

Tenure Track Position at the Faculty of Agriculture, Shizuoka University, Japan

The Department of Bioresource Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture of Shizuoka University is inviting applications for a five-year tenure track assistant professor position with financial support for research. Aiming for advancing innovative mountain sciences in the Department of Bioresource Sciences, the Faculty of Agriculture is seeking a tenure track assistant professor with the foci on the areas of forest science, hydrology, and meteorology.

The tenure track system at Shizuoka University targets to provide promising young researchers with opportunities to promote their scientific careers and to nurture their talents and skills in the contexts of research, leadership, management, and education. Holders of tenure track positions are expected to undertake scientific research in their respective fields primarily. However, since eventually, they will also undertake teaching responsibilities, the tenure track program requires the holders to guide thesis projects of students. Holders of tenure track positions will be promoted to tenured positions upon successful completion of the 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. Also, Shizuoka University is committed to equal employment opportunities regardless of nationality, race, gender, or religion.

1. Job Description

An excellent researcher with high academic achievement in “Forest Sciences”, “Hydrology” or “Meteorology” specifically on mountainous areas, or other related fields, is expected for this recruitment. Shizuoka University locates nearby Mt. Fuji and Southern Japanese Alps, where several excellent study sites for mountain and forest sciences were set up, enabling the University to keep high levels of both in the context of research and educational activities. Shizuoka University welcomes a researcher who can contribute to ecosystem conservation and disaster mitigation in mountainous basins based on knowledge in Forest Science, Hydrology, or Meteorology. A top-level researcher who is leading on climate change, ecosystem functions, ecosystem reservations, or other related research areas with the foci on mountainous regions is desired.

No. of Positions: Assistant Professor (1 position)

2. Starting date

The successful candidate is expected to start on May 1, 2021 (or later at the earliest possible date).

3. Job description

(1) Duration

Five years from the start of employment.

(2) Assessment of Tenure track Position

The performance of the tenure track position holder will be evaluated regularly. The assessment includes multi-evaluations of 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) The yearly evaluation will take place at the end of the first, second, and fourth years.

2) An interim assessment will be conducted within the month following the expiry of two and a half years since the start of employment.

3) The final assessment will be conducted within the month following the expiry of four and a half years since the start of employment.

*Successful assistant professor will be promoted to a lecturer or associate professorship (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 following 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 research under the guidance of a 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 the seminar / experimental work/lecture for the students is obligated.

Approximately 70% of efforts during the period of employment will be focused on research and 30% on education.

(6) Place of work

The successful candidate shall be assigned to work at the 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 for this job posting. And applicants must have been conducting outstanding research in the relevant fields.

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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 the proposed research for a five-year period (two A4 size pages) ...FORM 3 (word, pdf).

(4) Ambition for teaching at Shizuoka University (one A4 size page) ...FORM 4 (word, pdf).

(5) Copies of up to five most important scientific publications (journal articles, books. Please rank these achievements).

(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 Japanese and printed one-side on A4 size paper.

[Submission of documents]

The above documents (1)-(6) must be converted to PDF files, and send by E-mail after compressing those files (password must be set to those files).

The submitted documents will not be returned to the applicants.

6. Deadline

Applications must reach by 5 p.m. December 31, 2020, Japan time.

7. Selection Procedure

(1) Document Review – early January 2021 (2) Interviews – late January 2021. Only those who have passed the document review will be notified for an interview. Travel expenses will not be disbursed.

The web-interview will be performed for selected overseas residents and persons who cannot come Shizuoka University due to the spread of infection of COVID-19.

(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. Queries for this position

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