

Application Guidelines for Grant-in-aid for Young Anthropologists and Archaeologists in Memory of Masato Kawai

1. Overview

The Anthropological Society of Nippon (hereinafter referred to as "Society") aims to promote research and education in anthropology and contribute to the advancement of the field. As part of its act, the Society awards a research grant, Grant-in-aid for Young Anthropologists and Archaeologists in Memory of Masato Kawai, (hereinafter referred to as "Grant") to promising young researchers to help them make significant contributions in the future. This grant is funded by the interest of the Masato Kawai Memorial Fund for the Promotion of Anthropology and Archaeology.

2. Applicant requirements

Regular or student members of the Society who meet any of the following criteria as of April 1, 2027.

- 1) members currently enrolled in a graduate school (master or doctoral program) with approval from their supervisor(s)
- 2) members who have withdrawn from a doctoral program but continue their research to obtain a doctoral degree
- 3) members who obtained their doctoral degree less than 10 years ago (excluding the period spent on pre- or post-natal leave or raising a preschool-aged child)

3. Grant amount and number of recipients

Up to 1.5 million Japanese yen each for up to two recipients.

4. Application period

Application will be accepted from October 15 to December 31, 2026.

5. Grant period

Grant period will be from April 2027 to either March 2028 or March 2029. The applicant can select the period.

*We plan to provide grant money to the recipients in the latter half of the April 2027. When choosing two-year period, the applicant should provide the amount to use in each of the two years in their application documents, and the Society will pay corresponding amount at the beginning of each fiscal year.

* If the recipient has to interrupt the research due to unavoidable circumstances—such as illness, injury, childbirth, or childcare leave—the recipient may extend the research period by up to two years by submitting a request for extension to the Society's Liaison Office and obtaining approval.

6. Eligible expenses

The Grant covers general expenses required for research; however, expenses for research funded by other sources—such as Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (KAKENHI)—are excluded.

* Please contact the Society Liaison Office if you have any difficulty determining whether this Grant can be used for a particular expense.

* The Grant, in principle, may not be used to cover the indirect costs (administrative expenses or general overhead) of the institution or organization to which the applicant is affiliated.

7. Application procedure

Please download and use the format below to prepare an application document. Either Japanese or English can be used in the document. When using English, please treat the half of the character limit as a word count limit. The application document should be sent to the Society's Liaison Office via e-mail by December 31.

E-mail address

The Anthropological Society of Nippon Liaison Office : anthropology@kuba.jp

8. Selection process

Recipients will be selected following a rigorous review by the Selection Committee. Results will be announced on the Society's website by the end of March, and recipients will be notified individually. Please note that priority may be given to applicants who have not secured other research funding, such as external grants. We cannot respond to inquiries regarding the details of the selection process.

9. Cancellation and refund

We may request the return of the funds if any of the following facts come to light.

- (1) The application contains false information
- (2) The annual membership fee was not paid
- (3) External funding or equivalent is secured for the same research topic

*If the applicant has applied for other funding (such as KAKENHI grants) at the time of this application for the same research project, the applicant must indicate this in the application documents. In the event that the applicant is selected for this award first, the disbursement of the incentive funds will, in principle, be deferred until the outcome of the other funding application is determined.

- (4) Other cases where the Society's Board determines that the recipient is not suitable for the Grant

*If you need to decline this Grant due to unforeseen circumstances, please notify the Society's Liaison Office immediately. If the fund has already been deposited, please arrange for refund.

10. Other remarks

- (1) This Grant is provided on the premise that the recipient's affiliated institution will handle the administration of expenditure. However, in principle, this fund may not be used to cover the institution's indirect costs (such as administrative or general overhead expenses). Recipients are responsible for making the necessary arrangements with their institution's administrative office.

- (2) Recipients are required to submit a report on the research results and a financial report after the Grant period has ended. While no specific format is prescribed, you may use the financial report format provided by your affiliated institution if applicable. The submission deadline is May 1, 2028, for a one-year research period, and May 1, 2029, for a two-year research period.

- (3) If the Grant funds are not fully expended during the research period, the recipient will be required to return the remaining amount to the Society.

(4) When presenting or publishing research results, you must explicitly state that this grant was used.

(Example: This study was supported by Grant-in-aid for Young Anthropologists and Archaeologists in Memory of Masato Kawai awarded from The Anthropological Society of Nippon.)

(5) You may be requested to submit an overview of your funded research to the journals of our Society, “Anthropological Science” or “Anthropological Science (Japanese Series)”.

(6) Please submit an application individually, even if the research is conducted by a group of researchers. If there are researchers who will directly collaborate with you on the research proposed here, please list them as co-researchers and explain their role in the application form. Should you receive the award, you may use the grant funds to cover expenses related to co-researchers, provided such costs qualify as "expenses necessary for the research" (subject to your institution's expenditure management rules). Note that there is no need to declare collaborative research in a broad sense—such as with your supervisor—that does not incur any expenses.

11. Contact Information

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