

**Assistant Professor Position in the Research Section of Inland Earthquakes,
Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University**

October 14th, 2025

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

Location: Research Center for Earthquake Hazards, Seismic and Volcanic Hazards Mitigation Research Group, 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:

For mitigation of earthquake disasters it is important to advance understanding of generation processes of inland earthquakes. By employing seismological methods, the appointed assistant professor will conduct research to clarify crustal structure and stress states, including the deeper extension of active faults and the distribution of crustal fluids. The candidate should also actively engage in acquiring and analyzing new seismic observation data, by utilizing facilities of the Abuyama and other observatories.

Additionally, the candidate will have responsibility for education in the Division of Earth and Planetary Sciences, 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 on or after April 1, 2026

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, January 8, 2026 at the following address:

Selection Committee for Inland Earthquakes 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 October 1, 2025)

Research Section	Professor	Associate Professor	Assistant Professor
Crustal Activity Information	Shiro Ohmi	Masayuki Kano	Vacant
			Vacant
			Currently recruiting (Concurrently served as the Research Center for Disaster Reduction Systems)
Space Geodesy	Takuya Nishimura	Peiliang Xu	Bertrand P. G Rouet-Leduc
			Vacant
			Vacant
Inland Earthquakes	Yukitoshi Fukahata	Kenichi Yamazaki (Assigned to Miyazaki Observatory)	<i>This recruitment</i>
	Katsuya Yamori (Concurrently served and assigned to Abuyama Observatory)		
Marine Seismology	Yoshihiro Ito	Vacant	Currently recruiting
			Vacant
Seismic Ground Response	Shinichi Matsushima	Fumiaki Nagashima	—
Earth Observation System	—	Tomoaki Nishikawa	Vacant
Fault Physics	—	Hiroyuki Noda	Vacant
Earth's Interior (Visiting Professors)	Toshitaka Baba (Visiting Professor)	—	—