

Job Announcement: Postdoctoral Researcher Position

Division of Physics and Astronomy, Graduate School of Science, Kyoto University

October 15, 2026

Job Title	Postdoctoral Researcher (Program-Specific Researcher; fixed-term employee)
Number of Openings	One (1)
Place of Work	Division of Physics and Astronomy, Graduate School of Science, Kyoto University (Kitashirakawa Oiwake-cho, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto, Japan) (Scope of change) The employee's home or an equivalent location, if the University permits or orders remote work.
Job Description	The successful candidate will work as a postdoctoral researcher with Associate Professor Yuichi Harikane (to be appointed on November 1, 2026) on research on high-redshift galaxies and AGNs related to the JST FOREST grant project "A Paradigm Shift in the Study of First-Galaxy and AGN Formation through the Synergy of Large-Telescope Observations and Theory" (PI: Yuichi Harikane).
Qualifications	• Applicants must hold a doctoral degree, or be certain to obtain one by the time of appointment. • Applicants with an interest in the research described above are welcome, regardless of their current field of specialization or whether their background is in observation or theory.
Term of Employment	From the earliest possible date on or after April 1, 2027, to March 31, 2030. This research project may proceed to Phase 2 (FY2030–FY2033) depending on the result of the stage-gate review, in which case the term of employment may be extended. (up to the end of the project at the longest. Renewal will be determined by taking into consideration factors such as the workload at the time of expiration of the contract period, work performance, attitude, ability, progress of the work engaged in, and the status of the external funding supporting the position.)
Probationary Period	Yes (six months)
Working Conditions	Discretionary labor system for specialized work (equivalent to 38 hours 45 minutes per week, 7 hours 45 minutes per day) • If the discretionary labor system for specialized work is not applied, working hours are 8:30–17:15, five days a week (break: 12:00–13:00). • Overtime work: Yes • Days off: Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, year-end and New Year holidays, and the University's Foundation Day
Salary	Determined in accordance with Kyoto University regulations, based on ability and experience (annual salary system). The salary is expected to be comparable to that of a JSPS Research Fellow (PD; approximately 360,000 JPY per month).
Allowances	None
Social Insurance	Enrollment in the MEXT Mutual Aid Association, employees' pension insurance, employment insurance, and workers' accident compensation insurance

Application Procedure	Please submit documents (1)–(5) below as e-mail attachments to koubo_pd*kusastro.kyoto-u.ac.jp (please replace * with @). The letters of recommendation or reference in (6) should be sent directly by their authors as e-mail attachments by the application deadline. All application documents and letters must be in PDF format. Please use “JST FOREST Postdoctoral Researcher Application” as the subject line of the e-mail. (We will send a confirmation of receipt for submitted applications. Please make sure that you receive this reply.) (1) Curriculum vitae (2) List of publications (please mark up to three major papers) (3) Possible start date (4) Summary of past research (up to 2 A4 pages) (5) Research plan after appointment (up to 2 A4 pages) (6) Two letters of recommendation or reference
Application Deadline	Thursday, December 10, 2026
Selection Process	Applications will be screened on the basis of the submitted documents, and interviews will be conducted if necessary. Details of the interview will be communicated separately.
Contact	Office of the Department of Astronomy, Division of Physics and Astronomy, Graduate School of Science, Kyoto University E-mail: koubo_pd*kusastro.kyoto-u.ac.jp (please replace * with @)
Additional Information	Submitted documents will be used solely for the purpose of this selection. They will not be disclosed, transferred, or lent to any third party without legitimate reason. Please note that application documents will not be returned. Kyoto University promotes gender equality. Applications from female researchers are strongly encouraged. Smoking is prohibited indoors on all Kyoto University campuses, and outdoors except in designated smoking areas, in order to prevent passive smoking. In accordance with laws and regulations, Kyoto University strives to prevent harassment of job seekers and has put in place measures such as consultation services, as described on the following page. https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/about/human-rights/harassment-policy-at-kyoto-university