

# Research Institute for Higher Education, Hiroshima University, Japan, est. 1972



2024-2025

Contributing to the promotion and international network development of higher education research up until now and from now on.



Research Institute for Higher Education,  
Hiroshima University

## Message from the Director



On May 1st, 2022, the Research Institute for Higher Education (RIHE) of Hiroshima University celebrated its 50th anniversary. With this celebration, RIHE reflected on its history and looked toward to the next 50 years of research.

The period from January 2022 to April 2023 was designated the implementation period of the 50th anniversary project, during which a variety of activities were carried out to celebrate this important milestone. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, many of the workshops had to be held via the Internet, but the unexpected benefit of this situation was participation from both inside and outside of Japan. Many of the workshops can still be viewed on RIHE's web page. In parallel with the workshops, we have also been working on compiling a collection of contributions by various senior researchers who have shone since the dawn of higher education research in Japan. The weight of 50 years is to turn memory into history, and it was precisely at this turning point that we received manuscripts from senior researchers reflecting on their own experiences. We are aware that recording and passing on such memories is something only the Institute can do, because it has the longest history in Japan, and we take this responsibility very seriously.

Now, as we look toward the next 50 years, the Institute will continue to develop its past projects into new projects in line with the times, and to take on the challenges of new and emerging fields of research. In addition, support for international joint research and assistance to students and young researchers from many universities are part of the *raison d'être* of the Institute as a hub for higher education research networks in Japan and abroad. Of course, we intend to continue these programs in the future, but there is a limit to the activities that RIHE's budget alone can sustain in this uncertain economic climate. Therefore, we began fundraising for the "50th Anniversary Fund for the Research Institute for Higher Education" to reduce risk. We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to those who have supported us and ask for your continuous support.



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KOBAYASHI, Shinichi  
Director of RIHE, Hiroshima University

### ● The Directors of RIHE \*Chronological Order

MAEKAWA, Tsutomu	1972-73	MORI, Kazuhiro	1999-2003
YOKOO, Takehide	1973-79	ARIMOTO, Akira	2003-2007
MARUYAMA, Masuteru	1979	YAMAMOTO, Shinichi	2007-2012
INAGA, Keiji	1980-84	FUJIMURA, Masashi	2012-2014
SHINBORI, Michiya	1984-85	MARUYAMA, Fumihiko	2014-2017
HATA, Hiroyuki	1985-87	DAIZEN, Tsukasa	2017-2018
SEKI, Masao	1987-93	YAMAMOTO, Yohsuke	2018
ARIMOTO, Akira	1993-99	KOBAYASHI, Shinichi	2018-Present

# The Research Institute for Higher Education (RIHE)

## The Research Institute for Higher Education: Beyond 50 years

The Research Institute for Higher Education (RIHE) was established in 1972 as the first specialized research institute for higher education in Japan. By moving its location to the Higashi-Hiroshima campus and reorganizing its research fields into twelve categories in five departments, the Institute has become a center for current research and information exchange among domestic and foreign researchers. In 1986, the Institute established a Ph.D. program as the first graduate program for higher education research in Japan, and its graduates are actively working in universities, research organizations, etc. around the world.

In March 2019, the Institute hosted an international conference "Academics' Teaching and Research Activities in the Knowledge Society: Main Findings From National Surveys (APIKS)", which welcomed top researchers from more than twenty countries. Also, in February 2024, it hosted another international conference "Changes in the Academic Profession in the Knowledge-Based Society and International Comparison (APIKS)", which welcomed top researchers from fourteen countries.

In 1996, the National Council for Higher Education and Research Centers was established, and RIHE plays an essential role in its operation.

Today, RIHE continues to play an important role as an international hub for higher education research and as an alma mater for advanced practitioners involved in the planning, practice, evaluation, and administration of higher education.

## Activities

As of June 2024, the Institute has ten academic staff members: three professors, three associate professors, one concurrent associate professor, one specially appointed professor, and two specially appointed assistant professors. In addition to the full-time researchers at RIHE, 632 associate researchers from within and outside Hiroshima University are actively linked with the Institute. Its annual study meeting, initiated in 1972, attracts not only the associate researchers but also other researchers and administrators from different parts of Japan every year.

Within the university, it serves as the center for the study and analysis of institutional reform and development.

RIHE engages in activities such as publishing, building databases, collecting books and documents related to higher education, and disseminating such information through various means.

RIHE's publications range from research reports to journals in both Japanese and English—*Daigaku Ronshu: Research in Higher Education*, *Reviews in Higher Education*, *Higher Education Forum* (HEF), *RIHE International Seminar Reports*, *RIHE International Publication Series*, etc. Among them, HEF, an English-language journal, has been indexed by Scopus, ERIC, and NSD.

