

ARCUS Project IBARAKI 2025

ARCUS Research

Self-funded residency program from June 2025 to February 2026

ARCUS Summer (June – August 2025): one or two-month

ARCUS Winter (January – February 2026): one month

New! **ARCUS Short** (December 2025): two weeks

ARCUS Research is a short-term and self-funded program that offers an uninterrupted time and contemplative environment for creative experimentation, in-depth fieldwork, and research for practitioners and professionals in art and other cultural fields, including artists, curators, researchers, university educators, or writers. The residency program is available in three terms from June 2025 through February 2026.

Located around an hour from Tokyo and a half hour from Tsukuba City, known for hosting one of the largest accumulations of science and technology institutes in the world, ARCUS Research allows participants to come into contact with the contemporary art scene and leading research institutions, as well as devote themselves to their creative endeavors in a calm environment. The program provides participants from around the world with valuable time and space to reflect, unwind, and nurture the creative process.

Since 1994, ARCUS Project has supported promising artists who engage in creative activities across the world, offering time, space, and a vibrant community to promote exchange through residencies and public programs. Located in a former public school in Moriya City, Ibaraki, ARCUS Project is the most comprehensive and the oldest international contemporary artist-in-residence program in Japan. By utilizing our extensive experiences and resources, ARCUS Project provides an unparalleled environment for supporting artistic experimentations and research for participants at all stages in their careers.

ARCUS Research Summer: one or two-month residency

Duration

One-month residency: 1 to 3 participants for each period

- June 6 – July 5, 2025
- July 10 – August 8, 2025

Two-month residency: 1 to 2 participants

- June 6 – August 8, 2025

Program Fee

One-month residency: JPY270,000 (paid by participants)

Two-month residency: JPY500,000 (paid by participants)

ARCUS Research Winter: one month residency

Duration

One-month residency: 3 participants

- January 15 – February 13, 2026

Program Fee

JPY270,000 (paid by participants)

ARCUS Research Short: two weeks residency

Duration

Two weeks residency: 3 participants

- December 5 – 19, 2025

Program Fee

JPY150,000 (paid by participants)

PROGRAM FEE [Paid by participants]

The fee includes studio space, accommodation, and basic consultation and orientation at the beginning of the residency program. As an option activity, participants are invited to the “Show & Tell” salon to present their work and share projects with the local community at the end of the residency. (*except ARCUS Research Short)

Please note that the accommodation is only for single occupants; an additional fee is charged for further occupants. Additional support such as interpretation, translation, and coordination for research or a project is available for a fee. Please refer to the price list.

<https://shorturl.at/zKLkh>

The participants are required to cover transportation, meals, insurance (accident, health, liability, etc.), work expenses, and other living expenses during their stay.

FUNDING

This is a self-funded residency program. If participants apply for grants from institutions, government agencies, universities in their country/province of origin, ARCUS Project will provide the acceptance letter for grant application once you are selected for the program.

STUDIO INFORMATION

Studio size: 67.5 m² (9 m [W] × 7.5 m [D] × 3.3 m [H])

A spacious and light-filled space facing southwest, the studio was formerly a classroom of a public school (Oisawa Elementary School, 1890–1994). The studio has an internet connection

and basic studio furniture, such as a desk and chairs. The participant is required to bring/prepare the specific tools, equipment, computer, and software necessary for their artistic activities. Although minimum tools (e.g., drill, screwdriver, hammer, saw, etc.) are available, studios are not equipped with professional facilities such as a workshop, studio for shooting, or editing room. Please note that ARCUS Studio also cannot provide SLR cameras, video cameras, tripods, or monitors/projectors. The studio is located on the second floor of the building and is not equipped with an elevator or ramp.

ACCOMODATIOIN INFORMATION

Apartment size: 23.7 m² unless otherwise noted.

Each participant is provided with a furnished studio-style apartment that includes basic electric appliances. A partner or family is allowed to accompany him/her. However, the accommodation is only for single occupants; a fee is charged for further occupants.

ELIGIBILITY

The applicant must:

- be a practitioner or other professional in a cultural and art-related field, including an artist, curator, researcher, or writer.
- not be enrolled at an educational institution during the program period unless a PhD program.
- have English-language ability proficient enough to communicate with staff.

APPLICATION

The following materials should be compiled in one PDF (A4 size) in a folder named “Last name_First name” (e.g., Smith_David) and compressed into a Zip file. The PDF file must not exceed 6 MB. Email the file to arcus@arcus-project.com with “2025 ARCUS Research Application” in the subject line.

- Application form: Please download from the link and complete.
https://www.arcus-project.com/assets/dl/en/2025_ARCUS_Research_EntryForm_EN.docx
Two references: please include their name, title, institution, and email. Short-listed candidates may be asked to provide letters from their references.
- Curriculum vitae: max. 3 pages.
- A project proposal (max. 800 words) that describes the intended focus of your residency. Proposals may include specific projects to develop or complete (e.g., a publication, book, artwork, etc.) or to research a particular topic, in advance of writing or creating a work of art.
- Work samples: These should include 5 works with a caption (title, date, medium, and dimensions/duration for each work) and a brief description (50 words) of each work. If you wish to include video works with your application, please upload the files to a video hosting website such as YouTube and Vimeo, and then include the link(s) in your application.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS

- The screening process will be conducted by the ARCUS Project Selection Committee.

- Applicants may be required to provide additional application materials and a video interview.
- Applicants will be notified via email of the result of their application by the end of January 2025 for ARCUS Research Summer and by the end of March 2025 for ARCUS Research Winter and ARCUS Research Short.
- Please be aware that we cannot respond to individual inquiries concerning the selection process.

DEADLINE

ARCUS Research Summer:

Sunday, December 1st, 2024, by 23:59:59 (JST).

ARCUS Research Winter and ARCUS Research Short:

Saturday, February 1st, 2025, by 23:59:59 (JST).

Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. We cannot accept applications via fax or postal mail.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE AND CANCELLATION POLICY

The program fee is paid in two installments via bank transfer or online transfer. Any bank's remittance charge and foreign exchange lift charge should be covered by the participants.

[1st payment]

50% of the full program fee must be paid by between 59 and 50 days prior to the first day of your residency period.

[2nd payment]

The remaining 50% of the program fee must be paid by 14 days prior to the first day of your residency period.

[Cancellation Policy]

If a participant decides to cancel their participation in the program, for any reason, between the time of signing the agreement and the due date of the first payment, they will be charged a cancellation fee equivalent to 10% of the full program fee. (The agreement is signed approximately five months before the start of the program.)

[Refund Policy]

Cancellation by the participants for any reason will not be subject to refund. However, if the program is cancelled due to pandemic-related travel restrictions, natural disasters, or war, a refund will be made for the amount already paid, excluding half of the cancellation fee for the accommodation and transaction fee.

VISA

The participant is responsible for obtaining visa from the Embassy of Japan or Consulate-General of Japan if the visa is required for entering Japan. The Administration Committee does

not have responsibility for supporting visa but will provide an invitation letter if needed for visa application.

CONTACT

For inquiries, please use the contact form on the ARCUS Project website:

<http://www.arcus-project.com/en/contact/>

Please be aware that we cannot respond to inquiries received after the application period has finished.

ARCUS Studio

Open: Tuesday–Saturday | Office Hours: 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Closed on Sundays, Mondays, and national holidays. Closed on Tuesday if Monday is a national holiday. Any inquiries sent when ARCUS Studio is closed will be answered the next working day.

Please note that this call is subject to change.

Organized by:

ARCUS Project Administration Committee

(Ibaraki Prefectural Government, Moriya City, Ibaraki International Association)