

August 12, 2026

Faculty Position Announcement: Assistant Professor The Hokkaido University Museum, Hokkaido University

The Hokkaido University Museum invites applications for an Assistant Professor position.

1. Number of Vacancies and Position:

One Assistant Professor position in the Section of Fundamental Studies, The Hokkaido University Museum

2. Affiliation:

[Immediately after hiring]

The Division of Research, the Section of Fundamental Studies on Academic Resources and Specimens, the Hokkaido University Museum

[Scope of Change]

Location as determined by the University

3. Term of Employment:

The initial appointment is for a five-year term ending on March 31, 2032. Based on a performance review, the successful candidate may be reappointed or granted a tenured position (without a fixed term). If reappointed, the appointment will be for one additional five-year term only.

4. Research Field:

Entomology, invertebrate biology, or museology.

5. Duties and Responsibilities:

[Immediately after hiring]

- Operations: Service on committees within and outside the University; participation in the administration and operation of The Hokkaido University Museum.
- Education: Teaching General Education Courses and Curator Training Courses; the successful candidate may also be appointed concurrently to a graduate school and teach undergraduate and graduate students.
- Research: Conducting research in entomology, invertebrate biology, or museology; promoting collaborative research with other departments within the University; conducting collaborative research with domestic and international research institutes.
- Outreach: Managing museum volunteers; planning and organizing museum events, including exhibitions and seminars; collaborating with other museums and local governments.

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Duties as determined by the University

6. Qualifications:

- (1) Must have, or be expected to obtain, a doctorate degree (Ph.D. or equivalent) by the start date of the appointment.
- (2) Knowledge of and experience in museum activities are preferred.
- (3) A Japanese Curatorial Certificate is preferred.
- (4) Foreign applicants must have sufficient proficiency in Japanese to conduct museum activities and management.
- (5) Must be able to teach courses and conduct graduate seminars in English.

7. Expected Start Date:

April 1, 2027

8. Probation Period:

Probationary period: Three months.

9. Salary:

Salary will be determined in accordance with the National University Corporation Hokkaido University Salary Regulations for Faculty Members Subject to the Annual Salary System.

10. Working Hours:

Discretionary Labor System for Professional Work (*) or Fixed Working Hour System based on agreement.

*The work hours per day are deemed as 7 hours and 45 minutes.

11. Health and Other Social Insurance:

The successful candidate will be covered by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Mutual Aid Association Health Insurance, Employees' Pension, Industrial Accident Compensation Insurance, and Employment Insurance.

12. Name of Recruiting Organization:

National University Corporation Hokkaido University.

13. Measures Against Secondhand Smoke:

Smoking is prohibited on campus except for designated outside smoking areas.

14. Application Materials:

(1) Curriculum Vitae: No specific format is required. A recent photograph should be attached. Must include name, date of birth, current address, contact information (e-mail address and phone number, etc.), academic history since high school, employment history, name(s) of degree-awarding organization(s), date(s) of degree conferral, title of doctoral dissertation, awards, and disciplinary actions.

Note: Please provide details if the applicant has ever been employed by Hokkaido University (for any position including Part-time Lecturer, TA, TF, RA and Short-Term Support Assistant, etc.) on or after April 1, 2013.

(2) List of research achievements: Original papers, symposium proceedings, authored books, reviews, patents, and other research achievements, including publications for the general public. For each publication, indicate whether it was peer-reviewed and identify the corresponding author. If a publication has been accepted for publication or is in press, please attach documentation of its acceptance.

(3) One offprint or photocopy each of five representative publications.

(4) Summary of research history and achievements to date, and future research plans (about 3 pages in A4 format).

(5) List of other accomplishments: Teaching experience and educational support at universities, public outreach activities, service to academic societies, and a list of competitive research grants obtained.

(6) Statement of your vision for the role and future activities of the Museum (about 2 pages in A4 format).

(7) The names and contact information of two references who can speak to the applicant's skills and abilities. The applicant is not required to notify the referees in advance.

15. Application Deadline:

Friday, October 30, 2026 (JST). Late submission will not be accepted for any reasons.

16. Where to Submit:**1) By e-mail**

Please send (1) - (7) above as a single PDF file to museum@jimu.hokudai.ac.jp.

Note:

- (i) Please write "Application for Museum Staff" in the subject line.
- (ii) Applicants will receive confirmation of receipt within five business days. If you do not receive a confirmation, please contact us.
- (iii) All application materials will be used only for the purpose of this recruitment and will be properly destroyed and disposed after the selection process has been completed.

2) By postal mail

Please send your application materials to the following address:

Prof. Taro Yamauchi
Head of the Personnel Commission
Administration Office, the Hokkaido University Museum

Note:

- (i) Please write "Application for Museum Staff" in red on the envelope and send it by Kakitome (insured registered mail) via Japan Post or an equivalent postal service.
- (ii) All application materials will be used solely for the purpose of candidate selection and will be properly destroyed after the selection process has been completed.

17. Inquiries

Administration Office
The Hokkaido University Museum
Phone: +81-11-706-3607, Fax: +81-11-706-4029
E-mail: museum@jimu.hokudai.ac.jp

18. Selection Method:

The selection will be based on the application materials. The Museum may contact applicants for additional information or invite shortlisted candidates to an interview (either in person or online) during the selection process. Applicants are responsible for any expenses incurred in attending the interview.

19. Remarks:

- (1) Hokkaido University is committed to fostering diversity, gender equality and equity, and internationalization in education and research. We particularly encourage applications from women and international researchers (i.e., applicants who are not Japanese nationals).
- (2) The Hokkaido University Museum serves as the University's gateway to society, promoting public engagement and outreach through its educational, research, and exhibition activities.
- (3) For more information, please visit the Museum's website:
<https://www.museum.hokudai.ac.jp/english/>