The Institute has an extensive library for higher education research, with collections of journals, monographs, research reports and materials, and university and government publications covering all areas of higher education not only in Japan but also in other countries from the East to the West. The library is now recognized

as one of the leading libraries in the world of higher education.

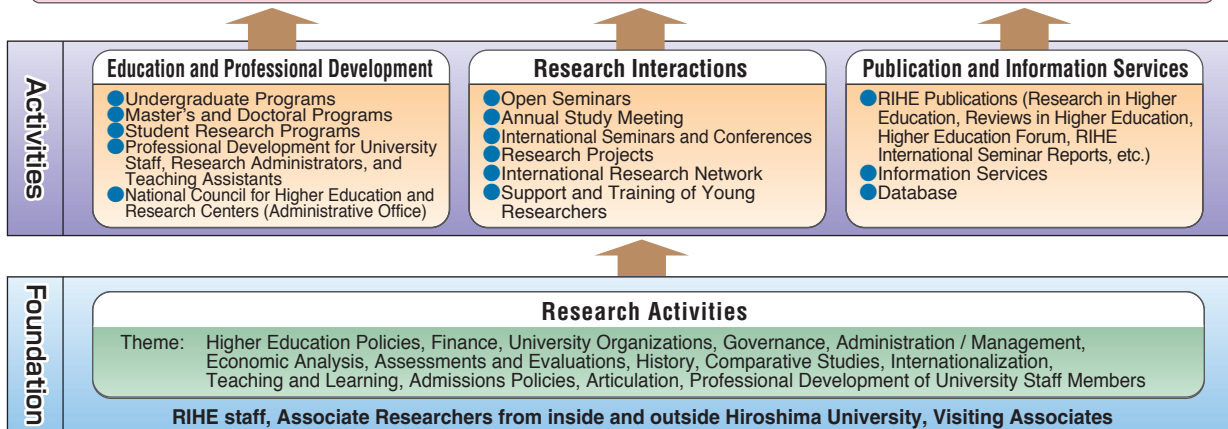
We will continue to work closely in partnership with centers and researchers in the field of higher education to meet a variety of social and global demands.

## History

1970	February	Hiroshima University established the <i>University Issues Research Center</i> .
1972	May	The center was reorganized under its current name, <i>Research Institute for Higher Education</i> (RIHE), and became the first specialized higher education research institute in Japan.
1986	April	A postgraduate training program in higher education established as a part of the Graduate School of Social Sciences at Hiroshima University.
1992	April	Commencement of the <i>acceptance of researchers</i> .
1995	March	Relocated to the <i>Higashi-Hiroshima campus</i> .
1996	April	Commencement of guest researcher program. Began hosting <i>visiting research scholars</i> . <i>National Council for Higher Education and Research Centers</i> established.
1997	July	<i>Japanese Association of Higher Education</i> established.
2000	April	Reorganized and expanded the research system by dividing research areas into five fields. Postgraduate training program became part of the Graduate School of Education at Hiroshima University. A new program called <i>Higher Education Course</i> was established.
2002	November	RIHE's research project <i>Building a higher education system and quality assurance for the 21st century</i> was adopted by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) for the 21st Century Center of Excellence Program. (- FY2007)
2008	April	New research began with MEXT's <i>Special Education and Research Expenditures</i> .
2016	April	With preliminary grants from MEXT, RIHE expands its activities as a <i>Joint Usage/Research Center</i> . (- FY 2018)
2019	March	Hosted an international conference on <i>Academics' Teaching and Research Activities in the Knowledge Society: Main Findings From National Surveys (APIKS)</i> , which welcomed researchers from 20 countries.
2020	April	The postgraduate program was reorganized under the <i>Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences</i> .
2021	November	Participated in MEXT project for the <i>Training Experts in Statistical Sciences</i> .
2022	May	Celebrated the <i>50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</i> .
2024	February	Hosted an international conference on <i>Changes in the Academic Profession in the Knowledge-Based Society and International Comparison (APIKS)</i> , which welcomed researchers from 14 countries.

## Activities at Research Institute for Higher Education

### Contributing to the Advancement of Higher Education and HE Studies in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century



# Research Programs

## ● Research Activities toward Joint Usage/Research Center

RIHE provides support for international joint research projects among domestic and foreign researchers.

## ● Japan Council for Research Institutes and Centers of National Universities

RIHE engages in various activities as a member of the organization.

