

Program-Specific Researcher (Postdoc) Position at the Disaster Prevention Research Institute,  
Kyoto University

May 13, 2026

Job title	Program-Specific Researcher (Postdoc)
Number	A few
Location	<p>One of the following units at Seismic and Volcanic Hazards Mitigation Research Group, Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University (to be determined after hiring):</p> <p>Crustal Activity Information, Research Center for Earthquake Hazards (Host: Associate Professor Masayuki Kano)</p> <p>Earthquake Source Mechanisms, Research Division of Earthquake Disasters (Host: Associate Professor Masumi Yamada)</p> <p>Strong Motion Seismology, Research Division of Earthquake Disasters (Host: Associate Professor Tomohisa Okazaki)</p> <p>Address: Kyoto University Uji Campus, Gokasho, Uji, Kyoto, 611-0011 Japan, (at home or other places if University allows or orders to work remotely)</p>
Job description	<p>The candidate will contribute to develop methodologies for (1) forecasting models for fault slip evolution, (2) short-, medium-, and long-term evaluation of seismic activity and hazards, (3) geodetic data analysis for detecting signals, and (4) next-generation scientific AI technologies related to the above under the MEXT-funded project: “Seismology TowArD Research innovation for Earthquake evaluationN with EXacT data” (STAR-E NEXT)” (<a href="https://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/kaihatu/jishin/mext_03435.html">https://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/kaihatu/jishin/mext_03435.html</a>, written in Japanese). Close collaboration with participating institutions in the project is strongly encouraged.</p>
Requirements	<p>A Ph.D. or an equivalent degree is required. Alternatively, master’s degree with experience in research and development on related topics.</p> <p>The candidate is expected to have experience in modeling earthquake generation processes, in analysis of crustal deformation or seismic wave data, and in Bayesian inference, data assimilation, or machine learning using such data.</p>
Contract start date	<p>As soon as possible to March 31, 2027.</p> <p>NB. The employment contract is renewable until the end of the program (March 31, 2031), based on evaluation results. Renewal of the contract will be based on the workload, work performance, attitude, ability, progress of the work engaged in, management situation, and acceptance of external funds employed at the end of the contract period.</p>
Probation period	Six months in accordance with the regulations of Kyoto University
Business hours	<p>Working conditions: Five (5) working days per week</p> <p>Working hours: 38 hours 45 minutes per week under discretionally labour system</p> <p>NB. If the discretionary work system for specialized work is not applied, the employee</p>

	<p>works from 8:30 AM to 5:15 PM with one hour break (12:00–13:00).</p> <p>Overtime may be required when necessary</p> <p>Days off: Saturdays, Sundays, public holidays, year-end and New Year holidays, and Foundation Day, as per University guidelines</p>
Salary	Salaries are determined based on the Kyoto University Standards depending on capabilities and backgrounds (annual salary system)
Allowance	Any allowance such as commuting expenses, housing expenses, bonuses etc. is not provided.
Social insurance	MEXT mutual aid associations, employee's pension insurance, employment insurance, worker's accident insurance
Referral instructions	<p>Please submit the following applications by email, with the subject "Job Application to STAR-E NEXT".</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Complete CV (with photo and email address)</li> <li>(2) List of research achievements (categorized into peer-reviewed papers, other papers, books, reports, etc.)</li> <li>(3) Summary of the previous research achievements (within two pages)</li> <li>(4) Future research plan (within two pages)</li> <li>(5) The names and contact information of two referees, including the postal address, and e-mail address</li> </ol>
Contact	<p>Masayuki Kano, D.Sc., Associate Professor</p> <p>Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Uji, Kyoto 611-0011 Japan</p> <p>E-mail: kano.masayuki.4m * kyoto-u.ac.jp (<i>replace * with @</i>)</p>
Deadline	July 13th, 2026 (Open until the position is filled)
Screening	After first screening (examination of application documents) successful candidates will be contacted for an interview. NB. Any travel expenses incurred will not be reimbursed.
Notes	<p>Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the above person before applying.</p> <p>We cannot answer questions about the selection process, or the reasons for acceptance or rejection. The submitted documents will be used only for recruitment screening. We will not disclose, transfer or lend these data to a third party without a justifiable reason. NB. The application documents will not be returned.</p> <p>Kyoto University promotes gender equality. We encourage female researchers to apply.</p> <p>To prevent passive smoking, Kyoto University prohibits smoking at indoors and outdoors at all campuses except for the designated smoking areas.</p> <p>Kyoto University is building a culturally diverse faculty and strongly encourages applications regardless of gender or disability.</p>