

Project-based Assistant Professor Position at Kyoto University

Social Scientific Study on Climate and Environmental Issues

Application deadline: July 7, 2025; recruitment will end as soon as a suitable candidate is found.

Vacancies: project-based assistant professor; 1 position.

Affiliation: Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies, Kyoto University

Location: Laboratory of Global Environmental Policy, Yoshida Main Campus, Kyoto, Japan

Terms: 1 year with a chance of renewal each year, based on work performance, for a maximum of 5 years

Date of employment: October 1, 2025 or as soon as possible thereafter.

Qualification: as of application, a candidate should meet the following conditions: (1) to hold PhD; (2) to be currently or have been recently employed as an associate professor, assistant professor, or post-doctoral researcher at a university or research institute located in the United States of America; (3) whose occupational conditions adversely impacted by the country's recent political circumstances.

Job description:

The Laboratory of Global Environmental Policy at the Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies, Kyoto University, advertises the position of one non-tenured assistant professor to conduct quantitative or qualitative research on environmental issues, including but not limited to:

- climate change mitigation and adaptation, climate litigation, climate justice movements;
- energy policy, energy transition, energy justice;
- environmental policy, sustainable business, environmental awareness or behavior, environmental justice movements;
- disaster management, global catastrophic risk;
- gender, racial/ethnic, and Indigenous perspectives on environmental issues.

The selected candidate is supposed to have at least one paper published in or accepted by a refereed journal per year during the period of employment. In addition, the candidate is expected to contribute to the laboratory activities by doing the following:

- to attend the official seminars to be held on one or two days per month in each semester;
- to give academic advice to a few students on an ad-hoc basis.

Salary: approx. 500,000 JPY per month, totaling approx. 6,000,000 JPY per year (non-negotiable).

Research funds: approx. 2,000,000 JPY per year (non-negotiable and non-taxable).

Social insurance and technical assistance: Kyoto University will provide the visa application assistance. Health, dental, and social security insurance will be provided via enrollment in the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology's Mutual Aid Association, Employees' Pension, Employment Insurance, and Workers' Compensation Insurance.

Work Schedule:

Discretionary labor system for professional work (equivalent to 7 hours and 45 minutes per day) is applied. Overtime work may be ordered. Holidays: Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, year-end and New Year holidays, summer holidays, and the anniversary of the establishment (June 18).

Application documents:

- cover letter (1 page);
- CV including a list of publications/presentations (up to 5 pages; the exact date of employment termination must be mentioned if applicable);
- research interest and plan (3 to 5 pages);
- copies of refereed publications;
- a letter of recommendation.

Selection procedure and policy:

After the initial screening of submitted documents, online interviews will be conducted for further selection. The final decision is to be made by the university headquarters based on the laboratory's employment proposal.

Kyoto University promotes gender equality, and applications from female researchers are very welcome. The laboratory commits itself to a firm policy against any discrimination based on race, ethnicity, citizenship, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability, and religion.

Information on the laboratory:

- official website <https://www.envpolicy.ges.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en>
- promotional video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K3n4mZHWrd0>

Submissions:

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Notes:

- Submitted documents will be used only for this recruitment's screening process. They will not be disclosed, transferred, or lent to third parties without a valid reason.
- Kyoto University takes measures to prevent passive smoking by prohibiting smoking indoors and outdoors on all campuses, except in designated smoking areas.