## ● Open Seminars

Every year, RIHE organizes seminars on a variety of topics by inviting researchers from other Japanese universities and from around the world.

## ● Annual Study Meeting

RIHE sponsors an Annual Study Meeting for the discussion of current topics and exchange of opinions. As a major function of the Institute, public lectures are usually given on this occasion.

## ● International Seminars and Conferences

RIHE has been involved with numerous international joint research activities in cooperation with UNESCO, OECD, and consortia of universities overseas. In addition, it regularly organizes international conferences on current research topics.

## ● Research Projects

- Visualization of Extracurricular Activities and Deviant Behaviors of College Students: Application and Development of Quantitative-Qualitative Methods and Resolution of Ethical Issues (2024–, MURASAWA, Masataka)
- International comparative study of graduate school education at leading universities in the Asia-Pacific region (2024–, DAIZEN, Tsukasa)
- Understanding Factors Contributing to International Doctoral Students' Career Development (2024–, SAKURAI, Yusuke)
- Rethinking Quantitative Analysis in the Social Sciences: Mathematical Development and Verification of Evaluation and Interpretation of "Explanation" (2022–, MURASAWA, Masataka)
- Development and Application of "Learning Outcome" Indicators Based on Mathematical Models (2023–, FAN, Yizhou)
- Academics' Societal Engagement in Knowledge-Based East Asian Societies: A Comparative Study of Japan, China, and South Korea (2024–, LI, Xin)

- Research to visualize the characteristics of college athletes through PROG data and other means, funded by the Career Science Institute (2023–, MURASAWA, Masataka)
- Nurturing doctoral students' development - with a focus on pedagogy and well-being, funded by Daiwa Foundation Small Grant (2024, SAKURAI, Yusuke)

## ● Higher Education Seminars

This seminar, targeting university staff, provides basic knowledge about higher education in a broader perspective.

## ● Bilateral Agreements

- Between RIHE and Centre for the Study of Higher Education (CSHE), The University of Melbourne, Australia (2005–)
- Between RIHE and Graduate School of Education, Peking University, China (2006–)
- Between RIHE and the Centre for Global Higher Education (CGHE), University College London, U.K. (2017–2022)



Publications at RIHE



RIHE Institute Library

# Publication and Information Services

## ● RIHE Publications

- Daigaku Ronshu (Research in Higher Education) (1973-) ~ No. 57
- Notes on Higher Education (1971-1989) ~ No. 73
- Reviews in Higher Education (1990-) ~ No. 175
- Colleague (1975-) ~ No. 57
- RIHE International Seminar Reports (1977-) ~ No. 26
- RIHE International Publication Series (1987-) ~ No. 10
- COE Publication Series (2003-2007) ~ No. 30
- Higher Education Forum (2003-) ~ Vol. 21
- Higher Education Research in Japan (2003-2008) ~ Vol. 5

## ● Research Documents and Information

- Books (Japanese) 26,000 books
- (other languages) 18,165 books
- Journals (Japanese) 43 titles
- (other languages) 28 titles
- Newspapers (Japanese) 4 titles
- (English) 2 titles
- University Syllabuses and Handbooks (Japanese) 20,600
- (other languages) 8,930
- Leaflets on Higher Education 62,470

For further information about RIHE publications, please visit our website at: <https://rihe.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/publications/en/>

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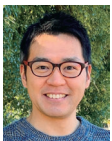
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## Visiting Research Scholars

- MORGAN, Keith J.  
(Lancaster University, UK/ University of Newcastle, Australia,  
May 1996-March 1997, March-June 1999, September-December 2007, January-March 2010)
- BESS, James L.  
(New York University, USA, May-August 1998)
- GRUBER, Karl H.  
(The University of Vienna, Austria, July-September 1999)
- PAN, Maoyuan  
(Xiamen University, China, January-April 2000)
- SHEN, Hong  
(Huazhong University of Science and Technology, China, October-December 2000)
- SCHUETZE, HANS G. M.  
(The University of British Columbia, Canada, January-March 2001)
- JAMES, Richard H.  
(The University of Melbourne, Australia, April-June 2001)
- WANG, Weilian  
(Xiamen University, China, November 2001-April 2002)
- FINKELSTEIN, Martin J.  
(Seton Hall University, USA, July 2002-January 2003)
- WELCH, Anthony R.  
(The University of Sydney, Australia, November 2003-February 2004)
- TEICHLER, Ulrich C.  
(The University of Kassel, Germany, April-August 2004)
- CHEN, Xuefei  
(Peking University, China, February-April 2005)
- MCINNIS, Craig V.  
(The University of Melbourne, Australia, November 2006-March 2007)
- KNIGHT, Jane  
(University of Toronto, Canada, April-June 2007)
- VÄLIMAA, Jussi P.  
(University of Jyväskylä, Finland, January-April 2008)
- SIRAT, Morshidi Bin  
(Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia, May-July 2008)
- LIU, Niancai  
(Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China, December 2008-February 2009)
- BARTON, Charles R.  
(University of South Carolina, USA, April-July 2009)
- MARGINSON, Simon W.  
(The University of Melbourne, Australia, July-October 2009)
- ZHANG, Yingqiang  
(Huazhong University of Science & Technology, China, June-August 2011)
- WESTERHEIJDEN, Don F.  
(The University of Twente, The Netherlands, September-November 2011)
- SHIN, Jung-Cheol  
(Seoul National University, Republic of Korea, April-June 2013)

