

October 18th, 2023

## **Recruitment of a Professor**

Institute of Tropical Agriculture, Kyushu University

### **1. Outline**

Kyushu University is seeking an experienced individual with expertise in teaching and research for appointment as one tenured Professor in the Land, Water, and Environment Section, Institute of Tropical Agriculture (ITA).

Institute of Tropical Agriculture, Kyushu University, 1) conducts the advanced research on crops and environment, forest, water and environmental conservation, and international development in the tropics and subtropics, 2) promotes joint research with other faculties of the university, 3) develop a network for exchange and joint research with researchers in Japan and abroad, and 4) participates international cooperation for developing countries, especially in the official development assistance projects conducted by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

In terms of education, the Institute is in charge of education in the Graduate School of Bioresource and Bioenvironmental Sciences, Graduate School of Integrated Sciences for Global Society, and the School of Agriculture, and has trained highly specialized professionals and researchers with deep insight, expertise, and the ability to explore and solve problems related to tropical agriculture.

Institute of Tropical Agriculture, Kyushu University has promoted these research, education, and international cooperation, aiming to be a core research center for tropical agriculture and a center for international cooperation.

The Land, Water, and Environment Section conducts advanced education and research of the conservation of forest, soil, and water environments in tropics and subtropics. In addition, this section is strengthening the information dissemination function by building a network with overseas universities and research institutes and also actively engaged in acquiring international development project.

The professor of the Section participates in the education of master's and doctoral course programs at the Graduate School of Integrated Sciences for Global Society, and lectures the undergraduate students in School of Agriculture.

The duties and responsibilities of this position are as follows:

1. Outstanding insight and excellent knowledge for research and education in the areas 1) to 3) below,
  - 1) Soil-plant systemics of environmental conservation in tropical agriculture
  - 2) Elucidation of microbial characteristics of soil-plant systemics in tropical environments

- 3) Development of microbial utilization methods with consideration for tropical environments
2. Actual results and intention to work on international cooperation with enthusiasm,
3. Actual results of international research activities,
4. Intention to engage in graduate school education in domestic and foreign universities,
5. English ability to have discussions for international joint research,
6. Ph.D degree holder

**2. Required Documentation (provide all documents either in Japanese or English):**

(1) Curriculum vitae

(2) List of research achievements

I. Original papers: Name of Authors, Title, Journal Name, Volume, Pages, Published year

(Give underline for the applicant name and \* for the corresponding author)

(i) Peer-reviewed papers

(ii) Non-peer-reviewed papers

(iii) International Conference Proceedings

(iv) Others

For (i) Peer-reviewed papers and (ii) Non-peer-reviewed papers, these papers should be categorized into the above-mentioned scientific fields 1), 2), 3) or the other fields 4) and arranged in reverse chronological order for each field.

II. Books: Name of Authors, Title, Name of Publisher, Pages, Published year

III. Review papers: Name of Authors, Title, Journal Name, Volume, Pages, Published year

IV. Patents and Variety Registration

V. Academic Awards

VI. Invited lectures at International Conferences

VII. List of public and private research grants awarded: Name of grant (Research Category), Project

Title, Project Period, Grant Amount, Principal Investigator or Co-Investigator

VIII. Educational experiences

IX. Philanthropic activity

X. Others

(3) Summary of your research activities and future research plans (approx. 800 words).

(4) Summary of your educational experience and aspirations for education in the future. If you have not attained any educational achievements, please describe only your aspirations for future education (approx. 800 words).

(5) Summary of your international cooperation/social contribution's experience and aspirations for international cooperation/social contribution in the future (approx. 800 words).

(6) Your five most important publications.

(7) Self-recommendation: A letter of self-recommendation, stating your suitability for the post, together with the names of two referees with the position, affiliation, and contact information (E-mail address) for your research activities and educational experience (Please submit it with other documents).

Recommendations by others: A referee's recommendation letter with the nominator's name, position, affiliation, and contact information (E-mail address), and please send directly from the referee to e-mail, ita-recruitment@agr.kyushu-u.ac.jp.

### **3. Application Deadline:**

Completed applications must be uploaded into Proself of Kyushu University by December 1st noon, 2023 (Japan time).

