Call for Applications for Associate Professor Position Atmosphere and Ocean Research Institute, The University of Tokyo

1. Position title and number:

Associate Professor, one position

2. Employment term:

Permanent position

3. Expected hiring date:

As soon as possible after April 2026

4. Probationary period:

6 months from the date of hire

5. Work location:

Atmosphere and Ocean Research Institute, The University of Tokyo (5-1-5 Kashiwanoha, Kashiwa-shi, Chiba).

Scope of Change: Location designated by the university (Employee shall not be ordered to be reassigned or assigned to work on an external assignment against their will, unless the process stipulated in the University of Tokyo Regulations on Disciplinary Action Procedures against Academic Staff (Rules No. 19 of 2004) has been followed, and excluding reassignment or external assignment when the position held at that time ceases to exist because of the abolition or restructuring of organizations.)

6. Affiliation:

Department of Physical Oceanography, Division of Ocean-Earth System Science

7. Research field:

The Department of Physical Oceanography studies physical phenomena and fundamental processes related to ocean currents and ocean-atmosphere interactions for quantitative understanding through observations and elucidation of the mechanisms. We conduct research on the structure and variation of ocean circulation, the distribution, formation, and transformation of water masses, and ocean-atmosphere interactions and the resulting oceanic and atmospheric disturbances. In addition, as a member of the Joint Usage/Research Center, we actively engage in interdisciplinary research and promote collaboration with scientists both inside and outside the institute by planning and promoting big research projects and shipboard observations and by developing and introducing observation equipment, fluid experiment facilities, and numerical models.

This recruitment seeks a candidate who elucidates ocean circulation on a basin- to global-scale through research centered on shipboard observation, and who can lead the Japanese and international research community as a next-generation leader. We expect the candidate to deepen physical oceanography and also to develop advanced collaborative research with related research fields such as meteorology, chemical oceanography, and biological oceanography. Furthermore, in order to promote the activities of our institute as a Joint Usage/Research Center, we expect the candidate to actively engage in interdisciplinary cooperative research using the research vessels Hakuho Maru and Shinsei Maru, cooperative research at land facilities at Kashiwa,

Otsuchi, and Amami, and international joint research. Furthermore, in order to foster human resources in atmospheric and oceanic sciences, we expect the candidate to be actively involved in graduate school education.

Based on "The University of Tokyo Statement on Diversity & Inclusion" and the "The University of Tokyo Declaration of Gender Equality Acceleration", we welcome active applications from women.

Scope of change: Transfers, concurrent positions, and secondments may be ordered (Employee shall not be ordered to be reassigned or assigned to work on an external assignment against their will, unless the process stipulated in the University of Tokyo Regulations on Disciplinary Action Procedures against Academic Staff (Rules No. 19 of 2004) has been followed, and excluding reassignment or external assignment when the position held at that time ceases to exist because of the abolition or restructuring of organizations.)

8. Working hours:

Deemed as working 7 hours and 45 minutes per day under the discretionary labor system for professional work.

9. Holidays:

Saturdays, Sundays, public holidays, year-end and New Year holidays (December 29 to January 3)

10. Leave:

Annual paid leaves, special leaves, etc.

11. Salary

Determined based on academic background, work experience, etc., with a salary increase system.

Reference: Annual salary of approximately 7,000,000 Japanese yen or more (monthly salary of approximately 350,000 Japanese yen or more), depending on educational background, work experience, etc.

Allowances: Bonuses (twice a year), commuting allowance (up to 55,000 Japanese yen per month in principle), and other allowances according to university regulations

12. Insurance:

Enrollment in the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Mutual Aid Association, employment insurance, and workers' compensation insurance, as required by law

13. Eligibility:

Must hold a doctoral degree (including equivalent degrees obtained abroad)

14. Application documents:

- A) Curriculum Vitae (including academic and employment history, with attached photo). Use The University of Tokyo Standard Resume Format (downloadable from the URL below). If the applicant has any special remarks regarding any periods of research interruption, include them in the CV.
 - https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/about/jobs.html
- B) List of research achievements (distinguishing between peer- and non-peer-reviewed articles, including articles under submission, underlining the applicant's name.

Describe citations for each paper and database used (eg., SCOPUS, Web of Science, Google Scholars etc.). If the applicant's published name differs from their legal name, or if multiple published names have been used, please include an explanation at the beginning of the list of research achievements)

- C) PDF of 5 major papers
- D) Summary of research and education achievements (within 2 pages of A4 paper)
- E) Future plans after recruitment (within 2 pages of A4 paper: Please write a plan for your research, educations for graduate students and ideas to support scientific communities as a staff member of a Joint Usage Research Center)
- F) Other reference information, such as the research cruise experience, competitive external funding obtained, executive roles in domestic and international research projects and academic societies, and editorial board memberships of academic journals, etc.
- G) Names, contact information, and email addresses of two references who can provide opinions about the applicant
- H) Declaration regarding past criminal penalties, administrative actions, and disciplinary actions due to sexual harassment and/or sexual violence etc. against students (downloadable from the URL below). https://www.aori.u-tokyo.ac.jp/recruit/files/declaration.docx *Refer to "21. Others" below.

15. Application submission:

Send an email with the subject "Associate Professor Application of DPO" to: soumu-recruit % aori.u-tokyo.ac.jp (replace % with @) and the application documents as an attached PDF file. The documents attached should be compressed within 20MB with password protection if necessary. Online storage service can be used when the file size exceeds 20MB.

*Applicants will receive an acknowledgment email within 3 working days.

16. Application deadline:

Must arrive by 5:00 PM (Japan Standard Time, UTC + 9h) on Monday, September 29, 2025

17. Selection method:

After screening the documents, we will interview a small number of applicants. In the selection process, we may ask for opinions from people the Selection Working Group deems appropriate. We will notify you of the selection results regardless of whether you are selected or not.

18. Inquiry contact:

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19. Recruiting Organization Name

The University of Tokyo

20. Measures to prevent passive smoking:

No smoking on the premises (smoking areas available outdoors).

21. Other:

- The personal information obtained will not be used for any purpose other than personnel selection.
- In accordance with a notice from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, disciplinary records related to sexual harassment, sexual violence, etc. must be checked during faculty selection to ensure a safe and supportive learning environment for students.
- If, at the time of employment, the applicant has contracts with foreign entities or governments or receives significant benefits from foreign governments, certain technology sharing may be restricted by foreign exchange law, which could make it difficult to fulfill duties as a university employee. In such cases, it is necessary to limit such contracts and benefits to a range that does not hinder the necessary sharing of technology for job duties.
- The faculty composition of the Department of Physical Oceanography in the Division of Ocean-Earth System Science (as of July 1, 2025) is as follows:

Professor: Masaki SATOH, Eitarou OKA

Associate professor: Shinzou FUJIO, Keita IGA

Assistant professor: Daigo YANAGIMOTO, Tomoki OHNO

The website of the department: https://dpo.aori.u-tokyo.ac.jp/index.en.html

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