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To All Chairpersons of Concerned Institutions

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Academic Job Announcement for a Professor or Associate Professor Position (Women Only)

We are pleased to announce that a professor or associate professor position is now open for applications. We kindly request that you notify all relevant members of your institution.

Details

1. Name and Number of Positions: Professor or associate professor (full-time), one position (Women Only)
2. Affiliation: Division of Natural Science, Faculty of Advanced Science and Technology, Kumamoto University
*Kumamoto University is currently considering the introduction of a new faculty personnel system effective on April 1, 2027. Accordingly, the affiliation of the successful candidate to be appointed through this recruitment will be communicated once it has been determined.
3. Field of Research: Theoretical astrophysics
4. Responsibilities
 - (1) Promotion of cutting-edge research and international collaborative research in the above-mentioned specialized fields
 - (2) Activation of research activities through collaboration with faculty members in the field of physics and related fields
 - (3) Teaching physics-related subjects and supervising students in graduate, undergraduate, and general education courses
 - (4) Duties related to university administration and contributions to the local community
5. Starting Date of Appointment: Earliest possible date after April 1, 2027
6. Candidate Qualifications
 - (1) PhD or an equivalent holder
 - (2) Excellent research achievements
 - (3) High motivation in education, research, and university management
 - (4) Non-Japanese speakers should have Japanese proficiency to perform various duties inside and outside Kumamoto University.
 - (5) Ability to communicate and to give lectures and provide instruction in English.
7. Required Documents for Application
 - (1) Curriculum vitae (CV)/resume (any form/format is acceptable)
Include the applicant's photograph, current physical address, and email address.

Specify any period when you were on special leave, including but not limited to maternity, child, family, or nursing care, that you wish to be considered during the candidate review.

(2) Research biography and publications:

List separately peer-reviewed journal papers, other papers, oral presentations (only invited presentations), books, educational accomplishments, and external research funding (e.g., KAKENHI, industry-university joint research funding, or other grants). Describe all the co-authors and underline on the applicant. Moreover, the h-Index should be included at the beginning of the list of achievements, and the number of citations for each paper should be listed next to each paper.

(3) PDF files of the major papers (up to 5)

(4) Outline of research to date (approximately 600 words)

(5) Aspirations for research (approximately 600 words)

(6) Outline of education to date and aspirations for education (approximately 600 words)

(7) List of references (two references)

Names, affiliations, and contact information, including email addresses and telephone numbers of reference(s).

(8) A declaration form:

A declaration form should be submitted using the template posted on the university's website, <https://www.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/daigakujouhou/saiyou>, either as a scanned PDF file of your handwritten signature, or as a handwritten file.

8. Deadline: August 24, 2026

9. Document Submission

Please send the above set of required documents (in PDF format) by email to: ichikawa@kumamoto-u.ac.jp.

Please write "Application for Professor or Associate Professor in the Department of Physical Science" in the subject line of your email.

If you do not receive a confirmation of receipt within 3 days after submission, please contact us.

*If you are unable to send the documents via email due to the large file size or other reasons, please contact the address below. We will provide you with an online storage URL and password.

10. Document Submission Address and Contact Information

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Division of Natural Science,
Faculty of Advanced Science and Technology,
2-39-1 Kurokami, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto
860-8555 Japan
Email: ichikawa@kumamoto-u.ac.jp

11. Screening Process

Preliminary Screening: Document Review

Secondary Screening: Interview

We will conduct in-person or remote interviews. Any costs related to the interviews, such as transportation and accommodation expenses, will not be reimbursed by Kumamoto University. Details will be announced after the preliminary screening.

12. Working Conditions

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| (1) Content: | Immediately after employment: Engaged in work as a professor or an associate professor
Subject to change: Specified by Kumamoto University |
| (2) Working Hours: | Discretionary labor systems for professional work based on consent.
Working hours will be left to the discretion of the employee, with working hours per day deemed 7 hours and 45 minutes. |
| (3) Terms of Employment: | Not fixed |
| (4) Probationary Period: | Six months |
| (5) Work Location: | Immediately after employment: Kurokami Campus, Kumamoto University
Subject to change: Specified by Kumamoto University |
| (6) Overtime Work: | Overtime, late-night, or holiday work may be required |
| (7) Wages: | As set forth in the Kumamoto University Regulations on Salary for Employees
Subject to the Annual Salary System (2 nd category) |
| (8) Social Insurance: | Health insurance from the Mutual Aid Association of MEXT, employment insurance, and workers' compensation insurance |
| (9) Employer: | Kumamoto University |

13. Remarks

- Personal information provided in the application documents will be used solely for the selection process and will not be used for any other purpose, in accordance with the regulations of the National University Corporation, Kumamoto University. Application documents and submitted materials will not be returned.
- Kumamoto University promotes diversity.
Please refer to the following URL for child-rearing support and gender equality initiatives at Kumamoto University: <https://diversity.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/>
- Based on the provisions of Article 8 of the Act on Ensuring Equal Opportunities and Treatment for Men and Women in the Field of Employment, to improve the enrollment rate of female teachers, we conduct recruitment exclusively for women.
- If there are no applications during the women-only open application period, or if there are no candidates as a result of the selection, the application will be switched to the general public.
- Kumamoto University is committed to enhancing faculty members' ability to teach in English and strengthening English-medium education.
- At Kumamoto University, a dedicated system allows a portion of the direct costs obtained through competitive research funds and collaborative research with the private sector to be allocated for salary enhancements for principal investigators (up to a maximum of 10 million yen per year in the case of professors, and 8 million yen per year in the case of associate professors), as discretionary research funds, or converted into funding to employ earlycareer researchers.