

**Assistant Professor Position (Tenure-Track) in the Research Section of Slope Conservation,
Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University**

September 16th, 2025

The Disaster Prevention Research Institute (DPRI), Kyoto University invites applications for an Assistant Professor position (Tenure-Track).

Location: Research Division of Geohazards, Geohazards Research Group, Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University, Gokasho, Uji, Kyoto 611-0011, Japan (at home or other places if University allows or orders to work remotely).

Job description and required qualifications:

To advance prediction methods for slope deformation and the post-failure behavior of collapsed materials, with the goal of enhancing slope disaster mitigation, the appointed assistant professor is required to conduct research focused on establishing a novel research domain that seamlessly integrates the understanding of pre-collapse slope deformation with the post-collapse behavior of slope materials, combining slope monitoring and numerical simulations. In particular, the candidate is expected to advance the modeling of progressive slope deformation leading to failure, rupture propagation within slope materials, and the subsequent downslope movement of collapsed materials, based on advanced numerical simulations and physical model tests. Additionally, the candidate will have responsibility for education in the Division of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Graduate School of Science, Kyoto University. The candidate must hold a Ph.D. or an equivalent degree at the commencement of employment.

Anticipated start date: As soon as possible on or after April 1, 2026

Term of employment: 7 years (The contract is not renewable. An interim evaluation will be conducted by the end of the fourth year of employment. Six months before the tenure-track period expires, a review for tenure acquisition will be carried out. If deemed eligible in the tenure review, the individual will be employed as an associate professor with indefinite tenure. If she/he is recognized to have particularly outstanding research achievements, she/he may be granted tenure partway through her/his tenure-track period. Both the interim evaluation and the tenure acquisition review will be conducted in accordance with “The Arrangement on Evaluation of Achievement for Faculty Staff with Term of Employment (Assistant Professor)”)

Probation period: 6 months

Working time: Discretionary labor system (standard working hours: 7 hours 45 minutes per day, 38 hours 45 minutes per week). If the discretionary labor system is not chosen the working hours are from 8:30 to 17:15 with a break between 12:00 to 13:00. Overtime may be ordered. Days off: Saturdays, Sundays, Statutory holidays under the Act on National Holidays, Year-end and New Year's holidays, and Anniversary of Foundation of the University.

Salary and Allowance: To be determined in accordance with Kyoto University regulations.

Social insurance: (1) National Public Service Mutual Aid Associations, (2) Employee's pension insurance, (3) Unemployment insurance, and (4) Worker's accident insurance

Applicants should prepare the following materials:

- (1) Curriculum vitae
- (2) List of publications (divided clearly into refereed journal papers and others)
- (3) Copies of up to five relevant papers
- (4) Brief summary of research and related contributions (up to two A4 pages)
- (5) Statement of research plans (up to two A4 pages, including figures)
- (6) Recommendation letters from two references (a recommendation letter may be substituted by the name and contact information of a reference, including the postal address, and e-mail address)

The complete application package must arrive by the deadline of 17:00 JST, December 8, 2025 at the following address:

Selection Committee for Slope Conservation Assistant Professor
Administrative Office, Uji Campus,
Kyoto University
Gokasho, Uji, Kyoto 611-0011 JAPAN

Applicants must send the package by registered mail or direct submission. Applicants are not allowed to submit it by e-mail or through internet.

For inquiries, you can send e-mail to apply_staff 'at' dpri.kyoto-u.ac.jp (replace 'at' with @)

For more information about DPRI, see <https://www.dpri.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/>.

Additional notes

- (1) The university will not return your application documents.
Personal information contained in the application documents will be used solely for the purpose of screening applicants and never for any other purposes.
- (2) Kyoto University is building a culturally diverse faculty and strongly encourages applications regardless of gender or disability.
The university is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action Employer.

- (3) With regard to the evaluation of research achievements, the impact of periods of interruption in research activities due to childbirth, childcare, nursing care, etc. (blank periods) will be taken into consideration. If there are blank periods, please indicate them at the end of the list of publications.
- (4) The university prohibits smoking in all campus buildings except in designated outside smoking areas for the purpose of preventing the adverse health effects of second-hand smoke.