

Ritsumeikan University Forensic/Investigative Interviews

## In the aim of achieving a safe life of children

## The aims of this training

The aims of this training are:

To ensure that social workers, law enforcement, prosecutors, and other professionals receive training in forensic/investigative interviews based on the latest findings from research, and can elicit from children as much accurate/reliable information on alleged abuse and crimes as possible.

To contribute to resolving cases of abuse, maltreatment, and other problems through the means outlined in Item 1 above.

**3** To protect the human rights of the vulnerable, especially children and challenged individuals, by obtaining as much accurate/reliable information as possible while minimizing the stress of interviews.

## What are Forensic/Investigative Interviews?

Forensic/investigative interviews are interviews designed to obtain as much accurate testimony as possible from children and other vulnerable individuals who have allegedly witnessed or have been affected by maltreatment, sexual and/or physical abuse, or bullying, while reducing the stress of interview as much as possible.

• The purpose of the interviews is to investigate the facts, not to provide counseling or therapy.

- Interviews are video-recorded to ensure accurate documentation.
- Interviews are conducted in the early stages of an investigation and are conducted by a multidisciplinary team of social workers, police officers, prosecutors, and other professionals so as to minimize the number of interviews.

## Outline for Training Course on Forensic/Investigative Interviews in AY 2021

Name	Ritsumeikan University Training Course on Forensic/Investigative Interviews	
	Basic program	Trainer's program
Lecturer	Makiko NAKA   (Eminent Research Professor, Research Organization of Open Innovation and Collaboration) *Scheduled to be in charge of July and October   Ai UEMIYA   (Assistant Professor, College of Comprehensive Psychology) *Scheduled to be in charge of June and February   Shingo SASAKI   (Faculty of Literature Department of Child Education, Nagoya Women's University) *Scheduled to be in charge of August	Makiko NAKA (Eminent Research Professor, Research Organization of Open Innovation and Collaboration)
Schedule	❶June 10-11 ❷July 8-9 ❸August 5-6 ❹October 21-22 ⑤February 17-18	November 18-19 2December 2-3
Time	[Day1] 9:30-18:00, [Day2] 9:30-17:00 (including breaks and lunch break) *Each break is for 10 mins, Lunch Break is for an hour.	
Venue	Online Venue using Zoom at Osaka Ibaraki Campus, Ritsumeikan University	
Tuition	10,000 yen <sup>**</sup>	15,000 yen**
Qualifications for Participation	Experts such as police officers, public prosecutors, staff of child guidance centers, family court social investigators, lawyers, doctors, staff of one-stop centers, educators, and researchers	Those who have participated in trainings on Forensic/Investigative Interviews, which are related to the NICHD Protocol at Ritsumeikan University, Hokkaido University, and Local Govenments for two days in the past, and after attending the training, are using Forensic/Investigative Interviews in practice and research such as "Interviewers for Forensic/Investigative Interviews (interviews based on)", "Backstaff for Forensic/Investigative Interviews (interviews based on)", "Backstaff for Forensic/Investigative Interviews (interviews based on)", "Implementation of take-home training", "research on Forensic/Investigative Interviews", etc., and are also taking on roles as trainers and supervisors.
Fixed Number	32 people	16 people
* W the condition is that you take it for two-day training program		

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