

Osaka City University
International Call for Applications for Tenure-track Associate Professor/Lecturer
(FY 2014)

Outline

Osaka City University (OCU) invites applications for two tenure-track positions (Associate Professor or Lecturer) supported by a Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) program. The appointee will be provided with an independent research environment that includes a startup research fund. The appointee who is recognized as competent after the midterm evaluation held in the third year, and the final evaluation in the fifth year, will be promoted to the status of a full-time tenured position. OCU is seeking personnel who are committed to the highest standards of scholarship and professional activities.

I. JOB DESCRIPTION**1. Available Position**

Two tenure-track positions: academic rank, *i.e.* Associate Professor or Lecturer, will be determined upon impartial judgment by the university panels.

2. Area of Research and Affiliation

The following research areas are inviting applications.

Research area		Keywords	Affiliation / Collaborating faculty	No. of positions
A	Architecture and building engineering	(1)Building structures / Materials, (2)Architectural environment / Equipment, (3)Town planning / Architectural planning, (4)Architectural history / Design	Urban Research Plaza / Graduate School of Engineering	1
B	Civil engineering	(1)Civil engineering materials / Construction / Construction management, (2)Structural engineering / Earthquake engineering / Maintenance management engineering, (3)Geotechnical engineering, (4)Hydraulic engineering, (5)Civil engineering project / Traffic engineering, (6)Civil and environmental engineering		
C	Environmental engineering	(1)Environmental dynamic analysis, (2)Environmental impact assessment / Environmental risk evaluation, (3)Modeling and technologies for environmental conservation and remediation, (4)Environmental conscious materials and recycle, (5)Environmental and ecological symbiosis, (6)Energy conservation / Material cycle, (7)Environmental information science		
D	Biomolecular science	(1)Microbiological chemistry (2)Biologically active substances (3)Enzyme chemistry (4)Carbohydrate/sugar chain (5)Animal molecular physiology (6)Animal biochemistry	OCU Advanced Research Institute for Natural Science and Technology / Graduate School of Science	1

3. Qualifications

- Applicants must have a doctoral degree obtained within the past 10 years at the time of application deadline.
- Applicants must be younger than 40 years old at the time of application deadline.
- The applicant is expected to have work experience as an assistant professor, a postdoctoral fellow, or an equivalent position in academia or industry for several years, and significant accomplishments in research. Japanese language proficiency is not required, but will be required for tenure appointment.

4. Employment and Benefits

Five year tenure-track appointments start on the date of the appointment. The salary will depend on the applicant's experience, as stipulated in the regulations of OCU.* Health insurance, mutual pension, employment insurance, and occupational injury insurance will be available.

* As of October 2013, the annual salary is approximately JPY 4,200,000 to JPY 7,500,000, depending on education, teaching experience, *etc.*

5. Promotion to Tenure Position

The contract of tenure-track position is for five years. A midterm evaluation in the third year and a final evaluation in the fifth year will be held. Those who have made significant research contributions and who pass the screening will be promoted to a tenured position. OCU prepares a tenured position for each tenure-track position. Those who fail to pass the final year screening will finish the contract at the end of that five-year period.

6. Research Environment

These tenure-track positions are supported by a Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) program to empower young researchers. The appointee is provided with independent research space and startup research fund. Funds in 2014 and 2015 will be approximately 10 million yen in total. The amount might vary depending on budget approval.

The appointee will be expected to teach undergraduate and graduate level courses in the areas of expertise.

To enable the appointee to concentrate on their own research, fewer administration duties are imposed: 60% of total working hours are guaranteed to be research time.

7. Job Location

Osaka City University

Sugimoto Campus

3-3-138 Sugimoto, Sumiyoshi-ku, Osaka 858-8585

<http://www.osaka-cu.ac.jp/en/about/access>

II. APPLICATION

1. Application Materials

Documents in the following list must be prepared in English:

- (1) Designated application form* (Curriculum Vitae, List of Publications, *etc.*)
- (2) Summary of research contributions (up to 3 pages including figures)
- (3) Future research plans (up to 2 pages including figures)
- (4) Reprints of representative publications (up to 5 papers)
- (5) Recommendation letter (if possible)

* Download the designated application form from
<http://www.otp.osaka-cu.ac.jp/recruit/defaultE.html>

2. Application Submission

Combine the above documents (1)–(5) into a single PDF file (up to 5MB) and submit it by e-mail to the address shown below. A hard copy of the same documents should also be sent by postal mail. The submitted documents shall not be returned.

Organization for Tenure-track Promotion
Osaka City University
3-3-138 Sugimoto, Sumiyoshi-ku, Osaka, 558-8585, Japan
tsubmit@otp.osaka-cu.ac.jp

3. Submission Deadline

Application materials (via both e-mail and postal mail) must arrive by 4 p.m. on December 27, 2013, Japan Standard Time.

4. Selection Schedule

The 1st stage selection by review of application documents: mid-January, 2014.

The 2nd stage selection (for qualifiers only) including interviews: mid-February, 2014.

Expected job starting date: April 1, 2014.

III. INQUIRIES

If you have any questions, please contact
inquiry@otp.osaka-cu.ac.jp