
Job Vacancy Announcement

Research Associate

The Biodiversity Division invites applications for the position of Research Associate as detailed below.

1. Position

A Contract Research Employee (Research Associate), Biodiversity Assessment and Projection Section, Biodiversity Division

2. Research Topic

Study on spatio-temporal trends of biodiversity in terrestrial ecosystems in Japan and Asia

3. Description of Research

The National Institute for Environmental Studies (NIES) is conducting research on the assessment of broad-scale and long-term trends of biodiversity in response to climate change and other broad-scale environmental changes in terrestrial ecosystems. The successful candidate will work on novel research topics autonomously using integrated approaches including community ecology, landscape ecology, conservation ecology, and remote sensing. In particular, the successful candidate will focus on the following research topics in terrestrial ecosystems in Japan and Asia: (1) Mapping the spatiotemporal trends of the biodiversity, ecosystem functions, and ecosystem services with identifying its drivers; (2) Assessing and predicting biodiversity, ecosystem functions, and ecosystem services over large scales with consideration to the effects of environmental change including climate change, land use, etc.

4. Qualifications

- (1) Holds Doctoral degree by the time of commencement of employment.**
- (2) Excellent research achievements on ecology or relevant fields.**

5. Selection Process

The selection process will be by means of a screening of applications followed by individual interviews. We will inform those applicants whose applications have passed the initial screening process on details of the interview.

6. Application Process/Application Documents

Applicants are requested to submit the following documents as instructed below.

(1) CV (Prescribed format)

(2) Publication list by categories of original papers, books, commentaries, and oral presentations.

(3) A summary of previous and/or ongoing research (1-2 pages in A4 size)

(4) Plans for future research (indicate how they relate to the Description of Research stated above; 1-2 pages in A4 size)

***Submitted documents will not be returned. Application materials submitted by applicants will be properly discarded after the selection process is completed.**

***Please list your past employments (names, addresses and periods) in the prescribed format CV. Indicate also if you had a contract with NIES other than an employment contract, such as collaborative researcher, visiting researcher, dispatch employee, contractor, etc.**

***Please write in red "Application Documents for Research Associate on Biodiversity research" on the envelope for postal submission. Applicants wishing to submit electronically must email the contact person in advance for submission instructions.**

7. Deadline

Application is open until filled. Applicants willing to start working on April 1, 2023 must submit application documents by February 1, 2023.

8. Work Conditions and Relevant Regulations

Research Associate is treated as Contract Employees.

Rank (Working Hours):

Research Associate Exempt Working Hours (Weekdays)

The employee may be requested to work overtime and/or on holiday if necessary. Compensation will be decided based on the Regulations Regarding Remuneration

for Contract employees at NIES.

Basic remuneration for Research Associate: JPY 4,716,000 ~ per annum.

Probationary Period: 6 months

For other matters pertaining to this employment please ensure to refer to the Rules of Employment for Contract Employees at NIES and related regulations.

(Japanese only) <http://www.nies.go.jp/kihon/kitei/index.html>

9. Date of Commencement

The position will start as soon as possible after April 1, 2023.

10. Term of Contract

This is a contract position that, in principle, terminates at the end of the fiscal year (March 31, 2024). However, depending on the status of the research plan and performance evaluations, it would be possible for the Contract Employee to renew their yearly contract, although in principle, it cannot be extended exceeding five years of service from the date of commencement.

11. Others

This work falls under the subject matter of Article 15-2 of the Act on Activation of Science and Technology and Innovation Creation (in Japanese only): https://elaws.e-gov.go.jp/search/elawsSearch/elaws_search/lsg0500/detail?lawId=420AC100000063#98

*Employed research staff aged under 40 years of age may devote up to 20 % of their efforts to work on their voluntary research activities if NIES approves, based on an enforcement policy regarding voluntary research activities by young researchers employed to conduct project implementation using competitive grants.

12. Contract Information

Applications should be directed to:

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