

Call for Applications for Professor (Head of the International Office),  
Observational Solid Earth Science Division  
Earthquake Research Institute, The University of Tokyo

1. Position title and number:

Professor (one position)

2. Expected hiring date:

At the earliest possible date on or after January 1, 2027.

3. Employment term:

Permanent

In accordance with internal regulations regarding the tenure of faculty members, a five-year term limit is applied to faculty members over 55 years of age at the start of the following academic year. Reappointment is possible only once with the approval of the institute's faculty council (however, it cannot exceed the retirement date stipulated in The University of Tokyo's regulations). For details, please refer to the contact information below.

4. Probationary period:

Six months from the date of hire

5. Work location:

Earthquake Research Institute, The University of Tokyo (1-1-1 Yayoi, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo). Placement changes, concurrent positions, and secondments may be ordered within the range specified by the university (except as a rule, these orders are not against one's will). For details, refer to Article 4 of The University of Tokyo Regulations on Conditions of Employment of Academic Staff.

6. Affiliation:

To be determined upon appointment.

7. Research field:

Observational Solid Earth Science

The Earthquake Research Institute (ERI), The University of Tokyo, serves as a leading hub for observational solid Earth sciences, dedicated to advancing scientific understanding of earthquakes and volcanic phenomena and to contributing to disaster mitigation. Its core organization, the Office for the Promotion of International Earthquake and Volcano Research ("International Office"), collaborates with educational and research institutions worldwide and undertakes a broad range of activities to promote international collaborative research and human resource development.

ERI invites applications for the position of Professor to serve as Head of the International Office. The successful candidate will play a central role in the management and leadership of the Office and will be responsible for planning and promoting international collaborative

research projects and human resource development activities. In close cooperation with faculty members of the Institute, the Head will also formulate strategies for international collaboration and further develop the Institute as a leading international hub. The appointee is also expected to pursue internationally recognized research in a specialized field related to solid Earth sciences and to contribute to graduate education. Although not essential, Japanese-language proficiency sufficient to carry out duties at a Japanese university without difficulty is desirable.

8. Working hours:

Deemed as working 7 hours and 45 minutes per day under the discretionary labor system for professional work

9. Holidays:

Saturdays, Sundays, public holidays, year-end and New Year holidays (December 29 to January 3)

10. Leave:

Annual paid leaves, special leaves, etc.

11. Salary and benefits

Determined based on academic background, work experience, etc., with a salary increase system.

Reference: Monthly salary of approximately 550,000 yen for those with a doctoral degree

Allowances: Bonuses (twice a year), commuting allowance (up to 55,000 yen per month in principle), and other allowances according to university regulations

12. Insurance:

Enrollment in the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Mutual Aid Association, employment insurance, and workers' compensation insurance, as required by law

13. Eligibility:

Must hold a doctoral degree (including equivalent degrees obtained abroad)

14. Application documents:

One copy of each

(1) Curriculum Vitae (including academic and employment history, with attached photo).

Use The University of Tokyo Standard Resume Format (downloadable from the URL below)

<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/about/jobs.html>

Refer to the “Instructions for Completing the Resume” and “Example 2 (Faculty Members (Sciences))” when filling it out.

(2) List of research achievements (distinguishing between peer- and non-peer-reviewed articles, including articles under submission) and records of leadership in international collaborative projects and activities.

- (3) Copies of about 3 major papers (photocopies acceptable)
- (4) Summary of past research achievements and leadership in international collaborative projects and activities (approximately 1250 words)
- (5) A proposal describing (a) research and education plans and (b) a vision and management plan for the International Office (approximately 1250 words)
- (6) Declaration form regarding any past criminal penalties, administrative sanctions, and disciplinary actions due to sexual harassment, sexual violence, etc. (designated form to be obtained from the administrative team in charge of personnel)
- (7) Names, contact information, and email addresses of two references who can provide references for the applicant

15. Application submission:

Online application

Applicants should send an email with the subject line “Professor (Head of the International Office) Application in Observational Solid Earth Science” to the administrative team in charge of personnel. The team provides a folder for document submission, and applicants must save all application documents in the folder by the application deadline.

16. Contact information

Earthquake Research Institute, The University of Tokyo, Administrative Team (Personnel)

Email: jinji%eri.u-tokyo.ac.jp (replace % with @)

Phone: +81-3-5841-8789

17. Application deadline:

Must arrive by 5:00 PM (Japan Standard Time, UTC + 9h) on Tuesday, June 2, 2026

Following the document screening, applicants selected for the second-round interview will be contacted.

18. Inquiry contact:

Kimihiko Mochizuki, Research Center for Earthquake Forecast, Earthquake Research Institute,  
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19. Recruiting Organization

The University of Tokyo

20. Other:

The personal information obtained will not be used for any purpose other than personnel selection.

The University of Tokyo emphasizes gender balance and inclusiveness, accepting diverse and excellent researchers from domestic and international backgrounds, promoting the creation of new academic knowledge through dialogue among researchers from different perspectives, and welcoming applications from female, foreign, and disabled researchers. Those who have had periods of research interruption due to childcare, caregiving, childbirth,

etc., can describe this in their application documents. Based on the “Declaration of Gender Equality Acceleration at The University of Tokyo (March 3, 2009),” active applications from women are welcomed.

If, at the time of employment, the applicant has contracts with foreign entities or governments or receives significant benefits from foreign governments, certain technology sharing may be restricted by foreign exchange act, which could make it difficult to fulfill duties as a university employee. In such cases, it is necessary to limit such contracts and benefits to a range that does not hinder the necessary sharing of technology for job duties.

Measures to prevent passive smoking: No smoking on the premises (smoking areas available outdoors).

