

**Associate Professor Position in the Research Section of River Disaster Prevention Systems,
Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University**

September 14, 2026

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

Location: Ujigawa Open Laboratory, Research Center for Climate Change Adaptation Strategy, Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University, Higashinokuchi, Shimomisu, Yoko-oji, Fushimi-ku, Kyoto 612-8235, Japan (at home or other places if University allows or orders to work remotely).

Job description and required qualifications:

The appointed associate professor will focus on conducting research solving engineering problems related to floods and sediment transport phenomena caused by heavy rainfall—focusing particularly on challenges associated with river embankments, spur dikes, dams, and related infrastructures, under the influence of climate change. In addition to numerical simulations using models based on fluid-dynamics, research employing mathematical, statistical or machine learning method, as well as experimental research using the facilities at the Ujigawa Open Laboratory, should be conducted. Furthermore, the candidate will be expected to participate actively in the management and operation of the facilities at the Ujigawa Open Laboratory. Additionally, the candidate will be responsible for educating students in the Department of Civil and Earth Resources Engineering at the Graduate School of Engineering, Kyoto University. A Ph.D. or an equivalent degree is required, and the candidate is expected to use Japanese on a daily basis.

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

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 7, 2026 at the following address:

Selection Committee of Associate Professor for River Disaster Prevention Systems
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, 2026)

Research Section	Professor	Associate Professor	Assistant Professor
Adaptation Planning and Management	TATANO Hirokazu	SAMADDAR Subhajyoti FUJIMI Toshio	_____
Severe Storm and Extreme Weather	TAKEMI Tetsuya	ITO Kosuke	TANJI Seika
Coastal Disasters Risk	MORI Nobuhito	SHIMURA Tomoya	MIYASHITA Takuya (vacant)
Hydrometeorology	YAMAGUCHI Kosei	(open for application)	NAKA Yukari
River Disaster Prevention Systems	KAWAIKE Kenji	This recruitment	KOSHIBA Takahiro (vacant)
Atmospheric and Oceanic Monitoring	MORI Nobuhito (concurrently served)	BABA Yasuyuki (vacant)	IMAI Yuki
River Basin Sediment Management	TAKEBAYASHI Hiroshi (PS)	KUWAHARA Masato (PS)(JAP)	_____

PS: Program Specific, JAP: Junior Associate Professor