

To: Presidents of Universities in Japan and overseas  
Directors of Research Institutions in Japan and overseas

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### Announcement for Job Opening

This is to inform you that the Center for Environment, Health and Field Sciences, Chiba University invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professor position as detailed below. I would really appreciate if this job opening could be disseminated to whom it may concern in your institution.

#### Job Opening

##### 1. Position

###### (1) Specially Appointed Assistant Professor (tenure-track position with a 4-year term)

Center for Environment, Health and Field Sciences

This post is in accordance with the “Rules Related to the Tenure-track System for Chiba University Teachers,” which stipulates that a review shall be conducted at the end of the 4-year term of the recruited teacher; if positive feedback is received, the teacher may be made a permanent employee to whom the Chiba University retirement system is applied.

###### (2) Field of Specialty: Environmental Health

##### 2. Requirements, Job Specifications, etc.

###### (1) Young Scholars with Doctoral Degrees

[Must be 34 years old or younger on March 31, 2016 (※Correspondence to the Rules for the Implementation of Employment Measures, for activities associated with Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Subsidies to Strengthen and Promote the Reform of National Universities “Special Scholarships (Support to Expand Employment of Exceptional Young Scholars”)]

###### (2) Expected starting date: August 1, 2015

###### (3) Job description

The Center for Environment, Health and Field Sciences, Chiba University (the Center, henceforth) is dedicated, through its main theme of “healthy living,” to research, education, and training in the fields of environmental horticulture and health science. The Center engages in knowledge dissemination and human resource development, provides fields where people are physically and mentally healed, and conducts various multidisciplinary research and education programs and community activities.

The advertised position aims to recruit “an exceptional young scholar through subsidies to promote and strengthen the reform of national universities.”

The Center seeks a motivated scholar who can assess the comfort and health improvement effects of such natural stimuli as horticultural therapy, forest therapy, and functional plant components using brain, autonomic nervous, and endocrine activities. At the same time, the successful candidate should be able to assess the individual differences that occur therein. Furthermore, the individual should possess accomplishments in research associated with humans and the environment as aforementioned and be willing to proactively engage in educational and social contribution.

###### (4) Faculty members with tenured position as of April 1, 2015

Professor	2
Associate Professor	4
Lecturer	1
Assistant Professor	6

###### (5) The Center expects the successful candidate to teach a class in the aforementioned areas for the Graduate School of Horticulture and associated departments.

The scholar will also be expected to conduct lectures in English and Japanese.

3. Documents to be submitted by applicants  
Please save the documents below to a single CD and submit the CD along with the following documents (1–7) printed on an A4 sheet.
  - (1) Curriculum Vitae
  - (2) List of published papers and other research achievements
  - (3) Copy of published papers/books: 10 or less major publications per applicant
  - (4) Record of experience/achievements in education<sup>1)</sup>
  - (5) Overview of the applicant's experiences and achievements in research and education till date and ambitions for the future (approximately 2,000 characters)
  - (6) Other points deserving special mention (Please mention such points as Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research or other funds awarded by external organizations)
  - (7) The names, affiliations, contact information (phone number, e-mail address) and relationship to the applicant of two referees who know the applicant well.

<sup>1)</sup> In addition to "Items Evidencing Teaching Abilities" on "Form 2: Research Accomplishments Overview," teaching records may also be submitted as necessary in a format of your choice.
4. Application Deadline  
Application documents must arrive at the Center no later than June 15, 2015.
5. Send Documents and Inquiries to:  
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Director  
Center for Environment, Health and Field Sciences  
Chiba University  
6-2-1 Kashiwanoha, Kashiwa, Chiba 277-0822, Japan  
Phone: +81-47-137-8006  
(Note: Application documents should be sent by registered mail or courier service. On the envelope, write in red, "Contains application documents for Center for Environment, Health and Field Sciences")  
Contact: Administrative Division, Center for Environment, Health and Field Sciences (Phone: +81-47-137-8006)
6. Guidelines for Preparing the Application Documents
  - (1) Curriculum Vitae  
Please enter your academic background starting from high school graduation. Please enter overseas education and research only if it involved a stay abroad of at least 6 months.
  - (2) List of Research Achievements
    - 1) Original Articles  
Articles published in academic or scholarly journals that have a peer-review system
    - 2) Books and translations  
Distinguish between independently authored and co-authored works. For co-authored works, state the part of which you were in charge
    - 3) Others
      - ① Articles published in academic reports of universities, proceedings in international conferences, etc.
      - ② Reports, documents, book reviews
      - ③ Reports written to disseminate information or for practical purposes
    - 4) Presentations made at academic conferences, research conferences, lecture meetings, symposia, seminars, etc.: Up to 10 significant presentations made in the past 5 years and included among the collected papers from the event. (At the end of this section, please enter the total number of additional presentations that you have made.)

5) Patents (Write here if there are any varieties, devices, etc. that you have developed)

6) Qualifications, transferable skills

(3) Record of Academic Achievements

If there are any courses, experiment supervision, or other activities of which you have been in charge hitherto in undergraduate school, graduate school, or elsewhere, please list them. (Include experiment supervision from your post-doctoral period.)

(4) Items deserving special mention: There is no prescribed form. Please separately list the items on an A4-sized paper.

1) Please indicate record of Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research as well as that acquiring external funding.

2) Please also indicate other noteworthy activities, including societal contributions.

(5) The prescribed forms—Curriculum Vitae, List of Research Achievements, and Record of Academic Achievements—can be downloaded from the Center for Environment, Health and Field Sciences' webpage specific to this recruitment  
<http://www.fc.chiba-u.jp/research/koubo.htm>

7. Miscellaneous

(1) You may be asked to come to the University for conducting a seminar/workshop in Japanese.

(2) Regarding your achievements in research and education, you may be requested to submit additional materials.

(3) Female and foreign candidates will be given priority if research accomplishments of candidates are equivalent.

8. Note

This recruitment corresponds with “Employment of Exceptional Young Scholars through ‘2014 Subsidies to Strengthen and Promote the Reform of National Universities.’”

Applicants must have attained their doctoral degrees after September, 2008. The Center will comprehensively assess these candidates based on research proficiency, teaching ability, management ability, societal contributions, and external fundraising capability.

Salary will be paid on the basis of the regulations stipulated by Chiba University, a National University Corporation.

Start-up research funds will be 6 million yen upon commencement of the position.