



## **FAQ PAGE**

### **Is this a degree programme?**

No. The Ishibashi Foundation Graduate Programme is a structured teaching and training programme that leads to a Programme Completion Certificate. Students enrolled at the University of Zurich (UZH) receive academic credits upon successful completion of the courses. External participants may arrange credit recognition through their home institutions (for example, through internship or mobility schemes), in accordance with their respective regulations.

### **Do I need to speak Japanese?**

No. All teaching is conducted in English. The programme also offers an advanced Japanese course, which is recommended but not required. Participants without Japanese can complete the programme successfully, while those with language skills will benefit from an enhanced learning experience.

### **Do I need to be enrolled at the University of Zurich?**

No. External students specializing in Japanese art history enrolled at universities in Europe (including non-EU countries such as the United Kingdom) are welcome to apply. Five places are reserved for excellent UZH students and ten for outstanding external applicants from European universities.

### **Is there a tuition fee?**

There is no special tuition fee to participate in the programme.

### **Will I work with real museum collections?**

Yes. The autumn semester includes curatorial training with partner museums such as the Museum Rietberg Zurich and the Baur Foundation, Geneva. The spring semester features online courses on digital curation of museum collections.

### **Is the programme in-person or online?**

The programme is delivered in a hybrid format. The autumn semester includes a week-long residential workshop and residency in Zurich, complemented by online lectures. Courses in the spring semester are offered exclusively online.

### **Can this help me further my career?**

Yes. The programme is mainly designed for students who plan to work in museums, heritage institutions, cultural management, or academia. Participants gain practical experience, professional contacts, and digital skills increasingly required in the sector.

### **How competitive is admission?**

Admission is selective and based on academic merit, motivation, and potential to benefit from and contribute to the programme. Five places are reserved for excellent students enrolled at UZH and ten for outstanding external applicants from European universities.