

Full professor or associate professor, Graduate School of Biostudies

March 1, 2010

Institution	Kyoto University, Graduate School of Biostudies
Job Title	Professor or Associate Professor
Application Deadline	April 30, 2010
Hiring Date	October-December 2010: date to be agreed upon
Job Term	To March 31, 2014
Salary	Approximately 10,000,000 Japanese yen per annum for full professor, or 8,000,000 Japanese yen per annum for associate professor

The Graduate School of Biostudies, Kyoto University was founded in 1999 as the first graduate school in Japan that addresses all areas of life science research. We aim to create a world-class research center in the life sciences, and to educate young scientists to play leading roles in diverse fields of basic and applied life sciences. We are eager to contribute to the development of human wellbeing in the 21st century, by pursuing these scientific and educational activities. (<http://www.lif.kyoto-u.ac.jp/>)

1. Job description

The Graduate School of Biostudies invites applications for a non-tenured position as full or associate professor to teach graduate students (both domestic and international) in our "Frontiers in Life Science" program, a new joint educational venture between the Graduate Schools of Biostudies, Medicine, and Pharmaceutical Science. Applicants should be native speakers of English.

The new educational program is open to both international and domestic students, and its content - including entrance examinations, lectures, experiment classes and seminars - will be delivered entirely in English. Candidates must have a Ph.D. and a strong commitment to teaching excellence in a field of life sciences. The successful candidate will teach both doctoral and master's courses in "Frontiers in Life Science", and will contribute administratively to the internationalization of our graduate school. He or she should also possess the flexibility to assist in the development of students' scientific English skills, such as preparing oral presentations and writing papers. In addition, he or she will participate in "Global Events of Kyoto University" that are held in countries such as China and Vietnam, and will contribute to miscellaneous activities within the school such as organizing international meetings and writing public documents.

The starting date of the position is October 1, 2010 or a date to be agreed upon. The contract term is from the agreed starting date until March 31, 2014. Contract renewal, initially for a further five-year period, will be decided around August 2013, upon mutual agreement. The successful candidate will be hired as either a full or an associate professor, according to his or her teaching record. We have no special preference: we will consider candidates to fill the position at either level. Some knowledge of Japanese is desirable but not required.

2. Application procedure

Candidates should submit one copy of each of the following documents.

- (1) Cover letter: please indicate the desired starting date.
- (2) Curriculum vitae.
- (3) A certified copy of the highest diploma obtained, or a graduation certificate of the institution that issued it.
- (4) A summary of the candidate's past teaching experience (about 1500 words).
- (5) A summary of the candidate's proposed teaching in the program (about 1500 words).
- (6) Two recommendation letters (written in English or Japanese).

All documents must arrive no later than April 30, 2010, and should be sent to the following address: Somu Kakari, Kyoto University, Graduate School of Biostudies, Yoshidakonoe, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto 606-8501, Japan. Please write "Application for Professorship in Graduate School of Biostudies" in red on the front of the envelope.

3. Selection procedure and feedback to candidates

A committee in the Graduate School of Biostudies will evaluate all candidates, based on the documents submitted. An interview may be scheduled by faculty members, if necessary. The final decision will be made by all faculty members no later than the end of July, 2010. Each candidate will be informed of the final decision pertaining only to himself/herself.

Kyoto University promotes equal opportunity in gender and will strongly encourage applications from female candidates for this position.

For inquiries, please contact Professor Akira Kakizuka (e-mail: kakizuka@lif. [please append "kyoto-u.ac.jp" to complete this e-mail address]; tel: +81-75-753-7675).