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Hokkaido University Faculty of Environmental Earth Science

Announcement for an Assistant Professor Position
Location: Sapporo, JAPAN

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

Available position:

Assistant Professor (full-time, non-tenured position)

Number of vacancies: 1

Institution:

(Immediately after hiring) Group of Environmental Molecular Biology, 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 Molecular Biology, Division of Biosphere Science, Graduate School of Environmental Science

(Scope of change) Duties as determined by the University

Research field:

Environmental Molecular Biology

We are seeking a candidate who can open new frontiers in environmental biology by studying microorganisms, plants, and/or their associated organisms in the environment. The successful candidate should have expertise in research approaches based on molecular biology, biochemistry, physiology, cell biology, or related fields. We welcome applications from researchers who are motivated to develop new technologies for analyzing environmental biological systems.

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, and able to collaborate with other faculty members to conduct cutting-edge, interdisciplinary research and contribute to establishing, maintaining, and developing the research environment.

Term of contract:

5-year contract with the possibility of renewal for one 5-year term (maximum of 10 years in total), determined based on a review of teaching and research achievements.

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=D126052238&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 or less.
5. A summary of the track record of the applicant's research activities (up to 1000 words), educational activities (up to 600 words)
6. Future aspirations in a research career and educational activities (up to 1500 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:

August 21, 2026 (Japan Standard Time)

Job starting date:

January 1, 2027, or an 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 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.