

Institute for Future Initiatives, The University of Tokyo

Project Researcher (Fixed-Term Academic Staff) — Call for Applications

1. Position and number of openings: One Project Researcher
2. Contract period: From the earliest possible date on or after November 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027
3. Renewal: Renewal is possible. If renewed, renewal is made on a yearly basis. Renewal is determined in consideration of budget conditions, the progress of the duties, the volume of work at the end of the contract period, work performance, work attitude, health condition, etc. However, the number of renewals is limited to 2, and the maximum period of employment is until March 31, 2029.

4. Probation period: 14 days from the date of appointment

5. Place of work: Institute for Future Initiatives, The University of Tokyo (Hongo Campus, 7-3-1 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo)

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Project Researcher: In principle, within the same institution.

6. Affiliation: Japan Model Intercomparison Platform (JMIP) for Sustainable Futures Research Unit, Institute for Future Initiatives, The University of Tokyo. *Subject to change depending on operational needs.

7. Duties: Research projects at the Institute for Future Initiatives

- Integrated quantitative and qualitative research on scenarios and policies, focusing on decarbonization—particularly hard-to-abate sectors, demand-side measures, and novel approaches such as carbon dioxide removal—centered on Japan and the Asia-Pacific region

- Design, implementation, and analysis of surveys targeting stakeholders such as industry and government, as well as the general public

- Design, implementation, and coordination of domestic and international workshops with collaborators and stakeholders

- Preparation of reports and other outputs

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Project Researcher: The University may order employees to be reassigned to different positions or order them to take up additional positions or to work on an external assignment.

8. Working hours: Under the discretionary labor system for professional work, the employee is deemed to have worked 7 hours 45 minutes per day.

9. Holidays: Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, and year-end/New Year holidays (December 29 - January 3)

10. Leave: Annual paid leave, special leave, etc.

11. Salary: In accordance with the Rules on the Application of the Annual Salary System of the University of Tokyo

The annual salary system applies. Approximately 420,000 yen to 500,000 yen per month including performance-based allowances (determined according to qualifications, ability, experience, etc.), plus commuting allowance (in principle up to 55,000 yen/month)

12. Insurance: MEXT Mutual Aid Association and employment insurance

13. Qualifications:

- Ph.D. obtained or expected in a field related to environmental policy or energy policy

- Experience in qualitative and quantitative research on scenarios (knowledge of decarbonization is desirable)

- Research experience in both Japanese and English, and the ability to conduct research within international networks

14. Documents to be submitted:

(1) University of Tokyo standard CV (download and prepare from the following URL)

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

- (2) List of research achievements
- (3) Reprints of major papers (up to 3, copies acceptable)
- (4) Summary of research achievements (A4, up to 2 pages)
- (5) Contact details of two referees

15. Submission of documents and inquiries:

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*Please replace [at mark] in the above e-mail address with @.

Please use the subject line "Application for Project Researcher," attach the required documents, and send them to the above e-mail address. Attached files must be password-protected, and the password must be sent separately. (Do not submit by post.)

16. Application deadline: Must arrive by Friday, September 4, 2026

Recruitment will close once a suitable candidate is found. If no suitable candidate is found, the position may not be filled.

17. Name of recruiting institution: The University of Tokyo

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

19. Other:

- Please note that we cannot respond to inquiries regarding the reasons for selection results.
- Personal information obtained will not be used for any purpose other than this selection process.
- In accordance with the "Declaration for Accelerating Gender Equality at the University of Tokyo (March 3, 2009)," applications from women are strongly encouraged.
- If, at the time of appointment, the applicant has an individual contract with a foreign entity or foreign government, or receives money or other significant benefits from a foreign government, the sharing of certain technologies may be restricted under the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act, which may make it difficult to fulfill duties as a university staff member. In such cases, such contracts or benefits must be limited to a scope that does not impede the sharing of technology necessary for the duties.