

**Call for Applications:
Program-Specific Researcher (Postdoctoral Research Fellow),
Bioethics and Philosophy Group (Misao Fujita Group),**

Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Biology (ASHBi), KUIAS Kyoto University

20 January, 2022

Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) recently selected the Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Biology (ASHBi) for participation in the World Premier International Research Center (WPI) Program, establishing it within Kyoto University Institute for Advanced Study (KUIAS) on 30 October 2018 with Mitinori Saitou, a world-leading developmental biologist, at its head. The Bioethics and Philosophy Group of the ASHBi invites applications for a Program-Specific Researcher (Postdoctoral Research Fellow) of Moral Philosophy, Practical Ethics, or Moral Psychology.

1. Job Titles:

Program-Specific Researcher (Postdoctoral Research Fellow)

2. Number of Positions:

One (1)

3. Affiliation:

Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Biology (ASHBi), KUIAS Kyoto University
Yoshida Konoe-cho, Sakyo, Kyoto 606-8501 Japan

4. Eligibility:

Essential requirements are as follows:

1. The candidate has a Ph.D. or will have a Ph.D. in Humanity, Social Science or a closely allied field (Philosophy, Sociology, Policy, and so forth)
2. The candidate has excellent research achievements in ethical, legal, or social implications of life sciences
3. The candidate has fluent oral and written communication skills in English

5. Starting Date:

April 1, 2022 or the earliest possible date thereafter (adjustable according to individual requirements)

6. Term:

Five (5) years in principle

(From the day you take the position to March 31, 2023. In and after the following year, the contract can be renewed annually depending on achievements.)

Initial probationary employment period: six (6) months

7. Job Descriptions:

The Bioethics and Philosophy Group (Fujita Group) is promoting international and interdisciplinary research projects on ethical issues associated with the following research topics, collaborating with natural scientists.

- In vitro gametogenesis research
- Organoid research (especially, brain organoid research and research using embryo-like structures)
- Genome editing in humans and nonhumans
- Research using human fetal tissues, etc.

The successful candidate will be expected to develop philosophical/ethical analysis or empirical (quantitative) research for any (or multiple) projects. We encourage you to propose any research topic related to the projects and expect to participate in collaborative research with researchers belonging to ASHBi actively.

8. Working Conditions:

Five (5) working days per week (days off: Saturdays, Sundays, public holidays, year-end and New Year holidays, Foundation Day, and summer vacation, as per University guidelines)

Working hours: 38 hours 45 minutes per week under a discretionary labor system.

9. Salary:

Paid annually in compliance with the rules of Kyoto University.

10. Allowance:

No allowance (such as for commuting, housing, bonuses, etc.) will be provided.

11. Social Insurance:

National Public Service Mutual Aid Association health policy

Employee's pension insurance

Employment insurance

Worker's accident insurance

12. Deadline:

Open until the position is filled.

13. Evaluation Procedure:

Submitted applications will be reviewed, if necessary followed by interviews for short-listed candidates.

14. Application Method:

Application documents must be prepared in English according to the "**Application Guidelines**", and submitted as email attachments.

Submit via email to: ASHBi-recruit@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp

15. Additional Information:

Submitted documents are used only for the purpose of applicant screening and hiring. Personal information will not be disclosed, transferred or loaned to a third party under any circumstances without just cause. Kyoto University promotes gender equality. Responses and applications from female researchers are highly welcomed.

To prevent passive smoking, Kyoto University prohibits smoking at indoors and outdoors at all campuses except for the designated smoking areas.

Application Guidelines

Follow the instructions below to prepare and submit your application. Write in English, and use a 10.5 point font or larger. You may include photographs or charts in color or black and white. Please submit your application via email.

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(Related documents should be sent as email attachments)

Applications with serious deficiencies and/or false information will not be evaluated.

1. Basic Information (CV)

- (1) Name
- (2) Home Address and Contact Information (phone, email, etc.)
- (3) Recent Photograph
- (4) Date of Birth, Age, and Gender
- (5) Academic Degree (including date of acquisition)
- (6) Nationality
- (7) Current Appointment (your current affiliation, department, and position)
- (8) Education (begin with high school and list education)
- (9) Professional Experience
- (10) Awards
- (11) Position Sought (host research group name, job title)
- (12) Contact details of two (2) references (name, affiliation, position, address, e-mail address)

2. Research Proposal (within 5 pages)

Concisely describe the research objectives to be achieved during your time at ASHBi, focusing on the unique ideas and methods you will use to reach them.

3. Reasons for applying for ASHBi (within 1 page)

1. Why are you applying to ASHBi?
2. Explain how you will contribute to furthering the research activities at ASHBi.

4. List of Publications/Grants

Describe your publications in reverse chronological order, including published papers, books, invited lectures, awards, patents, etc. Describe the grants you obtained.

Contact

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