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Hokkaido University Faculty of Environmental Earth Science

Announcement for an Associate Professor Position

Location: Sapporo, JAPAN

The Faculty of Environmental Earth Science, Hokkaido University, invites applications for an associate professor position.

Available position:

Associate Professor, full-time tenured position

Number of vacancies: 1

Institution:

(Immediately after hiring) Group of Terrestrial Ecology, Section of Environmental Biology, Faculty of Environmental Earth Science

(Scope of change) Location as determined by the University

Education responsibilities:

(Immediately after hiring) Course in Plant Ecology and Biodiversity Science, Division of Biosphere Science, Graduate School of Environmental Science

(Scope of change) Duties as determined by the University

Research field:

Terrestrial Ecology.

The candidate is expected to conduct ecological research based on fieldwork, focusing on land plants and/or plant-related biological interactions. Those who can actively pursue field research in cold regions are particularly desirable.

Qualifications:

An applicant must have a Ph.D. degree and outstanding research accomplishments in the relevant research fields. An applicant should be passionate about teaching biology, able to collaborate with other faculty members to conduct interdisciplinary and cutting-edge research, and contribute to establishing, maintaining, and developing the research environment.

Probationary period: Three months

Working hours:

The discretionary working system in the type of professional work based on consent (*) or the fixed working hour system will be applied.

* The working hours for a day are deemed as 7 hours 45 minutes.

Salary and allowances:

Compensation based on the National University Corporation Hokkaido University Salary Rules for Faculty Subject to Annual Salary System.

Social insurance:

Employees' Pension Insurance (Kousei Nenkin), MEXT Mutual Aid Association Health Insurance, Employment Insurance, Industrial Accident Compensation Insurance

Name of the recruiter institution:

National University Corporation Hokkaido University

Measures to prevent second-hand smoke:

No smoking on the premises except in specified outdoor smoking areas.

Required application documents:

An applicant should submit the following (1-7) documents via JREC-IN Portal "Web Application".
(<https://jrecin.jst.go.jp/seek/SeekJorDetail?id=D126011094&ln=1>)

The applicant should merge the documents into one pdf file (max file size: 30MB).

1. Full curriculum vitae (including the Web of Science ResearcherID, if available).
2. A list of research accomplishments. Research papers should be categorized into peer-reviewed original papers and other papers.
3. A list of external research funds awarded to the applicant.
4. Representative academic publications, 5 titles.
5. A summary of the track record of the applicant's research activities (up to 1000 words), educational activities and social contributions (up to 600 words)
6. Future aspirations in a research career (up to 1000 words) and educational activities (up to 600 words)
7. Names of two referees with contact details (affiliations and email addresses)

To use JREC-IN Portal Web Application, an applicant needs to register as a JREC-IN Portal user.

Please refer to the help page for details.

(https://jrecin.jst.go.jp/html/app/seek/manuals/jrec-in-portal_user_manual_en.pdf)

Closing date for application:

April 6, 2026 (Japan Standard Time)

Job starting date:

September 1, 2026, or at the earliest date after that

Contact information:

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Inquiries:

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Remarks:

- (1) Besides the above job description, the successful candidate is also expected to teach biology-related subjects to undergraduate students in English and Japanese.
- (2) We actively promote education and research based on diverse human resources and gender equality, aiming to realize the spirit of the “Hokkaido University’s statement of the promotion of Diversity & Inclusion”. Female researchers are encouraged to apply.
- (3) We are also actively supporting a satisfying work-life balance, thus creating ideal environments for people to reach their full potential:
<https://www.dei.hokudai.ac.jp/en/>
- (4) For further information about the employing organization, please visit
https://noah.ees.hokudai.ac.jp/bio/?page_id=3440&lang=en
<https://noah.ees.hokudai.ac.jp/bio/?lang=en>
- (5) The applicants are responsible for travel expenditures if an interview is required.
- (6) Shortlisted applicants will be notified of the interview date. We do not answer inquiries regarding application status. Submitted application documents will be used for selection purposes only.