic reputation survey conducted by QS is an online questionnaire in which university faculty members and researchers are asked to list institutions that, in their field of expertise, are conducting “excellent research” (up to 10 universities within their home country and up to 30 universities abroad). The survey results are then reflected in the QS university rankings.