### **4. Contact and submission of the application documents:**

The set of the above-mentioned documents (1)-(5), and (7) (in case of self-recommendation) of Word files and (1)-(6), and (7) (in case of self-recommendation) of PDF files required for submission should be zipped and uploaded via a Proself file sharing system (all file names must contain your surname). Please email to the Screening Committee, Institute of Tropical Agriculture (ITA), Kyushu University (ita-recruitment@agr.kyushu-u.ac.jp) by noon on November 24th, 2023 (Japan time: Please write "Kyushu University ITA Prof. Application-your name" in the subject line of the email). He will put a link for uploading documents in the reply email, so you can open the link and upload it. Please email the Screening Committee's account again when the upload is complete. He will send the email confirming that he received the submission file from you.

### **5. Date of Appointment:**

April 1, 2024 or later

### **6. Employment location:**

Ito Campus, Kyushu University (744 Motooka, Nishi-ku, Fukuoka 819-0395, JAPAN)

### **7. Educational Duties:**

The successful candidate will be expected to teach the following subjects and supervise research

activities at both the undergraduate and graduate levels in Japanese, with some of the teaching and supervision done in English.

(1) Graduate School of Integrated Sciences for Global Society

• Master's course

Tutorial I , Integrated Sciences for Global Society, Field Research Method for Global Society, Microbiology I , II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, Comprehensive Science of Biological Environment C, D, Field Research and Practicum, Thesis Advising I , II, III, Integrated Seminar (Comprehensive Science for Biological Environment) I , II, III, IV

(International Course)

Tutorial I, II, Integrated Sciences for Global Society, Comprehensive Science of Biological Environment C, D, Field Research and Practicum, Thesis Advising I, II, III, Integrated Seminar (Comprehensive Science for Biological Environment)I, II, III, IV, Environmental Microbiology I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII

• Doctoral course

Doctoral Integrated Seminar I , II , Doctoral Seminar I , II , III, IV, Doctoral Dissertation Advising (International Course)

Doctoral Integrated Seminar I, II, Doctoral Seminar I, II, III, IV, Doctoral Dissertation Advising

(2) Undergraduate School

(Course of Agricultural Resources, Engineering and Economics • Agronomy,)

Introduction of Tropical Crop and Environmental Studies I, II

(International Course)

Microbiology II

The professor will also be in charge of teaching and research guidance in Japanese.

**8. Interview:**

Short-listed candidates may be invited for an interview and mock lesson held at Ito Campus or via a remote conference system. We do not support any expenses incurred, such as for travel or accommodation, to participate in the interview.

**9. Conditions of employment**

(1) Employment Duration

Full-time, with a mandatory retirement age of 65.

(2) Probationary period

A three-month probationary period.

(3) Working hours, Break time, Overtime

Based on Discretionary Labor System for professional work.

(4) Days off

Every Saturday and Sunday, national holidays, and New Year's holidays from December 29-January 3 in addition to an annual leave entitlement.

(5) Social Insurance

Employee shall enroll in:

Employment insurance, Compensation Insurance, Health Insurance, Employees' pension insurance.

**10. Additional Information:**

(1) Kyushu University is an equal opportunity employer and follows the principles of the Basic Act for Gender Equal Society (Act. No.78 of 1999), Act on Employment Promotion etc. of Persons with Disabilities (Act No. 123 of 1960, revised in 2013), and the Act on the Elimination of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities (Act No. 65 of 2013).

(2) The System of Employment of Faculty Members with Accompanying Spouse has been implemented in Kyushu University since July 18, 2017.

(3) If you have been disciplined in the past for sexual violence, including sexual harassment, against students, please be sure to enter the nature of the disciplinary action and the specific reasons for it in your resume or other documents. False statements may result in cancellation of employment or disciplinary action.

(4) For more information about the Institute of Tropical Agriculture, please visit the following website.

<https://www.agr.kyushu-u.ac.jp/tropic/en/>

(5) The submitted materials will not be returned to the applicant. Personal information included in the submitted documents will not be used for purposes other than screening.

(6) Salary and Benefits: Appointment level to be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Salary and benefits are specified in the Kyushu University regulations. For further information, visit the following university website (in Japanese) or apply to the General Affairs Section, Faculty of Agriculture.

<https://www.kyushu-u.ac.jp/f/491/2004syuki014.pdf>

General Affairs Section, Faculty of Agriculture (E-mail. [nossyomu@jimu.kyushu-u.ac.jp](mailto:nossyomu@jimu.kyushu-u.ac.jp))