

Call for Applications: Graduate School of Advanced Integrated Studies in Human Survivability
(Fixed-term employee) Program-Specific Researcher

July 3, 2025

Job Type	Program-specific researcher (Postdoc)
Number of positions	One
Affiliation	Zhao Lab (Future Wisdom Institution) Graduate School of Advanced Integrated Studies in Human Survivability, Kyoto University (Higashiichijo-Kan, 1 Nakaadachi-cho, Yoshida, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto, Japan) *In the event that the university permits or mandates remote work, work may be conducted from home or another designated location.
Job description	Engage in research activities including literature review, data analysis, academic discussion, and the preparation and submission of scholarly articles, with a focus on examining the historical background, current applications, and validity of various per capita economic and social indicators (such as per capita GDP), as well as reevaluating their definitions.
Eligibility	The objective of this project is to identify the design flaws inherent in existing per capita economic and social indicators and to establish a new theoretical framework for designing improved per capita indicators that overcome these issues. Therefore, we seek candidates who are motivated to pursue high-impact, long-term research unconstrained by conventional wisdom or existing theories. The additional qualifications are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A doctoral degree in economics, sociology, or a related field (or expected to be conferred by the time of appointment); alternatively, a master's degree in any field with extensive research experience in economics or sociology. • At least one peer-reviewed English-language publication (or acceptance) dated October 2022 or later. • Proficiency in reading and writing academic papers in English. • Strong logical reasoning and communication skills. • A background in mathematics or statistics is desirable.
Starting date	From October 1, 2025
Term	Half a year (till March 31, 2026, no renewal planned)
Trial period	3 months
Working style	Working Hours: Discretionary work system for specialized duties

	<p>(equivalent to 38 hours and 45 minutes per week, or 7 hours and 45 minutes per day)</p> <p>Holidays: Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, year-end and New Year holidays, and the university's foundation day (June 18)</p>
Salary, etc.	280,000 yen per month
Allowance	No allowance
Social insurance	Enrollment in the Mutual Aid Association of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), Employees' Pension Insurance, Employment Insurance, and Workers' Compensation Insurance.
Application documents/method	<p>Please send the following documents by email to the address below. Include "Application for Program-specific researcher – Zhao Lab" in the subject line.</p> <p>Curriculum Vitae (Include a photo, email address, phone number, academic background, and employment history if applicable.)</p> <p>List of Research Publications (Separate entries into books, peer-reviewed journal articles, and peer-reviewed international conference papers. Non-refereed works should not be included.)</p> <p>Summary of Past Research (Up to three themes; no more than two pages per theme.)</p> <p>At Least One Letter of Recommendation (If unavailable, provide an explanation on one page or less.)</p> <p>Proof of English Proficiency (If unavailable, provide a self-assessment or explanation regarding your English ability, within one page.)</p> <p>Additional Materials (Optional self-promotion materials, such as statements regarding logical thinking ability, communication skills, or background in mathematics, as well as links to online profiles. Up to three pages.)</p> <p>Email address: liangzhao@acm.org</p>
Deadline	Recruitment will end as soon as it is decided.
Selection method	Applicants who pass the document screening will be invited for an interview. Interviews are scheduled to be held in person on August 4–5.
Contact details	Liang Zhao, Professor

	<p>Zhao Lab, Graduate School of Advanced Integrated Studies in Human Survivability, Kyoto University</p> <p>Tel.: 075-762-2127 (Secretary)</p> <p>Email: liangzhao@acm.org</p>
Other matters	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The submitted documents will be used solely for the purpose of the recruitment process. They will not be disclosed, transferred, or lent to any third party without legitimate reason. 2. Please note that, in principle, application materials will not be returned. 3. Applicants of any nationality or gender are welcome; however, the working languages are limited to Japanese, Chinese, or English (or a combination thereof). 4. Kyoto University promotes gender equality. Female researchers are encouraged to apply. 5. At Kyoto University, smoking is prohibited in all indoor areas on campus. To prevent secondhand smoke exposure, smoking is also prohibited in outdoor areas except in designated smoking zones.