

Kyoto University Graduate School of Economics
Job Opening for a Program-specific Assistant Professor

October 11, 2024

Position Description:

The Graduate School of Economics invites applications for a program-specific (non-tenure track) assistant professor in the field of economics and social sciences, beginning February or March 1, 2025. Preference will be given to candidates with research interests and teaching experiences in sustainable socio-economic development studies, as well as a desire to work for the “Asian Platform for Global Sustainability & Transcultural Studies (AGST)”, in which the successful candidate will be expected to develop and implement the international collaborative education program “Top Global Course”.

The AGST is a platform originally designed as an inter-faculty unit of the Kyoto University “Japan Gateway” Program, which is a part of the so-called “Top Global University Project”, launched in FY2014 by the Japanese Government (MEXT) with the aim to develop greater international competitiveness of a handful of selected Japanese universities, including Kyoto University. The AGST comprises three graduate schools: Economics, Agriculture (Division of Natural Resource Economics) and Letters. The Graduate School of Economics is leading this unit project, collaborating with partner universities to establish double/joint degree programs. Although the Japan Gateway Program was officially closed as a state-subsidized project at the end of FY2023, the educational programs developed and implemented by the participating units and faculties are expected to continue and further develop for the foreseeable future.

Expectations and Responsibilities:

1. Work collaboratively with our international partner universities for the AGST Project.
2. Develop and teach a range of graduate courses based on the successful candidate’s expertise consistent with the mission and curriculum needs of the international graduate program for East Asia Sustainable Economic Development Studies (EA Program): such as “Introduction to Field Research Methods”, “Developing Economies Studies”, and “International Development Assistance Policy”.
3. Participate in educational and administrative duties normally undertaken by faculty members at the Graduate School of Economics.

Starting Date:

As soon as possible after February 1, 2025

Probation period: 6 months

Place of Work:

Graduate School of Economics and Faculty of Economics, Kyoto University (Address: Yoshida-honmachi, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto City); Home, etc., if telecommuting is permitted or ordered by the university.

Rank and Title:

Full-time (Non-tenured), Program-specific Assistant Professor; one position

The initial contract term is until March 31, 2027. The contract is conditionally renewable, based on internal evaluation of teaching, research, and program-specific activities, only once for a maximum of one year up to March 31, 2028.

Working Conditions:

Working hours: 38 hours 45 minutes per week under the discretionary work system for specialised work. If the discretionary labour system is not chosen, the working hours are from 8:30 am to 5:15 pm with a one-hour break (12:00-13:00). ※ Overtime may be required when necessary.

Days off: Saturdays, Sundays, Statutory holidays under the Act on National Holidays, Year-end and New Year's holidays, and the Anniversary of the Foundation of the University.

Salary and Support:

Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. The discretionary labour system will be applied (hours worked are deemed to be as pre-determined in the Labour and Management Agreement and bear no relation to actual hours worked). Enrolment in the social insurance system, which consists of Employees' Health Insurance, Employees' Pension Insurance, and Employment Insurance, is required. Kyoto University will cover half of the insurance costs.

Requirements for the Position:

1. Ph.D. degree in economics/social sciences, or the equivalent and experience in scholarly research and educational activities at an institution of higher education
2. High-level communication skills in English
3. Advanced-level communication skills in Japanese

Application Materials:

Evidence of excellent teaching and research abilities is essential. Qualified applicants should submit the following documents by email to econ-application[at] mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp. The deadline for the arrival of the complete application is November 15, 2024.

1. Curriculum Vitae.
2. A list of academic works, including academic publications (please indicate if they are published in refereed journals) and presentations, funded research projects, and teaching experiences.

3. A sample of three of your works, including at least one extensive research article.
4. An outline of your future research and teaching plans and your motivation for applying.
5. A letter of recommendation.

These documents will be used only for selecting a qualified candidate.

Selection Process:

We will be interviewing shortlisted candidates by Zoom or Skype. We will notify selected candidates of the date of the interview and may request additional materials to be submitted for the interview.

Contact:

General Affairs Office at the Graduate School of Economics, Kyoto University

E-mail: econ-application [at] mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp

Gender equality:

Kyoto University is committed to promoting gender equality. As part of the University's measures to promote gender equality, in accordance with the provisions of Article 8 of the Equal Employment Opportunity Law, female candidates will be given priority in employment when multiple candidates are equally evaluated in the selection process.

If there is a period of absence from work due to various life events, such as childbirth, childcare, or nursing care, you may state the reason for the absence on your CV (regardless of gender). During the screening process, the performance during the absence will be considered as if the candidate had achieved the same level of performance before and after the period of absence.

Other:

- (1) At Kyoto University, smoking is prohibited indoors on all campuses, and smoking is prevented outdoors except in designated smoking areas.
- (2) In principle, submitted documents will not be returned. If you wish to have your original documents returned, they will be returned at the applicant's expense, so please indicate clearly that you wish them to be returned and enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.
- (3) All submitted documents will be kept in strict confidence and will be disposed of at the end of the screening process. The personal information contained in the submitted documents will not be used for any purpose other than the selection, in accordance with the Personal Information Protection Law.