

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

Outline	The Life and Planetary Evolution Group in the Department of Earth and Space Science, Graduate School of Science, conducts research exploring the universality and diversity of life through studies of the four-billion-year history of life on Earth and the environments and conditions in which life could exist in the Universe. We are seeking an Associate Professor who is enthusiastic about advancing research and education in this field. We particularly welcome applicants with a solid grounding in physics who are eager to elucidate the coevolution of Earth and life, as well as the universality and diversity of life, while drawing on perspectives from biology and information science.
1. Position	Associate Professor
2. Number of Positions	One
3. Affiliation	Graduate School of Science (Department of Earth and Space Science)
4. Work Location	Toyonaka Campus (1-1 Machikaneyama-cho, Toyonaka, Osaka, Japan)
5. Specialized Field	Earth and planetary science (e.g., the coevolution of Earth's surface environment and life, material cycling across the atmosphere, ocean, and biosphere, and biophysics)
6. Responsibilities	• Conduct research in the specialized field described above using experimental, theoretical, information-science-based, and other approaches. • In collaboration with faculty members of the Life and Planetary Evolution Group, teach and supervise undergraduate and graduate students in the specialized field described above and related fields. • Perform administrative duties for the Graduate School of Science and the University of Osaka.
7. Qualifications	[Essential Qualifications] Applicants must have: (1) A doctoral degree or comparable academic expertise or research achievements (2) A strong research record in the specialized field described above or a related field (3) Business level or above Japanese and English language proficiency
8. Starting Date	April 1, 2027 (or as soon as possible thereafter)
9. Term of Employment	No fixed term
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 *With the employee’s consent, the Discretionary Labor System, Special Work Type, will apply (deemed working hours: 8 hours per day).
12. Salary and Benefits	Based on “18. Salary Regulations for National University Corporation Osaka University Staff Subject to the New Annual Salary System” https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/information/joho/kitei_shugyou.html
13. Insurance	Medical insurance and employee pension insurance through the Federation of National Public Service Personnel Mutual Aid Associations, Employment Insurance, and Workers’ Accident Compensation Insurance

14. Application Documents	Applications must be prepared in English or Japanese. The following documents are required: 1. A curriculum vitae *Please download and use the University-designated curriculum vitae form for educational/research positions from the following website: https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/news/employ/links 2. A list of research achievements (original research articles, commentaries and review articles, books, patents, and conference presentations) 3. A list of competitive research funding received (indicate the applicant's role as principal investigator or co-investigator, the project title, and the total amount awarded) 4. Copies of up to five major original research articles 5. A summary of previous research (within two A4 pages) 6. A statement of research and teaching plans after appointment (within two A4 pages) 7. Names, affiliations, and contact information of three professional references At least one reference must be a researcher affiliated with an institution outside Japan. *Personal information in the application documents will be used only for applicant screening and post-appointment personnel procedures and will not be disclosed to any third party.
15. Sending Address and Contact Information	Applicants should combine items 1-7 into a single PDF file (20 MB or less), apply appropriate security measures, attach it to an e-mail, and send it to the address below. To: Chair, Department of Earth and Space Science, Graduate School of Science, The University of Osaka E-mail: application [at] ess.sci.osaka-u.ac.jp (replace [at] with @) Subject line: "Application for Associate Professor Position in Life and Planetary Evolution" If you do not receive an acknowledgment within a few days, please contact us. Contact: Taro Matsuo, Life and Planetary Evolution Group, Department of Earth and Space Science, Graduate School of Science, The University of Osaka Tel: +81-6-6850-5798 E-mail: matsuo [at] ess.sci.osaka-u.ac.jp (replace [at] with @)
16. Application Deadline	September 30, 2026 (Japan Standard Time; applications must be received by this date)
17. Selection Process	Document screening will be followed by interviews. Only applicants who pass the document screening will be invited to an interview; invitations will be sent within one month after the application deadline. *Travel and accommodation expenses for the interview must be borne by the applicant. Applicants residing outside Japan may be interviewed online. *Applicants who do not pass the document screening will not be notified.
18. Additional Information	Employment conditions not specified above are governed by the Work Regulations for National University Corporation Osaka University Staff and other applicable regulations. https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/information/joho/kitei_shugyou.html The employment conditions stated above are current as of the date this vacancy is posted and are subject to change. After appointment, the affiliation, work location, and responsibilities may be changed within the scope determined by the University. Security export control provisions concerning "deemed exports" are governed by the Regulations Pertaining to Security Export Control of National University Corporation Osaka University. https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/kitei/reiki_honbun/u035RG00000780.html Applications from women researchers are particularly encouraged. The University of Osaka is committed to promoting gender equality and provides various forms of support for women faculty and staff. https://www.di.osaka-u.ac.jp/ *Smoking is generally prohibited on University premises.
19. Recruiter	National University Corporation Osaka University