

(April 1, 2026)

**Earthquake Research Institute, The University of Tokyo
Recruitment Information for Project Researcher (Fixed-Term Project Staff)**

The Earthquake Research Institute, The University of Tokyo, invites applications for a Project Researcher position. The successful candidate will contribute to the project entitled “Evaluation of Earthquake Activity along the North Anatolian Fault Based on Seismic and Geodetic Observations” (Principal Investigator: Aitaro Kato). This project is part of the broader initiative “Establishment of a Research and Education Complex for Developing Disaster-Resilient Societies – MARTEST,” jointly promoted by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST).

1. Title and Hiring Numbers: A Project Researcher
2. Term of Employment: From the earliest possible date after July 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027
3. Renewal of Contract: Your employment agreement may be renewed. In the event of renewal, your employment agreement will be renewed every 1 year. Renewal will be determined based on a comprehensive evaluation of relevant factors, including the project’s budget status, progress and volume of assigned work at the end of the term, as well as the employee’s performance, work record, attitude, and health condition. The contract may be renewed once. In any case, the total period of employment shall not extend beyond March 31, 2028.
4. Probation Period: 14days from the date of employment
5. Place of Work: Earthquake Research Institute, The University of Tokyo
(1-1-1, Yayoi, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo)
6. Affiliation: Division or research center you belong to will be decided after the notification of hiring.
7. Research Area: Seismology and Geodesy
8. Contents of Work Duties: Applicants selected through this call will be expected to engage in one or both of the following research themes and conduct studies that contribute to evaluating the activity of the North Anatolian Fault:
1) Research aimed at elucidating fault distributions, seismic activity, and seismic velocity structures along the North Anatolian Fault system in the eastern Marmara Sea through the comprehensive analysis of ultra-dense vibration data obtained via optical fiber sensing technology (DAS), together with waveform data from existing onshore and offshore seismic observation networks.
2) Research aimed at elucidating the distribution of slip-deficit rates along the North Anatolian Fault through the comprehensive analysis of geodetic data, including InSAR and GNSS.

9. Working Hours: Discretionary work system for professional work applies and working hours will be deemed as 7 hours and 45 minutes per day.
10. Days off: Saturdays, Sundays, Holidays, and the year-end and New Year holidays (December 29 to January 3).
11. Leave: Annual Paid Leave, Special Leave, etc.
12. Wages, etc.: Annual Salary System applies and monthly paid salary will be around JPY 360,000 including performance/achievement allowance. (The salary will be decided taking your qualifications, capacity, experience etc. into account.)
Commuting Allowance (basically up to JPY 55,000 per month).
13. Insurance: You will be automatically enrolled in the insurance from the Mutual Aid Association of MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) and Employment Insurance.
14. Qualification Requirements: 1) Ph.D. or doctoral degree, including those who are expected to earn these degrees or possess equivalent abilities.
2) Publications in seismology or geodesy.
15. Documents to be Submitted: 1) The University of Tokyo Standard Resume (Download the resume form from the website below. E-mail address is required.)
<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/about/jobs.html>
2) Publication list
Describe “peer-reviewed” or “non-peer-reviewed” for each paper, and include research budgets and prizes you were awarded.
3) PDF files of main papers within three
4) Outline of your researches so far (approx. 2 pages)
5) Research plan after the hiring (approx. 2 pages)
6) Names and contacting information of two researchers who can comment about you
7) Preferred start date of employment (Note that three or four months are generally required from the start of document screening to the start of employment.)
16. Deadline of Application: August 21 (Friday), 2026, 5 p.m. (Japan Standard Time, UTC+9)
This open call will close even before the deadline if a successful applicant is decided.
17. Procedure for Selection: Document screening and interview. Details of the interview will be informed to applicants who have passed the document screening.
18. Submission of Documents: Upload the above documents to the specified submission site. Request the URL of the submission site to Personnel Affairs Section via e-mail below, describing “Application for SATREPS Researcher” in the subject. Upload the documents by the deadline of application through the URL Personnel Affairs Section will inform. Submission using e-mail attachment is not allowed.

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20. Name of Recruiter: The University of Tokyo
21. Status of Measures to Prevent Passive Smoking: No smoking on the premises (designated outdoor smoking areas available)
22. Miscellaneous: The acquired personal information will not be used for any purpose other than personal selection.
Women's applications are highly welcome based on the "Declaration of Gender Equality Acceleration" at the University of Tokyo (March 3, 2009).
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 technology that are designated as controlled technology possibly making it difficult for you to fulfill your duties as an academic or administrative staff of the university as a result. Therefore, in such cases it is necessary to keep such contracts/benefits within the scope where it does not hinder the sharing of technologies necessary for your duties by the university.

* References

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https://www.jst.go.jp/global/kadai/r0409_turkey.html