Faculty Position Opening (Advanced Media Technologies) at the Interfaculty Initiative in Information Studies, the University of Tokyo

1. Position title, number of positions
   Assistant Professor, 1

2. Planned date of appointment
   April 1st, 2024

3. Term of employment
   5 years (non-renewable). Probation period is 14 days from the start date of employment.

4. Place of employment
   Hongo Campus, 7-3-1 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo, Japan

5. Institution
   Interfaculty Initiative in Information Studies, the University of Tokyo

6. Areas of specialization
   • Research in advanced media technologies*
   • Research and practice of artistic expression and design (such as media art, content design, fabrication, UX design, etc.) based on advanced media technologies
   • Application of advanced media technologies aimed at solving societal challenges, as well as activities related to science communication

   * Includes human interface, display technologies, digital fabrication, robotics, Metaverse, Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality, entertainment computing, AI, machine learning, information visualization, computer vision, IoT, and related programming/simulation technologies, etc.

7. Job details
   The successful candidate is expected to engage in the education and research supervision of graduate students, and conduct research in specialized fields. Additionally, they will assist with various school affairs, including the operation of systems such as networks and servers.
8. Hours

Under the discretionary work system for professional services, the employee is considered to have worked 7 hours and 45 minutes per day.

9. Days off

Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays and end-of-year holidays (December 29th to January 3rd).

10. Leave

Annual paid leave, special leave, sick leave, etc.

11. Conditions

- To be determined in accordance with the regulations of the University of Tokyo (Salary is expected to be between 300,000 and 400,000 yen per month, to be determined in consideration of academic background and work experience)
- A commuting allowance will be provided (subject to meeting the stipulated requirements determined by us, with a maximum of 55,000 yen per month, calculated based on our regulations).
- No retirement benefits or year-end/diligence allowances.

12. Social security

Enrollment in the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Mutual Aid Association, the Employee’s pension insurance, and the Employment Insurance.

13. Qualifications:

1) Possession of a Ph.D. Degree (including those who are expected to possess the degree by the time of employment) or an equivalent level of academic achievement.

2) Ability to carry out classes, thesis supervision, research, and other faculty duties in Japanese.

14. Documents to be submitted:

1) Curriculum vitae (which must indicate educational record since graduation from high school and have a self-portrait photo attached). Please use the university format downloadable from:
2) List of achievements (divided into categories such as books, papers, oral presentations, exhibitions, and professional achievements)

3) Three examples of main research achievements (books or academic papers).

4) An outline of research and education experience to date (2,000 Japanese characters or 1,000 words in English)

5) A plan for future research and education activities (2,000 Japanese characters or 1,000 words in English)

6) The names and contact details (institution name, telephone number and e-mail address) of two referees whose opinions may be sought.

15. Application deadline

Applications must arrive no later than Friday, September 29th, 2023.

Following a review of the application documents, candidates may be interviewed face-to-face or via online meeting tools between October and early November. In the case of a face-to-face interview, any associated transportation and accommodation costs are to be borne by the applicant.

16. How to apply and where to direct inquiries

1) How to apply

   a) Upload to the JREC-IN Portal Web application system:
      https://jrecin.jst.go.jp/seek/SeekTop

      Please divide uploaded electronic files into separate files for each type and include your name in the names of the uploaded files to make it immediately obvious who submitted them.

   b) However, if you have research achievements that cannot be converted into electronic media (e.g., published books), please send five copies of them to the address below via postal mail (must arrive no later than the application deadline):

      Dean, Interfaculty Initiative in Information Studies, The University of Tokyo, 7-3-1 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo, 113-0033 JAPAN

      * Applications must be sent by registered mail or Yu-packet with delivery completion confirmed by the applicant. If applications must be sent from
overseas, it is mandatory to use an international delivery service with tracking. The package must be marked in red ink with the words “Containing application documents for the faculty position in Advanced Media Technologies”. Application documents will not be returned.

2) Please direct inquiries to

General Affairs Team, Interfaculty Initiative in Information Studies, The University of Tokyo
E-mail: soumu@iii.u-tokyo.ac.jp
Telephone: +81-(0)3-5841-5938

17. Other policies

1) Any personal information acquired from the application process will not be used for any other purpose.

2) At the Interfaculty Initiative in Information Studies, we seek to nurture and support junior researchers, and promote gender equality and diversity. We therefore encourage women, gender minorities, and those in junior positions to apply.

3) The III/GSII has adopted a set of ethics policy principles; applicants should refer to these before applying:
https://www.iii.u-tokyo.ac.jp/about/ethics-policy-principles

4) If you are personally in contract with foreign governmental bodies, corporations or universities, or you are in receipt of a large benefit (financial or any other form) from foreign governmental bodies during the period of your employment, the provisions of the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (FEFTA) may prohibit or restrict the sharing of technologies that are designated as controlled technologies, which may make it difficult to fulfill the duties of an academic or administrative employee of the university. Therefore, in such cases it is necessary to limit the scope of such contracts/benefits so that they do not hinder the sharing of technologies necessary for your duties at the university.

18. Status of measures to prevent passive smoking

No smoking is allowed within the premises (smoking areas available outdoors).

19. Employer’s name

The University of Tokyo, National University