

**Assistant Professor Position in the Research Section of Prediction of Volcanic Eruptions,
Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University**

September 16th, 2025

The Disaster Prevention Research Institute (DPRI), Kyoto University invites applications for an Assistant Professor position.

Location: Sakurajima Volcano Observatory, Research Center for Volcano Hazards Mitigation, Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University, 1722-19 Sakurajima-Yokoyama-cho, Kagoshima 891-1419, Japan (at home or other places if University allows or orders to work remotely).

Job description and required qualifications:

To reduce volcanic disasters, the appointed Assistant Professor will study the ejection of pyroclastic materials from volcanic craters, their advection and dispersion, fallout, and eventual deposition on the ground at volcanoes with frequent eruptions, such as Sakurajima. Specifically, the candidate is expected to conduct research using approaches that combine observations and numerical simulations, from interdisciplinary perspectives including volcanology and meteorology. Additionally, the candidate will have responsibility for education in the Division of Earth and Planetary Sciences at the Graduate School of Science, Kyoto University. A Ph.D. or an equivalent degree is required at the commencement of employment, and the candidate is expected to be able to use Japanese on a daily basis.

Anticipated start date: As soon as possible after the selection.

Term of employment: 6 years (contract is renewable once for an additional 4 years, judged in accordance with “the arrangement on evaluation of achievement for faculty staff with term of employment (assistant professor)”)

Probation period: 6 months

Working time: Discretionary labor system (standard working hours: 7 hours 45 minutes per day, 38 hours 45 minutes per week). If the discretionary labor system is not chosen the working hours are from 8:30 to 17:15 with a break between 12:00 to 13:00. Overtime may be ordered. Days off: Saturdays, Sundays, Statutory holidays under the Act on National Holidays, Year-end and New Year’s holidays, and Anniversary of Foundation of the University.

Salary and Allowance: To be determined in accordance with Kyoto University regulations.

Social insurance: (1) National Public Service Mutual Aid Associations, (2) Employee's pension insurance, (3) Unemployment insurance, and (4) Worker's accident insurance

Applicants should prepare the following materials:

- (1) Curriculum vitae
- (2) List of publications (divided clearly into refereed journal papers and others)
- (3) Copies of up to five relevant papers
- (4) Brief summary of research and related contributions (up to two A4 pages)
- (5) Statement of research plans (up to two A4 pages, including figures)
- (6) Recommendation letters from two references (a recommendation letter may be substituted by the name and contact information of a reference, including the postal address, and e-mail address)

The complete application package must arrive by the deadline of 17:00 JST, December 4th, 2025 at the following address:

Selection Committee for Prediction of Volcanic Eruptions Assistant Professor
Administrative Office, Uji Campus,
Kyoto University
Gokasho, Uji, Kyoto 611-0011 JAPAN

Applicants must send the package by registered mail or direct submission. Applicants are not allowed to submit it by e-mail or through internet.

For inquiries, you can send e-mail to apply_staff 'at' dpri.kyoto-u.ac.jp (replace 'at' with @)

For more information about DPRI, see <https://www.dpri.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/>.

Additional notes

- (1) The university will not return your application documents.
Personal information contained in the application documents will be used solely for the purpose of screening applicants and never for any other purposes.
- (2) Kyoto University is building a culturally diverse faculty and strongly encourages applications regardless of gender or disability.
The university is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action Employer.
- (3) With regard to the evaluation of research achievements, the impact of periods of interruption in research activities due to childbirth, childcare, nursing care, etc. (blank periods) will be taken into consideration. If there are blank periods, please indicate them at the end of the list of publications.
- (4) The university prohibits smoking in all campus buildings except in designated outside smoking areas for the purpose of preventing the adverse health effects of second-hand smoke.

Current staff (as of September 1, 2025)

Research Section	Professor	Associate Professor	Assistant Professor
Prediction of Volcanic Eruptions	Haruhisa Nakamichi [S]	Taishi Yamada [S]	Keigo Yamamoto [S] <i>this recruitment [S]</i> (vacant)
Geofluids	Ryokei Yoshimura [U]	(vacant)	Maki Hata [U]
Colossal Eruptions	Tomoki Tsutsui [S]*	Takeshi Tameguri [S]	Daisuke Miki [S]*
Volcanic Sabo	—————	Shoki Takayama [H]	—————

*Program-Specific faculty member

Work locations: [S] Sakurajima Volcano Observatory, [U] Uji Campus, and [H] Hodaka Sedimentation Observatory