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To Whom it May Concern

Kyushu University Research Institute for Applied Mechanics
Director Yoshihiro Kangawa

Faculty Position Announcement

The Research Institute for Applied Mechanics (RIAM) will be accepting applications for a faculty position, and I would appreciate it if you could also forward this information to the parties concerned. Please also refer to the URL below for more information about RIAM.

<https://www.riam.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/index-e.html>

1. Position: 2 faculty members at Associate Professor (tenured) or Assistant Professor (tenure track) positions
2. Employment Period
 - 1) Associate Professor (tenured position); 3-month probationary period
 - 2) Assistant professor; Full-time (5-year term (*)). A review will be conducted in the fifth year, and if approved, the position will be converted to full-time (no term of office).
(*) If the period of continuous employment at the University exceeds five years, until the total period of employment less than ten years.
3. Division: Center for Ocean Plastic Studies (COPS) in Research Institute for Applied Mechanics (RIAM)
4. Place of employment: The place of employment will be either the Chikushi Campus of Kyushu University (Japan) or the COPS facility located at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand.
5. Research field and principle duties:
To conduct one of the below.
 - I. The successful candidate will join the Data-Driven Research Unit and will engage in the development, maintenance, and expansion of ocean plastic observation databases such as the *Atlas of Ocean Microplastics (AOMI)*, as well as conduct research on marine plastic pollution utilizing these databases.
 - II. The successful candidate will join the Analysis-Driven Research Unit and will engage in research that contributes to the advancement of techniques for the detection and analysis of microplastics.

The successful candidate may be assigned to teach courses in the Interdisciplinary Graduate School of Engineering Sciences (IGSES), Kyushu University, either in person or via online instruction.
6. Qualifications: Applicants must have a Ph.D. at the time of appointment. Postdoctoral experience is desirable but is not required. Strong written and verbal communication skills in English are required.
7. Start date: As soon as possible after June 1, 2026 (If an earlier appointment becomes possible at Kyushu University, the start date may be moved forward in coordination with the final candidate.)
8. Working conditions
 - 1) Salary
Annual salary (introduced in April 2020)
The annual salary will be determined in accordance with the regulations of Kyushu University based on experience.
 - 2) Working hours, break and overtime work
Based on the agreed-upon discretionary labor system for professional work, it is regarded that working hours are 7 hours and 45 minutes irrespective of how much time the employee actually spends on his/her works.
 - 3) Holidays

In addition to *annual leave, Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays and the period from the 29th of December to the 3rd of January.

- 4) Insurance
Employment insurance, industrial accident compensation insurance, health insurance and employees' pension insurance.
9. Application documents: Please submit items (1) to (7) online only. Submissions by postal mail will not be accepted. Refer to item (11) for submission instructions.
 - 1) Resume (must include photo, current address, contact information (phone no. and email), academic background, professional work experience, awards and achievements, and research activities in academic societies)
 - 2) List of works (Papers (peer-reviewed and non-peer reviewed should be listed separately; includes those in press and accepted), Reviews, Books, Patents, Others)
 - 3) PDF files of representative papers (up to 5)
 - 4) Summary of past research achievements (classify by major research themes; an explanation by showing related papers. If there are citations, evaluations or use of other papers related to the achievements, a brief statement can be added)
 - 5) Other achievements, list of funds/grants received (must be sorted by the applicant's role as principal investigator or a collaborative investigator), and achievements of joint research (if any)
 - 6) A statement of future research plan and motivation (not to exceed 2 pages)
 - 7) 2 professional reference persons: name and contact information

Applicants may be asked to submit additional documents and asked for an interview online during the screening process.

10. Application deadline: All documents must be submitted by 17:00 JST on January 30, 2026.

11. Contact person and address for application and inquiries:
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Applicants should send an email titled "Application for Center for Ocean Plastic Studies" to the above address stating their wish to apply. There will be a reply message with instructions on how to upload the documents online. If there is no reply for more than 2 days, please call through the above telephone number.

Application documents will be used solely for the purpose of screening applicants, and all materials will be disposed of responsibly upon completion of the selection process.

12. Kyushu University is an equal opportunity employer and follows the principles of the Basic Act for Gender Equal Society, Basic Act for Persons with Disabilities (Act No.84 of 1970), Act on Employment Promotion etc. of Persons with Disabilities (Act No. 123 of 1960), and the Act on the Elimination of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities (Act No. 65 of 2013). Please refer to the website of The Office for the Promotion of Gender Equality of Kyushu University (<https://danjyo.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/>) for details. Kyushu University has also implemented the System of Employment of Faculty Members with Accompanying Spouse in July 2017.
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.
Status of measures to prevent passive smoking; No smoking is permitted on the university premises.