## Visiting Associates

- LI, Min (National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education)
- SATO, Ikuya (Doshisha University)
- WATANABE, P. Satoshi (Thunderbird School of Global Management; Arizona State University)
- BROTHERHOOD, Thomas (Rikkyo University)

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\* As of June 2024

# National Council for Higher Education and Research Centers

## ● National Council for Higher Education and Research Centers

The National Council of Higher Education and Research Centers was established in April 1996 with 11 national universities as members, hosted by RIHE. At present (as of July 2024), the Council has 36 member institutions. Since its establishment, the Council has conducted various exchanges of opinion, joint research projects, personnel exchanges and other activities related to higher education, so as to clarify and solve various problems and issues faced by both national and other universities nationwide, and to contribute to the reform and restructuring of higher education.

## ● Members

Hokkaido University	Research Division for Higher Education, Institute of the Advancement of Higher Education
Iwate University	Education Management Center
Yamagata University	(To be decided)
Tohoku University	Institute for Excellence in Higher Education
Ibaraki University	Student Success Center, Institute for Innovation in Education
Chiba University	Center for Innovative Higher Education
Tsukuba University	Office of Management for Teaching and Learning
The University of Tokyo	Center for Research and Development of Higher Education
Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology	Organization for the Advancement of Education and Global Learning
Tokyo Institute of Technology	Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning
Niigata University	Division of Management of Teaching and Learning, Institute of Education and Student Affairs
Toyama University	Center for Educational Improvement
Kanazawa University	Center for Management of Teaching and Learning
University of Fukui	Center for the Advancement of Higher Education
University of Yamanashi	Center for Higher Education and Digital Transformation
Shinshu University	Research Center for Higher Education
Nagoya University	Center for the Studies of Higher Education
Mie University	Organization for Higher Education Design
Osaka University	Center for Student Success Research and Practice
Kobe University	Institute for Promotion of Higher Education
Tottori University	Center for Higher Education Development, Organization for Educational Support and International Affairs
Shimane University	Center for Educational Research and Development
Hiroshima University	Research Institute for Higher Education
Yamaguchi University	Center for the Promotion of Higher Education
Kagawa University	Higher Education Center
Tokushima University	Research Center for Higher Education
Ehime University	Office for Educational Planning and Research, Institute for Education and Student Support
University of Teacher Education Fukuoka	Institute for Advanced Studies in Education
Kyushu University	Faculty of Arts and Science
Nagasaki University	Center for Educational Innovation
Kumamoto University	Headquarters for Admissions and Education
Oita University	Institute for Educational Management
University of Miyazaki	Organization for Learning and Student Development
Kagoshima University	Center for Research and Development in Higher Education
University of the Ryukyus	Global Education Institute
National Institute for Educational Policy Research	Department for Higher Education Research

# Institute for Development of Higher Education

RIHE is engaged in supporting activities of the Institute for Development of Higher Education (IDE), Chugoku/Shikoku Branch.

# Access



## Access to Higashi-Hiroshima Campus

Narita Airport	By Air	75min. Bus	Haneda Airport	90min. Plane	Hiroshima Airport	15min. Bus	Shiraichi Sta.	10min. Local Train	Saijo Sta.	15min. Bus	Higashi-Hiroshima Campus
	By JR	80min. Limited Exp.	Tokyo Sta.	200~250min. Shinkansen	Fukuyama Sta.	40min. Shinkansen	Higashi-Hiroshima Sta.	15min. Bus or Taxi			
Kansai Airport	By JR	50min. Limited Exp.	Shin-Osaka Sta.	70min. Shinkansen	Fukuyama Sta.	40min. Shinkansen	Higashi-Hiroshima Sta.	15min. Bus or Taxi			

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