

Recruitment Information for Professor at Center for Global Commons, Institute for Future Initiatives, The University of Tokyo (rule-making)

1. Available positions: Professor
1 person
2. Contract period January 1, 2026 or the earliest possible date – 5 years
3. Trial period 14 days from the date of hire.
4. Work location Hongo Campus, The University of Tokyo (7-3-1 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo)
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Place designated by the University (In principle, reassignment or secondment will not be ordered against one's will. Details are in accordance with Article 4 of The University of Tokyo Regulations on Conditions of Employment of Academic Staff.)
5. Affiliation Center for Global Commons , Institute for Future Initiatives
6. Job description Earth system science indicates that unless the current economic system undergoes fundamental transformation, the stability and resilience of the Earth system, which is the common foundation for human prosperity, will be lost. In our projects, we will engage in designing pathways for transitioning the current economic system and developing strategies for system transformation, as well as international rule-making, particularly for establishing international rules for valuing natural capital in collaboration with influential stakeholders.

Specifically, the successful applicant will engage in one or more of the following tasks.
(1) Policy Analysis and Institutional Design: To conduct policy analysis, comparative assessment of policy options, and institutional design with effective economic incentives and internationally coordinated governance scheme. The options include tax, credits, border adjustment mechanisms, and regulations. Analysis and evaluation need not only environmental perspectives but also the contexts of industrial policy, trade policy, security, and diplomacy policy. Additionally, to examine the processes and roadmaps for implementing these policies and rules.
(2) Policy Proposals: Based on (1) and systematically review of academic research, to draft and disseminate policy proposals. Also, to engage in circulation activities for these proposals within the international community.
(3) Coalition Building and Engagement: To execute activities for ensuring the effectiveness of policy proposals. Specifically, after analyzing the structures of multi-stakeholder coalitions and communities, to identify key partners for collaboration and rule-making. Trust and relationships will be built with these identified stakeholders, and active collaborations and contributions will be made with them.
(4) Building Platforms for International Rule-Making: To design and manage projects that serve as foundations for implementing international rule-making on critical global issues. These issues include resilient ecosystems, secure and trustworthy AI systems, and global health and One Health. To promote and conduct activities that broadly contribute to international rule-making, such as developing methodologies to cultivate capabilities of universities, companies, and other institutions for participating in international rule-making.
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7. Working days and working hour Under the Discretionary Labor System for Professional Work, the employee is considered to have worked 7 hours and 45 minutes a day, 5 days a week.
8. Holidays Saturdays, Sundays, holidays based on the National Holiday Law, and December 29th through January 3rd are holidays.
9. Vacation Annual paid leave granted in accordance with employment regulations. Special leave granted in accordance with employment regulations.
10. Wages, etc. Annual salary system applies and monthly paid salary will be around JPY 900,000 to JPY 1,400,000 including performance and achievement allowances x 12 months. (The salary will be decided taking your qualifications, capacity, experience etc. into account) Commuting allowance (basically up to JPY 55,000 per month)
11. Insurance Coverage Joined the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology Mutual Aid Association Employment Insurance Coverage.
12. Eligibility Requirements
 - Applicants must have advanced business experience and expertise in project management.
 - Applicants must have experience in negotiating and coordinating with regulatory authorities and other stakeholders on critical global issues that form the foundation for sustainable development of societies, such as natural capital, bioresources, data and intellectual property, global health, and One Health.
 - Applicants should have experience playing a leading role in multi-stakeholder coalitions on international rulemaking and/or experience working in a managerial position in an international organization.
 - Applicants should have advanced expertise in project management.
 - Applicants should have a doctoral degree in an academic field related to this work.
 - Applicants must be willingness to work with and engage in dialogue with diverse stakeholders.
 - Applicants must be fluent in English.
13. Application documents
 - (1) Curriculum Vitae: The official format of The University of Tokyo must be used and can be downloaded at <https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/about/jobs.html>
 - (2) Outline of your activities and achievements to date (within 2 pages of A4 paper)
 - (3) List of publications by category (peer-reviewed journal articles, books, invited talks, etc.)
 - (4) Representative publications and reports (up to three)
 - (5) Research plan after your appointment (about 2 pages of A4 paper)
 - (6) Names and contact information of three people who can provide reference opinions about the applicant.
14. Application Applications must be submitted by October 31th (Friday), 2025 at 17:00 (Japan Deadline Standard Time). Short-list finalists may be contacted to schedule an interview (online) in November. The recruitment will be closed as soon as the recruitment of suitable personnel is decided.
15. How to submit Applications must include all materials indicated in 14. (1)-(6) as pdf format in one zip folder, and upload to the following Received Folder with the file title of “Application for Professor in Center for Global Commons, Institute for Future Initiatives (international rule-making)”;

16. Name of recruiter The University of Tokyo
17. Enquiries Recruitment team, Institute for Future Initiatives, The University of Tokyo
e-mail: ifi_hr[at mark]ifi.u-tokyo.ac.jp
18. State of working measures to avoid passive smoking Smoking is prohibited inside the grounds of our university. There are smoking areas outdoors on campus
19. Others
- Personal information received through this application process will not be used for any other purposes.
 - Please note that we are unable to answer any questions regarding the results of the selection process.
 - Submitted documents will not be returned.
 - Applications from women are encouraged as per "Declaration of Gender Equality Acceleration" of the University of Tokyo. We strongly encourage applications from women and international candidates.
 - If you are personally in contract with foreign governmental bodies, corporations or universities, or you are in receipt of a large benefit (financial or any other form) from foreign governmental bodies during the period of your employment, the provisions of the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (FEFTA) may prohibit or restrict the sharing of technology that are designated as controlled technology possibly making it difficult for you to fulfill your duties as an academic or administrative staff of the university as a result. Therefore, in such cases it is necessary to keep such contracts/benefits within the scope where it does not hinder the sharing of technologies necessary for your duties by the university.