

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

Outline	Our department aims to develop "Earth and Space Science" as a new interdisciplinary and integrative field, characterized by the keywords "space, earth and planets, matter, and life." The emerging field should be distinguished from traditional astronomy and Earth and planetary sciences by its unique perspective, and be constructed using physical approaches. Under this philosophy, we seek outstanding early-career researchers with strong motivation to construct and advance this emerging interdisciplinary field. We particularly welcome candidates who can collaborate with multiple existing research groups in our department. The successful applicant will be responsible for not only conducting research but also teaching liberal arts, and other subjects at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Inquiries regarding this position are welcome. However, the position may not be filled if no qualified candidate is found. The term of appointment is five years from the date of appointment. In principle, a review will be conducted no later than six months prior to the end of the term, and candidates who are deemed to have demonstrated outstanding achievements will be promoted to a tenured position (Associate Professor or Assistant Professor) in the Graduate School of Science, Osaka University.
1. Position	Assistant Professor (tenure track)
2. Number of Positions	1 (One)
3. Affiliation	Department of Earth and Space Science, Graduate School of Science
4. Work Location	Toyonaka Campus (1-1 Machikaneyama-cho, Toyonaka-City, Osaka, Japan)
5. Specialized Field	Earth and Space Science in a broad sense
6. Responsibilities	· Research in the areas described above (affiliated with the primary mentor's laboratory) · Educational activities for undergraduate and graduate school students · Administrative duties in Graduate School of Science and The University of Osaka
7. Qualifications	[Essential] Applicants must have: (1) Applicants must hold a Ph.D. awarded within approximately 10 years prior to the appointment or be expected to obtain the degree by the time of appointment. (2) Excellent research achievements in the related field/s (3) Business level or above Japanese and English language proficiency (4) Applicants must have an outstanding record of research achievements in space and earth sciences, and demonstrate a strong motivation to further develop their research with a broad perspective spanning both earth- and space-science fields.
8. Starting Date	April 1, 2027 (or as soon as possible thereafter)
9. Term of Employment	Tenure track period: for five years from the date of appointment * In principle, a tenure review will be conducted no later than six months prior to the end of the term. If the candidate is judged to have demonstrated achievements, qualifications and abilities appropriate for the position, he/she will be appointed to a tenured position (Associate Professor or Assistant Professor) in the Graduate School of Science, The University of Osaka. If deemed necessary, the appointment may be renewed once for a period of up to three years. In such cases, a second review will be conducted no later than six months prior to the end of the renewed term, and successful candidates will be granted tenure.

	The total duration of fixed-term employment at The University of Osaka shall be governed by the “Regulations Pertaining to Contract Period of National University Corporation Osaka University Fixed-term Staff, etc.”
10. Probationary Period	6 months
11. Employment Type	Based on “38. Regulations Pertaining to Working Hours, Holidays and Leave for National University Corporation Osaka University Limited Term 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 “47. Salary Regulations for National University Corporation Osaka University Limited Term 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	Applications must be written in English or Japanese and include the following 1. A Curriculum Vitae *Please use the university form for educational/research positions available at the following website. https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/news/employ/links 2. A list of research achievements (original papers, review papers, books, patents, presentations at domestic and international conferences) 3. Reprints of major original papers (up to 3) 4. An outline of research and education achievements (within two A4 pages) 5. A research plan and educational aspirations (within two A4 pages. Candidates should identify multiple laboratories within the department for potential collaboration, providing a concrete description of their vision for synergetic collaboration across both space and earth sciences.) 6. Name, affiliation, and contact information of two professional referees who are willing to be contacted about the applicant *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.
15. Sending Address and Contact Information	Please submit by e-mail: Applicants are requested to combine application documents (1)–(6) into a single PDF file and submit it as an email attachment to the address below. * Attach the application documents in PDF format (with full security countermeasures). E-mail: boshuu[at]ess.sci.osaka-u.ac.jp (replace [at] by @) Attention: Chair, Department of Earth and Space Science, Graduate School of Science, The University of Osaka * Please write “Application for tenure track position (Assistant Professor)” in Subject. If you do not receive any acknowledgement of the receipt within a few days, please check with the contact person. Contact Person: Professor Hiroaki Katsuragi Tel: +81-6-6850-5799 E-mail: katsuragi[at]ess.sci.osaka-u.ac.jp (replace [at] by @)
16. Application Deadline	October 5, 2026, Monday (Japan Standard Time)

17. Selection Process	Document screening will be followed by interviews. *Travel and accommodation expenses necessary for interviews are to be covered by the applicant. For applicants residing overseas, the applicant may request an online interview. *Please note that unsuccessful applicants will not be contacted.
18. Additional Information	Concerning work conditions other than the above-mentioned, please refer to “36.Work Regulations for National University Corporation Osaka University Limited Term Staff” and/or related regulations. https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/information/joho/kitei_shugyou.html Please note the above-mentioned work conditions are as of the day this employment offer is posted, and subject to change. In principle, there will be no changes to the affiliation, work location, or responsibilities after employment. “Deemed exports” related to security export control are based on “Regulations Pertaining to Security Export Control”. Rules and Regulations – The University of Osaka 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. http://www.di.osaka-u.ac.jp/en_lp/ *The University of Osaka campuses and related facilities are smoke-free, except for designated areas.
19. Recruiter	National University Corporation The University of Osaka