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To Whom It May Concern

Kyushu University Research Institute for Applied Mechanics
Director Yoshihiro Kangawa

Faculty Position Announcement

The Research Institute for Applied Mechanics (RIAM) at Kyushu University, Japan, is now accepting applications for an assistant professor position in the Division of Renewable Energy Dynamics. Please forward this information to the relevant parties. Please also refer to the URL below for more information about RIAM.

<https://www.riam.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/index-e.html>

1. **Position:** One Assistant Professor
2. **Term of employment:** Five years from the date of hire (as soon as possible on or after April 1, 2027). Reappointment is limited to one term (three years). Furthermore, in accordance with the Institute's personnel policies, the employee will be employed as a "Faculty Member (Annual Salary System)" for five years from the date of appointment. For the three years following reappointment, the employment status will change to "Fixed-Term Faculty Member (Successor Faculty)" under the annual salary system, and the employment contract will terminate at the end of that term. Please note that the cumulative duration of fixed-term employment contracts at this university may not exceed 10 years.
3. **Affiliation:** Renewable Energy Materials Engineering Section or Energy Conversion Engineering Section, Division of Renewable Energy Dynamics, Research Institute for Applied Mechanics, Kyushu University
4. **Research subjects:** The Division of Renewable Energy Dynamics at the Research Institute for Applied Mechanics, Kyushu University, promotes research and development on energy conversion materials, devices, and systems. In collaboration with the Renewable Energy Center, the division aims to advance the integrated acquisition, efficient conversion, and effective utilization of renewable energy. Through this open call, we seek candidates with an outstanding track record in research on materials or devices that contributes to energy conversion, and who are eager to drive technological innovation and improve energy-conversion efficiency by expanding and applying related simulation technologies. In terms of education, successful candidates will be expected to collaborate on educational and research activities at the Interdisciplinary Graduate School of Engineering Sciences, Kyushu University.
5. **Qualification requirements:** Applicants must have a Ph.D. at the time of appointment.
6. **Date of appointment:** The earliest possible date on or after April 1, 2027.
7. **Address of work location:** Research Institute for Applied Mechanics, Kyushu University (6-1 Kasuga-koen, Kasuga, Fukuoka 816-8580)
8. **Compensation:**
 - 1) Salary: For "Faculty Members (Annual Salary System)," the annual salary system (base annual salary and various allowances) applies; for "Fixed-Term Faculty Members" (successor faculty), the annual salary system introduced on April 1, 2020 (base annual salary, performance-based salary, and various allowances) applies. The annual salary amount will be determined in accordance with the University's relevant regulations based on educational background and work experience.
 - 2) Working hours: Based on your consent, you are deemed to have worked 7 hours and 45 minutes under the specialized-work discretionary work system.
 - 3) Days off: Every Saturday and Sunday, national holidays, and other days as specified (e.g., New Year's holiday).
 - 4) Insurance: Health insurance, pension insurance, mutual retirement pension programs of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Mutual Society, and employment insurance of the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare.
9. **Required documents:** The following documents from 1) to 7), in order, in one PDF file, must be uploaded to the designated URL. Please name the file "Applicant's Name.pdf."
 - 1) Curriculum vitae: include a recent photographic portrait, contact information (address and E-mail),

- educational records, professional records, awards, and activities in academic societies.
- 2) List of publications including papers (refereed and non-refereed, in print and submitted), reviews, books, patents, etc.
 - 3) Reprints of up to three selected papers.
 - 4) Summary of research experience with about 2 pages of A4 paper, which may include figures and tables if necessary. Categorize major research topics and explain their achievements, indicating relevant papers. Citations, evaluations, and use in other papers and books, etc., regarding the achievements may be briefly described.
 - 5) List grants, distinguishing between principal investigator and co-investigator, and describe achievements of joint research.
 - 6) Statement on future research and education plans (about one page of A4 paper).
 - 7) Names and contact information of two professional references.

10. Application deadline: All the required documents must be received by noon on December 25, 2026 (JST).

11. Address of contact and submission:

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 University, 6-1 Kasuga-koen, Kasuga, Fukuoka 816-8580,
 Japan

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Submissions are accepted online only. When submitting, please contact us at the above e-mail address. Upon receipt of the applicant's e-mail, we will reply with instructions on how to upload the documents to be submitted. If you have not received a reply within 2 days, please contact us again. Please read and agree to the following URL before applying.

<https://www.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/website/privacypolicy/jobapplicants>

Application documents will be used only for the purpose of this selection process and will be disposed of responsibly after the selection process is completed.

12. Additional information:

Faculty selection will be conducted in accordance with the basic principles of "Gender Equality at Kyushu University" and the spirit of the "Basic Act on Persons with Disabilities (Act No. 84 of 1970)," the "Act on the Promotion of Employment of Persons with Disabilities (Act No. 123 of 1960)," and the "Act on the Promotion of the Elimination of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities (Act No. 65 of 2013)." Please refer to the following for information on the activities of the Kyushu University Office for the Promotion of Gender Equality: (<https://danjyo.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/>). Additionally, we introduced a spousal accompaniment employment system in July 2017.

If you have previously received disciplinary action due to sexual violence—including sexual harassment against students—please be sure to include the details of the disciplinary action and the specific reasons for it in your resume or other application materials. Any false statements may result in the revocation of the offer of employment or disciplinary action.

Measures to prevent secondhand smoke: Smoking is prohibited throughout the entire campus.

Consultation desk regarding sexual harassment during the job application process: Kyushu University Office for the Promotion of Harassment Prevention (E-mail: syjsoudan@jimu.kyushu-u.ac.jp)

Kyushu University provides support to improve the research environment for faculty and researchers.

- Support for securing research grants
- Support primarily for early-career researchers
- Support for continuing research during life events such as childbirth and child-rearing
 - On-campus childcare facilities (Himawari Nursery School, Takenoko Nursery School)
 - Subsidy program for babysitting services, and more

For details on other forms of support and programs not listed above, please visit the Kyushu University website.

Kyushu University Website > About Kyushu University > Faculty and Staff Job Postings > List of Researcher Support Programs

<https://www.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/university/career/support>

For faculty positions (annual salary system), please refer to the following:

- Kyushu University (National University Corporation) Faculty (Annual Salary System) Employment Regulations
https://www1.g-reiki.net/kyushu-u/reiki_honbun/u437RG00000195.html
- Kyushu University (National University Corporation) Faculty (Annual Salary System) Salary Regulations
https://www1.g-reiki.net/kyushu-u/reiki_honbun/u437RG00000221.html