

November 21, 2025

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

1. Position title and number:
Project Associate Professor (may be appointed as a Project Lecturer or Project Assistant Professor depending on his/her achievements and experience), one position.
2. Employment term:
From the date of appointment until March 31, 2027
3. Expected hiring date:
As soon as possible after April 2026
4. Term:
The employment contract may be renewed yearly. The maximum period of employment is until March 31, 2031.
Contract renewal will be determined based on factors such as budget availability, progress of assigned duties, workload at the end of the contract period, work performance, and attitude toward work.
5. Probationary period:
14 days from the date of hire
6. Work location:
Atmosphere and Ocean Research Institute, The University of Tokyo (5-1-5 Kashiwanoha, Kashiwa-shi, Chiba, Japan).
Scope of change: 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.)
7. Affiliation:
Department of Chemical Oceanography, Division of Ocean-Earth System Science
8. Research field:
This is an open call for a faculty member to work on the research project "Carbon Dynamics and Sequestration of Offshore Blue Carbon" under the JST-CREST Program "Exploring the Potential of Ocean Blue Carbon Through Investigation of Ocean and Carbon Cycling Interactions". This project aims to manage and utilize offshore blue carbon by identifying and quantitatively assessing the controlling factors behind its carbon sequestration function. This position seeks candidates with experience in related research fields such as marine chemistry and biological oceanography who can proactively promote development of methods, shipboard observations, and parameter set construction for carbon cycle models to address this research topic. The successful candidate will also be involved in outreach of research results and educational activities aimed at fostering future researchers in marine biogeochemical cycles. Furthermore, to promote the activities of our institute as a Joint Usage/Research Center, we expect the candidate to actively engage in interdisciplinary and international collaborative research using the research vessels Hakuho-Maru and Shinsei-Maru.
Based on the "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: reassignment, dual appointment and secondment may be ordered (In principle, no order may be issued against one's will. Details are in accordance with Article 4 of The University of Tokyo Regulations on Conditions of Employment of Academic Staff.)

9. Working hours:
Deemed as working 7 hours and 45 minutes per day under the discretionary labor system for professional work.
10. Holidays:
Saturdays, Sundays, public holidays, year-end and New Year holidays (December 29 to January 3)
11. Leave:
Annual paid leaves, special leaves, etc.
12. Compensation:
Salary: An annual salary system will be applied. Salary will be commensurate on qualifications, ability, experience, etc., including performance and outcome allowances.
Allowances: Commuting allowance (up to 55,000 Japanese yen per month in principle).
13. 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.
14. Eligibility:
Must hold a doctoral degree (including equivalent degrees obtained abroad)
15. 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 (e.g., 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 800 words)
 - E) Future plans after recruitment (within 800 words: Please write a plan for your research, educations for graduate students and ideas to utilize the joint use research vessels, etc.)
 - F) Other reference information, such as competitive external funding obtained, executive roles in 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>
16. Application submission:
Send an email with the subject "Project Associate Professor Application of DCO" 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. The office will be closed from December 29th to January 3rd.

17. Application deadline:

Must arrive by 12:00 PM (Japan Standard Time, UTC + 9h) on Friday, January 9, 2026

18. 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. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of the selection process.

19. Inquiry contact:

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20. Recruiting Organization Name

The University of Tokyo

21. Measures to prevent passive smoking:

Smoking is prohibited on the premises, with a designated smoking area located outdoors.

22. 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.

Regarding the contract period in the event of maternity, childcare, or nursing care leave: The contract term will not be extended.

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.

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