

Recruitment Guidelines for Program-Specific Assistant Professor
Kyoto University, Graduate School of Engineering,
Department of Mechanical Engineering and Science
“Kyoto Seisakusho: Next Generation Mechanics and Physics Laboratory”
“Kyoto Seisakusho: Next Generation Science of Synthesis in Mechanical
Engineering Laboratory”

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Position	Program-Specific Assistant Professor
Number of Positions	Approximately 1–3 positions
Work Location	Department of Mechanical Engineering and Science, Graduate School of Engineering, Kyoto University (Address: Kyoto University Katsura Campus, Nishikyo-ku, Kyoto) Remote work may be conducted at home or other locations approved or designated by the university.
Job Description	This position is part of an endowed program funded by Kyoto Seisakusho Co., Ltd. and established within the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Science (program period: June 2024 to March 2029, with possible extension). The successful candidate will engage in challenging and internationally oriented research in collaboration with one of the laboratories or research fields in the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Science, the Department of Micro Engineering, or the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics. In addition, the candidate will supervise research activities in the above three departments and teach or assist with courses mainly related to experiments, practical training, and exercises in the Mechanical Systems Course or the Aerospace Engineering Course of the Department of Physical Engineering. Examples of research fields include: materials strength, fluid engineering, thermal engineering, mechanical dynamics, aerospace dynamics, gas dynamics, propulsion engineering, statistical mechanics, materials physics, control engineering, information science, robotics, manufacturing, micro/nano systems, bioengineering, mathematical engineering, and design/synthesis.
Qualifications	Applicants must hold a doctoral degree or be expected to obtain one by the time of appointment.

<p>Starting Date / Employment Period</p>	<p>The successful candidate should assume the position as early as possible on or after October 1, 2026.</p> <p>The contract may be renewed if the endowed program period is extended after the expiration of the employment term. However, the maximum term is five years (annual contract). Renewal will be determined based on factors including workload at the end of the contract period, work performance, attitude, ability, progress of assigned duties, financial conditions, and the status of external funding supporting the position.</p>
<p>Probationary Period</p>	<p>Yes (6 months, in accordance with Kyoto University employment regulations)</p>
<p>Working Conditions</p>	<p>Discretionary Labor System for Professional Work (equivalent to 38 hours and 45 minutes per week, or 7 hours and 45 minutes per day)</p> <p>If the discretionary labor system is not applied, working hours will be Monday through Friday, 8:30–17:15 (break: 12:00–13:00).</p> <p>Overtime work: Yes</p> <p>Holidays: Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, year-end/New Year holidays, and the university foundation anniversary</p>
<p>Salary</p>	<p>Determined in accordance with Kyoto University regulations based on qualifications and experience (annual salary system)</p>
<p>Allowances</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Social Insurance</p>	<p>Enrollment in the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Mutual Aid Association, Employees' Pension Insurance, Employment Insurance, and Workers' Accident Compensation Insurance</p>
<p>Application Procedure</p>	<p>Please combine documents (1)–(9) below into a single PDF file and submit it either as an email attachment (10 MB or less) or by sending a downloadable URL via email.</p> <p>Please include “Application for Program-Specific Assistant Professor Position in Endowed Program” in the email subject line.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Curriculum Vitae: Include contact information, telephone number, email address, academic and professional history since high school graduation, and a photograph (electronic attachment acceptable). Format is free. 2. List of Research Achievements: Separate peer-reviewed journal papers and peer-reviewed international conference papers. For each paper, provide the names

	<p>of all authors (in published order), title, journal name, volume(issue), first and last page numbers, and publication year. Also categorize and include review articles, books, patents, awards, invited lectures, etc., if applicable.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Copies of three major papers (photocopies acceptable) 4. Awards received and descriptions 5. Record of competitive research funding obtained within the past five years, including Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research 6. Summary of research conducted to date (approximately two A4 pages) 7. Statement of future research and educational plans (approximately two A4 pages) 8. Names, affiliations, and contact information (telephone number and email address) of two references 9. Preferred laboratories/research fields for collaboration (multiple selections allowed; see “Additional Information” below) <p><i>Applicants may optionally include periods during which educational or research activities were interrupted due to childbirth, childcare, etc. Such information will be taken into consideration during evaluation.</i></p> <p>Submission Address Ryuji Yokokawa Department of Micro Engineering, Graduate School of Engineering, Kyoto University Email: yokokawa.ryuji.8c (at) kyoto-u.ac.jp</p>
<p>Application Deadline</p>	<p>Applications must arrive no later than Friday, June 26, 2026. Selection may be completed before the deadline if suitable candidates are identified. If the number of selected candidates does not reach the planned number of positions, the recruitment may be reopened.</p>
<p>Selection Process</p>	<p>Applicants will be screened based on submitted documents, and interviews may be conducted if necessary. Details will be communicated individually to applicants. We will notify you of the selection results via email within approximately two weeks after the interview.</p>
<p>Additional Information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted documents will be used solely for the selection process and will not be disclosed, transferred, or loaned to third parties without legitimate reason. Application documents will not be returned.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel expenses for interviews will not be reimbursed. • Kyoto University promotes gender equality and strongly encourages applications from female researchers. • Research achievements during periods when research or educational activities were interrupted due to childbirth, childcare, etc., will be considered equivalent to achievements before and after such periods. • After appointment, the successful candidate will conduct research and educational activities in collaboration with faculty members in existing laboratories or research fields in the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Science, the Department of Micro Engineering, or the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics (see URLs below). <p>https://www.me.t.kyoto-u.ac.jp/ja/information/laboratory</p> <p>https://www.mi.t.kyoto-u.ac.jp/ja/information/laboratory</p> <p>https://www.aa.t.kyoto-u.ac.jp/ja/information/lab</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although this endowed program is administratively established within the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Science, the successful candidate will concurrently belong, for research and educational purposes, to one of the collaborating laboratories or research fields in the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Science, the Department of Micro Engineering, or the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics. • Kyoto University prohibits smoking indoors on all campuses and also prohibits smoking outdoors except in designated smoking areas in order to prevent passive smoking.
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