

Faculty Position in the Graduate School of Science, The University of Osaka

Outline	The laboratory of Life and Planetary Evolution in the Department of Earth and Space Science conducts research on the origin and evolution of life over four billion years and the potential for life in the Universe. We are seeking applications for an Assistant Professor who is highly motivated to contribute to both research and education in this field. Applicants with a background in biology, physics, chemistry, or planetary sciences, and an interest in interdisciplinary research to address fundamental questions about life are welcome.
1. Position	Assistant Professor
2. Number of Positions	One
3. Affiliation	Graduate School of Science (Department of Earth and Space Sciences)
4. Work Location	Toyonaka Campus (1-1 Machikaneyama-Cho, Toyonaka-City, Osaka, Japan)
5. Specialized Field	Astrobiology (the origin, evolution, and potential existence of life)
6. Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Conduct research on the origin and evolution of life, or its potential existence in the Universe, based on the 4-billion-year history of life on Earth. · Teach and supervise undergraduate and graduate students with the faculty of the laboratory of Life and Planetary Evolution. · Perform administrative duties in Graduate School of Science and the University of Osaka.
7. Qualifications	[Essential] Applicants must have: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) A doctoral degree or equivalent professional expertise in a relevant field (2) A strong research record in the relevant field(s) listed above (3) A proficiency in Japanese and English at a business level or higher
8. Starting Date	April 1, 2026 (or as soon as possible thereafter)
9. Term of Employment	No Fixed Term (Until the end of the fiscal year at 65 years of age)
10. Probationary Period	Six months
11. Employment Form	Based on “6. Regulations Pertaining to Working Hours, Holidays and Leave for National University Corporation Osaka University Staff” https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/information/joho/kitei_shugyou.html *The Discretionary Labor System, Special Work Type will be applied with the applicant’s consent. (deemed working hours: 8 hours a day)
12. Salary and Benefits	Based on “18. Salary Regulations for National University Corporation Osaka University Staff Subject to New Annual Salary System” https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/information/joho/kitei_shugyou.html
13. Insurance	Medical insurance and employee’s pension insurance of the Federation of National Public Service Personnel Mutual Aid Associations, Employment Insurance and Industrial Accident Compensation Insurance

14. Application Documents	<p>Applications must be written in English or Japanese and include the following</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Curriculum Vitae (*Please use the university form for educational/research positions, available at https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/news/employ/links) 2. A list of research achievements (original papers, review papers, books, patents, presentations at international and domestic conferences) 3. Reprints of major original papers (up to three copies, photocopies acceptable) 4. An outline of research and education achievements (within two A4 pages) 5. A research plan and educational aspirations (within two A4 pages) 6. Name, affiliation, and contact information of two professional references who are willing to be contacted <p>*Personal information in the application documents will only be used for the purpose of screening and hiring procedures, and will not be disclosed to any third party.</p>
15. Sending Address and Contact Information	<p>Please send all application materials (items 1 – 6) as a single PDF (under 20MB, with full security countermeasures) via e-mail to:</p> <p>Chair, Department of Earth and Space Science Email: application [at] ess.sci.osaka-u.ac.jp (replace [at] with @) Subject line: “Application for Faculty Position (Assistant professor) in Astrobiology” Contact us if you do not receive a confirmation email within a few days.</p> <p>Contact Person: Prof. Taro Matsuo Tel: +81-6-6850-5798 E-mail: matsuo [at] ess.sci.osaka-u.ac.jp (replace [at] with @)</p>
16. Application Deadline	October 17, 2025 (Japan Standard Time)
17. Selection Process	<p>Document screening will be followed by interviews. Selected applicants will be notified within a month after the application deadline.</p> <p>*Travel and accommodation fees necessary for interviews are to be covered by the applicant. For applicants residing overseas, the applicant may request an online interview.</p> <p>*Please note that unsuccessful applicants will not be contacted.</p>
18. Additional Information	<p>Concerning work conditions other than the above-mentioned, please refer to “3. Work Regulations for National University Corporation Osaka University Staff” and/or related regulations. https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/information/joho/kitei_shugyou.html</p> <p>Please note the above-mentioned work conditions are as of the day this employment offer is posted, and subject to change. After employment, the affiliation, work location, and responsibilities may be subject to change within the limits set by the University.</p> <p>“Deemed exports” related to security export control are based on “Regulations Pertaining to Security Export Control”. Osaka University Security Export Control Regulations .pdf</p> <p>We also particularly encourage applications from female candidates. The University of Osaka is committed to promoting gender equality and providing various supports for female academic staff members. https://www.di.osaka-u.ac.jp/</p> <p>*The University of Osaka campuses and related facilities are smoke-free, except for designated areas. *National University Corporation Osaka University is the same as the University of Osaka.</p>
19. Recruiter	The University of Osaka