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Earthquake Research Institute, The University of Tokyo
Recruitment Information for Project Researcher (Fixed-Term Project Staff)

Earthquake Research Institute, The University of Tokyo is seeking a project researcher who promotes the construction of earthquake and volcano database and analysis platform as a member of Collaboration Center for Earthquake and Volcano Research.

1. Title and Hiring Numbers: A Project Researcher
2. Term of Employment: From June 1, 2026 or after, to March 31, 2027.
3. Renewal of Contract: Your employment agreement may be renewed. In the event of renewal, your employment agreement will be renewed on a yearly basis. Renewal of your employment agreement will be determined by the following factors: All relevant factors, such as budget status, progress of the work assigned to you, the amount of the work at the end of the term, your performance, work record, and attitude, and/or your medical conditions. The number of renewals can be two times. The period of employment is limited March 31, 2029.
4. Probation Period: 14 days from the date of employment
5. Place of Work: Earthquake Research Institute, The University of Tokyo
(1-1-1, Yayoi, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo)
6. Affiliation: Collaboration Center for Earthquake and Volcano Research
7. Research Area: Seismology and/or Volcanology and/or Informatics
8. Contents of Work Duties: Successful applicants will participate in one or both of the two research themes described below and conduct research that aimed to advances the understanding of earthquakes and volcanoes. This will be achieved through the development of databases and analysis

platforms covering the full range of fields covered by “The Third Earthquake and Volcano Hazard Observation and Research Program”.

1) Development of internationally standard databases and analysis platforms in the applicant’s area of expertise in seismology and/or volcanology.

The successful candidate is expected to contribute to the development of databases and analysis platforms that may also encompass related interdisciplinary fields. In addition, the candidate will conduct research that feeds back the content and outcomes of these databases and platforms into their own scientific studies.

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

Possession of a Ph.D. in geophysics or a related field.

An outstanding record of research achievements in the applicant’s area of expertise within seismology or volcanology.

A strong interest in advancing the fundamental understanding of earthquakes and volcanoes through interdisciplinary collaboration, in addition to their own specialty.

Skills and knowledge related to data handling, such as the acquisition, analysis, and modeling of observational data, are highly desirable.

2) Development of state-of-the-art database and analysis platforms as part of data science, utilizing diverse datasets related to earthquakes and volcanoes across broad spatial and temporal scales.

These datasets include observational and analytical data, topographic and geological data, historical records, models, and analytical techniques. In collaboration with experts in seismology and volcanology, the successful candidate will build an open, next-generation database and analysis platform that substantively contributes to the advancement of seismology and volcanology.

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

Possession of a Ph.D. in informatics, computer science, or a related field.

A strong interest in earthquakes and volcanoes, with motivation to contribute to progress in their scientific understanding.

It is desirable that the applicant possesses multiple skills from the following areas: database construction, data analysis, data

visualization, web service development, data management and sharing, and geospatial data science.

9. Working Hours: Discretionary work system for professional work applies and working hours will be deemed as 7 hours and 45 minutes per day.
10. Days off: Saturdays, Sundays, Holidays, and the year-end and New Year holidays (December 29 to January 3).
11. Leave: Annual Paid Leave, Special Leave, etc.
12. Wages, etc.: Annual Salary System applies and monthly paid salary will be around JPY 350,000-400,000 including performance/achievement allowance. (The salary will be decided taking your qualifications, capacity, experience etc. into account.)
Commuting Allowance (basically up to JPY 55,000 per month).
13. Insurance: You will be automatically enrolled in the insurance from the Mutual Aid Association of MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) and Employment Insurance.
14. Qualification Requirements:
 - 1) Ph.D. or doctoral degree, including those who are expected to earn these degrees or possess equivalent abilities.
 - 2) Publications in seismology, volcanology or informatics.
15. Documents to be Submitted:
 - 1) The University of Tokyo Standard Resume (Download the resume form from the website below. E-mail address is required.)
<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/about/jobs.html>
 - 2) Publication list
Describe “peer-reviewed” or “non-peer-reviewed” for each paper, and include research budgets and prizes you were awarded.
 - 3) PDF files of main papers within three
 - 4) Outline of your research so far (approx. 2 pages)
 - 5) Research plan after the hiring (approx. 2 pages)
 - 6) Names and contacting information of two researchers who can comment about you
 - 7) Preferred start date of employment (Note that three or four months are generally required from the start of document screening to the start of employment.)

16. Deadline of Application: March 19 (Thursday), 2026, 5 p.m. (Japan Standard Time, UTC+9)
This open call will close even before the deadline if a successful applicant is decided.
17. Procedure for Selection: Document screening and interview. Details of the interview will be informed to applicants who have passed the document screening.
18. Submission of Documents: Upload the above documents to the specified submission site. Request the URL of the submission site to Personnel Affairs Section via e-mail below, describing “Application for Researcher at the Collaboration Center for Earthquake and Volcano Research” in the subject. Upload the documents by the deadline of application through the URL Personnel Affairs Section will inform. Submission using e-mail attachment is not allowed.

Personnel Affairs Section

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20. Name of Recruiter: The University of Tokyo

21. Miscellaneous:
- The acquired personal information will not be used for any purpose other than personal selection.
 - The University of Tokyo places importance on gender balance and inclusiveness, and by accepting diverse and excellent researchers from Japan and overseas, we promote the creation of new academic knowledge through dialogue between researchers with different perspectives, and welcome applications from female, foreign, and disabled researchers. If you have suspended your research activities for a period of time due to childcare, elderly care, childbirth, etc., you may state this in your resume and other application documents. Women’s applications are highly welcome based on the

“Declaration of Gender Equality Acceleration” at the University of Tokyo (March 3, 2009).

-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.

-Smoking is not permitted on the premises. (There is a smoking area outside.)

* References

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