

CALL FOR PAPERS

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The Research and Development Institute of Regional Information (hereinafter called the "RDIRI") will issue its journal, Journal of Regional Information and Development (地域情報研究) in the 2026 fiscal year. We strongly encourage you to submit your writings (both Japanese and English manuscripts are welcomed) for publication.

Eligibility : Applicants must meet at least one of the following requirements

- ① A faculty member of Ritsumeikan University. (Including term-appointed faculty members, assistant professors)
- ② Specially appointed faculty members, visiting faculty members, research fellows, and visiting research associates (of Ritsumeikan University)
- ③ External parties involved in the project of RDIRI
- ④ A part-time lecturer, adjunct lecturer of Ritsumeikan University
- ⑤ A graduate student at Ritsumeikan University (As a general rule, it should be a student in a doctoral program, a research student or a postdoctoral fellow. A student in a master's program must write in collaborate with the advising professor, etc.)
- ⑥ In addition, those approved by the editorial committee to write articles

Theme : Related to the activities of RDIRI

Articles, research notes, book reviews (or review articles), symposium records, case research, or document introduction*.

* Theoretical study is also welcomed. In addition, in the case of field research, the geographical scope is not limited.

Requirement for Publication:

1. About articles;
Those who satisfy eligibility ② or ③, may require peer review. As for eligibility ④ or ⑤, it will be peer reviewed. As for eligibility ⑥, will undergo peer review, unless the Editorial Board has specifically requested that the author write the article. However, in any case, peer review will not be conducted if the author includes the supervising professor or similar faculty member. In addition, we may ask to edit the appearance or format. Peer reviewed article will be quoted as "Peer reviewed article" in Japanese. As a result of peer review, they may be published as "Research notes" instead of "Article".
2. We do not peer review except the "article".
3. Unless a "Research Note" belongs to category ①, it must be approved by the editorial committee.
In any type of style (article, research note, etc.), it may not be published if it is not approved by the committee.

Submission : three items manuscript, submission application form, checklist for writing guidelines.

	Pre Application Form	Submission	Remarks
Peer reviewed Article	Aug. 28, 2026 (Fri.)	Oct. 9, 2026 (Fri.)	Manuscripts submitted early will be reviewed early
Other than above	Nov. 27, 2026 (Fri.)	Jan.15, 2027 (Fri.)	

Date of Issue: The end of March 2027

Language: Japanese or English (Other languages may be accepted if the editorial committee finds it necessary.)

Manuscript Length:

1. Japanese; maximum of 20,000 characters (including charts and tables)
2. English; maximum of 8,000 words (including charts and tables)
3. Other than articles, write it within the number of the words/letters less than the limit mentioned above.

Additional Notes:

1. We especially welcome submissions concerning the results of research projects of RDIRI.
2. Write according to the Article format.
3. The circulation of print media is limited. Writers are able to make the offprint by your own expense.
The contents of the journal will be published online on Ritsumeikan repository(R-Cube) and webpage of RDIRI.
Note: Those who wish to make the offprint, ask the staff the expense and a circulation.
4. Manuscripts should be submitted as Microsoft Word.

Points of concern:

1. Keep the deadline of submission.
2. Keep the manuscript length /number of characters.
3. Fee of writing will not be paid unless you are requested to write by the committee.

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