

Professor Position in the Research Section of Safety Control of Urban Space,
Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University

September 14, 2026

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

Location: Research Division of Disaster Management for Safe and Secure Society, Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University, Gokasho, Uji, Kyoto 611-0011, Japan (at home or other places if University allows or orders to work remotely).

Job description and required qualifications:

The appointed professor is required to conduct research aimed at mitigating meteorological disasters associated with heat transfer, which are becoming evident due to climate change impacts and advancements of urban spaces, to contribute to the realization of better urban living space with safety and comfort. Further, it is expected that the candidate will conduct research that contributes to mitigate disasters involving the transport of substances such as snow. From the perspective of controlling urban environments against these disasters, the research employs observation and numerical simulation methods to understand the processes leading to disasters at scales ranging from urban space to individual buildings. Based on this understanding, it aims to collect, generate, and integrate knowledge to contribute to disaster mitigation. The candidate will be responsible for educating students in the Department of Architecture and Architectural Engineering at the Graduate School of Engineering, Kyoto University. A Ph.D. or an equivalent degree is required, and the candidate is expected to teach classes in Japanese.

Anticipated start date: As soon as possible on or after April 1, 2027

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 four A4 pages)
- (5) Statement of research plans (up to four 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 14, 2026 at the following address:

Selection Committee for Safety Control of Urban Space 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 of Research Division of Disaster Management for Safe and Secure Society (as of September 1, 2026)

	Professor	Associate Professor	Senior Lecturer / Junior Associate Professor	Assistant Professor
Safety Control of Urban Space	Yuki Sakai* <i>this recruitment</i>	Tomoaki Nishino	—	—
Disaster Mitigation Planning for Built Environment	Norio Maki	Haruko Sekiguchi	—	—
Innovative Disaster Prevention Technology and Policy Research	Takahiro Sayama	Tomohiro Tanaka	Florence Lahournat	Eva Yamamoto(Program- Specific) Kodai Yamamoto(Program- Specific) Vacant
Multi-Sectoral Preparedness & Strategic Coordination for Health Security	Tatsuhiko Kubo (md)	—	—	—
International Research Collaboration for Disaster Management (International Visiting Professors)	Vacant			
Health Emergency and Regional Disaster Risk Management	Shigeru Ohtsuru (collaboration) Norio Maki (concurrently served)	Vacant Masahiro Kurata (concurrently served)		
Sophisticated Earthquake Risk Evaluation (Hanshin Consultants)		Takashi Akazawa (Program-Specific)		
Disaster Risk Finance (SOMPO Japan Risk Management)	Kakuya Matsushima (Program-Specific)	Ryu Saito (Program-Specific)		
Note *: Scheduled to retire on March 31, 2027				