

Tokyo College, the University of Tokyo
Recruitment Information for Project Assistant Professor

Tokyo College is an institute established in February 2019 at the University of Tokyo. Tokyo College promotes a brand new system for collaboration between members of the University with people from across the globe, to discuss and create a shared vision of an ideal future and to take action together to pursue its realization. Under the central research theme “The Earth and Human Society in 2050” we invite leading scholars, promising young researchers and influential intellectuals from overseas, making full use of the University’s international academic network, and create a platform for collaboration that involves scholars, staff and students from across the University, aiming to generate new knowledge that will help shape our future. Knowledge created by these collaborations will be delivered to the public through Tokyo College lectures.

Tokyo College is recruiting one Project Assistant Professor who will pursue academic activities and contribute to the management of Tokyo College.

1. Job Title

Project Assistant Professor

2. Term

The appointment starts as soon as possible after the decision of employment has been made (no later than April 1st, 2022) and is for three years without option for renewal.

3. Probationary Period

Initial six months, with the same compensation and benefits.

4. Job Description

Project Assistant Professors are expected to:

- conduct their own research relating to one or more of the focus themes listed in “5. Field of Expertise”
- contribute to generating a platform for scholars of the University, including Tokyo College, to carry out interdisciplinary collaborations within and without the University of Tokyo, crossing over existing academic disciplines, and
- contribute to planning and carrying out Tokyo College’s public outreach activities.

5. Field of Expertise

Tokyo College contributes to the realization of a sustainable and inclusive future through

interdisciplinary research collaborations under the research theme “The Earth and Human Society in 2050”. Applicants’ field of expertise should be related to one of the following research focuses.

- A. Digital Revolution and the Future of Humanity
- B. Tackling the Planetary Boundaries through Interdisciplinary Approaches
- C. Japan Viewed from Inside and Outside
- D. Humanities in 2050 - World Philosophy, World History and World Literature
- E. Life and its Value for Future Society

6. Qualifications

- Ph.D. or equivalent in a related field
- * Applicants scheduled to obtain a Ph.D. degree before the starting date are eligible.
- Good communication skills in Japanese and English

7. Employment Status and Working Hours

In principle, normal working hours of full-time employees of the University of Tokyo are 7 hours and 45 minutes per day, five days per week. The working hours may be made more flexible by adopting the discretionary labor system (exemption system) for this position at the discretion of the employee.

8. Holidays

Saturdays and Sundays, Japanese statutory public holidays, year-end and New Year holidays (December 29 through January 3), annual paid vacation, sick leave (paid), special vacation (paid).

9. Compensation & Benefits

- Annual gross salary is around JPY 7,000,000, depending on seniority or expertise, plus benefits.
- Commuter allowance: maximum JPY 55,000 per month.
- Social Insurance: Eligible for MEXT* Mutual Aid Association membership, employees’ pension, unemployment insurance, and workers’ accident compensation insurance. (*MEXT: Japan’s Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology)
- Relocation support for researchers from overseas: Tokyo College will provide support including obtaining a working visa and finding accommodation.

10. Place of Work

Hongo Campus (7-3-1 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo, 113-8654 Japan)

11. Application Deadline

Rolling review until application closes at 5 PM on November 12, 2021 (Japan Standard Time)

12. Application Materials (English and/or Japanese)

Submit your application materials (PDF files) by email. Please be sure to confirm that you receive a confirmation email from the Tokyo College Secretariat.

- The University of Tokyo Standard Resume Format (Please download from <https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/about/jobs.html> and provide your institutional email address)
- Publication list (Please specify refereed or non-refereed for articles)
- Three main publications
- Summary of your past research achievements (approximately within 3000 characters in Japanese or 1500 words in English)
- Summary of your future goals at Tokyo College (approximately within 3000 characters in Japanese or 1500 words in English)
- Names and email addresses of two people who can recommend you for the position

13. Contact

Tokyo College Secretariat

Email: jobs.tokyo.college@tc.u-tokyo.ac.jp

14. Selection Process

All applications will be screened, and only those applicants deemed qualified will be scheduled for an interview.

15. Others

- Submitted documents will not be returned.
- Personal information shall be handled carefully according to the Privacy Policy of the University of Tokyo and will be used only for the job selection process.
- Travel costs incurred during the selection process will not be paid.
- A maximum of JPY 1,000,000 per annum will be provided as research funds which can be used to cover research related expenses including purchase of books or reference material, travel expenses, etc.
- The University of Tokyo is committed to gender equality.