

Tenure track Position at the Department of Bioresource Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture, Shizuoka University, Japan

Department of Bioresource Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture of Shizuoka University is inviting applications for five year tenure track associate or assistant professor position with financial support for research. Aimed at development of innovative mountain sciences in the department of Bioresource Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture is seeking a tenure track associate or assistant professor for researching in the area of horticultural sciences.

Tenure track system at Shizuoka University aims to provide promising young researchers with opportunities to promote their scientific carriers, and to nurture their talents and skills in research, leadership, management, and education. Holders of tenure track positions are expected to primarily undertake scientific research in their respective fields. However, since eventually they will also undertake teaching responsibilities, tenure track program includes duties to guide thesis projects of students. Holders of tenure track positions are promoted to tenured positions upon successful completion of tenure track program. Extremely competent individuals may be promoted to tenured positions even earlier.

Shizuoka University hires professors to promote internationalization both in education and research. In addition, Shizuoka University is committed to equal employment opportunities regardless of nationality, race, gender, or religion.

1. Job Description

Department of Bioresource Sciences promotes education and research aimed at the development of human resources who will be active nationally and internationally in the field of mountain science, including mountain conservation, forest disaster prevention, erosion control engineering, forest engendering, geomorphology, survey, hydraulic engineering, and geotechnical engineering. The successful candidate would be expected to promote the top-level academic research in these fields and contribute to teaching mountain conservation for Bachelor/ Master course students.

Field	Keywords	No. of Positions	Contacts
Bioresource Science	Mountain conservation Forest disaster prevention Erosion control engineering Forest engineering	Associate or Assistant Professor (1 position)	Professor Fumitoshi Imaizumi Phone: +81-54-238-4845 E-mail: imaizumi@shizuoka.ac.jp

2. Starting date

The successful candidate is expected to start on December 1, 2020.

3. Job description

(1) Duration

Five years from the start of employment.

(2) Assessment of Tenure track Positions

Performance of the tenure track position holder will be evaluated on a regular basis. The assessment will be aimed at evaluating his/her capabilities in scientific research, leadership and management, acquisition of competitive research funding, and providing teaching and tutorship for Bachelor/Master course students. The assessment will take into account the original research plan, mid-term and final research goals submitted at the start of employment, and results of interviews. The assessment will be scheduled as

follows:

- 1) Yearly evaluation will take place at the end of first, second, and fourth years.
 - 2) An interim assessment will be conducted within the month following expiry of two and a half years since the start of employment.
 - 3) The final assessment will be conducted within the month following expiry of four and a half years since the start of employment.
*Successful assistant professor will be promoted to lecturer or associate professor, and successful associate professor will be promoted to professor (acquire tenure until the retirement age (currently 65 years old)).
- (3) Remuneration: annual salary system
- 1) Allowances, including those for dependents, management, housing, commutation, special work, overtime work and midnight work will be provided in accordance with the Shizuoka University guidelines.
 - 2) Relocation expenses will be covered in accordance with the Shizuoka University guidelines.
- (4) Research Support
- 1) During the first year, a start-up fund of 3,500,000 yen and an independent research space will be provided. During the second year, research fund of 1,400,000 yen will be provided. During the third, fourth and fifth years, research fund of 700,000 yen per annum will be provided.
 - 2) The successful candidate shall conduct research under the guidance of mentor/research advisor.
 - 3) It is possible that a research fund may be changed by the situation of a future budget.
- (5) Primary Responsibility
- In addition to research on a special field, support for the subjects on seminar / experimental work / lecture for the students are obligated.
Applicants must have enthusiasm for research and education in the emerging field of horticultural science. Approximately 70% of efforts during the period of the employment will be focused on research and 30% on education.
- (6) Place of work
- The successful candidate shall be assigned to work at Shizuoka Campus of Shizuoka University (Shizuoka City, Shizuoka Prefecture, Japan).

4. Qualifications

- (1) Applicants must possess a doctoral degree obtained within ten years as of the deadline of this job posting. And applicants must have been conducting outstanding research in the relevant fields.
- (2) A researcher who can be in charge “Mountain conservation” in Department of Bioresource Sciences.

5. Documents for Submission

- (1) Application form (curriculum vitae, photograph, past achievements and research funds, impact factor and citation count of individual paper)
... FORM 1 (word, pdf).
- (2) Summary of previous research (two A4 size pages) ...FORM 2 (word, pdf).
- (3) Plan of proposed research for five year period (two A4 size pages) ...FORM 3 (word, pdf).
- (4) Ambition for teaching in Shizuoka University (one A4 size page) ...FORM 4 (word, pdf).
- (5) Copies of up to five most important scientific publications (journal articles, books).
- (6) Names and contact information of two persons who can be contacted in reference to your

work.

[Note] * Important

Forms 1-4 must be filled in English or in Japanese and printed one-side on A4 size paper.

[Submission of documents]

The above documents (1)-(6) must be sent by registered mail to the mail address shown below. Please mark the envelope "Application forms for tenure track associate or assistant professor" using red pen. Submissions by e-mail are not acceptable. The submitted documents will not be returned to the applicants.

[Mail address for the application] * Important

General Affairs Section, Faculty of Agriculture, Shizuoka University, 836 Ohya Suruga-ku, Shizuoka 422-8529, Japan

6. Deadline

Applications must reach the office by 5 p.m. June 30, 2020, Japan time.

7. Selection Procedure

- (1) Document Review –early July 2020
- (2) Interviews – mid July 2020. Only those who have passed the document review will be notified for an interview. Travel expenses will not be disbursed.
The interview with Skype will be performed for selected overseas residents.
- (3) If several applicants have similar abilities, then female or applicants which have obtained a doctoral degree abroad will get an advantage.
- (4) Temporary suspension of research due to maternity or childcare leave in your work record will not be a disadvantage for selection. State clearly in FORM1 if this applies to your situation.

8. Mail address for the application and General queries

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