Professor Position in the Research Section of Adaptation Planning and Management, Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University

July 17, 2026

The Disaster Prevention Research Institute (DPRI), Kyoto University invites applications for a permanent Professor position.

Location: Research Center for Climate Change Adaptation Strategy, Integrated Arts and Sciences for Disaster Reduction Research Group, Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University, Gokasho, Uji, Kyoto 611-0011, Japan (at home or other places if University allows or orders to work remotely).

Job description and required qualifications:

The appointed professor is required to conduct research related to planning and management of adaptation strategies for meteorological and water-related disasters that are expected to intensify in the future due to climate change, as well as on methodologies for the rational formulation and implementation of comprehensive disaster risk reduction measures. The candidate is also required to contribute to enhancing societal resilience through risk communication, with a focus on human behavior before, during, and after disasters.

Additionally, the candidate will be responsible for educating students in the Social Informatics Course at the Graduate School of Informatics, Kyoto University. A Ph.D. or an equivalent degree is required, and the candidate is expected to be able to use Japanese on a daily basis.

Anticipated start date: As soon as possible on or after April 1, 2027.

Probation period: 6 months

Working time: Discretionary labor system (standard working hours: 7 hours 45 minutes per day, 38 hours 45 minutes per week). If the discretionary labor system is not chosen the working hours are from 8:30 to 17:15 with a break between 12:00 to 13:00. Overtime may be ordered. Days off: Saturdays, Sundays, Statutory holidays under the Act on National Holidays, Year-end and New Year's holidays, and Anniversary of Foundation of the University.

Salary and Allowance: To be determined in accordance with Kyoto University regulations.

Social insurance: (1) National Public Service Mutual Aid Associations, (2) Employee's pension insurance, (3) Unemployment insurance, and (4) Worker's accident insurance

Applicants should prepare the following materials:

(1) Curriculum vitae
(2) List of publications (divided clearly into refereed journal papers and others)
(3) Copies of up to five relevant papers
(4) Brief summary of research and related contributions (up to two A4 pages)
(5) Statement of research plans (up to two A4 pages, including figures)
(6) Recommendation letters from two references (a recommendation letter may be substituted by the name and contact information of a reference, including the postal address, and e-mail address)

The complete application package must arrive by the deadline of 17:00 JST, October 13, 2026 at the following address:

Selection Committee for Adaptation Planning and Management Professor
Administrative Office, Uji Campus,
Kyoto University
Gokasho, Uji, Kyoto 611-0011 JAPAN

Applicants must send the package by registered mail or direct submission. Applicants are not allowed to submit it by e-mail or through internet.

For inquiries, you can send e-mail to apply_staff 'at' dpri.kyoto-u.ac.jp (replace 'at' with @)
For more information about DPRI, see https://www.dpri.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/.

Additional notes

(1) The university will not return your application documents.
Personal information contained in the application documents will be used solely for the purpose of screening applicants and never for any other purposes.
(2) Kyoto University is building a culturally diverse faculty and strongly encourages applications regardless of gender or disability.
The university is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action Employer.
(3) With regard to the evaluation of research achievements, the impact of periods of interruption in research activities due to childbirth, childcare, nursing care, etc. (blank periods) will be taken into consideration. If there are blank periods, please indicate them at the end of the list of publications.
(4) The university prohibits smoking in all campus buildings except in designated outside smoking areas for the purpose of preventing the adverse health effects of second-hand smoke.