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To All Chairpersons of Concerned Institutions

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Dean of the Faculty of Advanced Science and Technology,
Kumamoto University

Academic Job Announcement for an Associate Professor Position

We are pleased to inform you that there is an Associate Professor position open to the public. We kindly request that you notify all concerned members of your institution.

Details

1. Name and Number of Positions: Associate Professor (full-time), one position
2. Affiliation: Division of Natural Science, Faculty of Advanced Science and Technology, Kumamoto University
3. Field of Research: Chemistry
The successful candidate will be expected to pioneer new research fields related to physical chemistry, particularly solid state or material chemistry.
4. Responsibilities
 - (1) Provide research guidance and lectures at the Graduate School of Science and Technology.
 - (2) Provide research guidance and lectures on physical chemistry, such as quantum chemistry, thermodynamics, and solid state chemistry, at the Faculty of Science (undergraduate course).
 - (3) Other lectures on basic chemistry in general education courses.
5. Starting Date of Appointment: Earliest possible date after February 1st, 2025
6. Candidate Qualifications
 - (1) PhD or an equivalent holder
 - (2) Excellent research achievements
 - (3) High motivation in education, research, and university management
 - (4) Non-Japanese speakers should have Japanese proficiency (e.g., Japanese proficiency equivalent to JLPT N3 or higher) to perform various duties inside and outside of Kumamoto University.
7. Required Documents for Application
All the following documents should be prepared in A4 or letter size:
 - (1) Curriculum vitae (CV)/resume (any form/format is acceptable) 2
Include the applicant's photograph, current physical address, and email address.
Specify any period when you were on special leave, including but not limited to maternity, child, family, or nursing care, that you wish to be considered during the candidate review.
 - (2) Research biography and publications: 2

List separately peer-reviewed journal papers, international conference papers, oral presentations (only invited presentations), books, educational accomplishments, and external research funding (e.g., KAKENHI, industry-university joint research funding, or other grants). Corresponding author(s) should be marked with an asterisk(*), and please mark ○ on papers in which you are the first or corresponding author. Moreover, please indicate whether you were the principal investigator or coinvestigator of a grant, patent, or other funding items. Include all co-authors of papers/grants and additional information such as your h-index, the impact factor of academic journals, and citation indices, if applicable.

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| (3) Reprints or copies of representative papers (10 max) | 2 |
| (4) Outline of research to date (approximately 1,000 words) | 2 |
| (5) Aspirations for research (approximately 1,000 words) | 2 |
| (6) Aspirations for education (approximately 500 words) | 2 |
| (7) List of references (one or two references) | 2 |

Names, affiliations, and contact information, including email addresses and telephone numbers of reference(s).

- (8) A declaration form:

A template for the declaration form is available on the university website.

<https://www.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/daigakujouhou/saiyou>

If not available, or if you cannot find it, please contact Prof. IRIE Ryo (Chairperson of Chemistry Field).

8. Deadline: July 16th, 2024

9. Document Submission

All the required documents should be sent by registered mail to the address below. Please write “Application documents for Faculty members in Science” in red on the front cover of the registered mail envelope/parcel.

Please also send a CD/DVD or USB memory stick containing a PDF file of the required documents.

10. Document Submission Address

Professor IRIE Ryo

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Faculty of Advanced Science and Technology,

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860-8555 Japan

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11. Screening Process

Preliminary Screening: Document Review

Secondary Screening: Interview

We will conduct in-person or remote interviews. Any costs related to the interviews, such as transportation and accommodation expenses, will not be reimbursed by Kumamoto University.

Details will be announced after the preliminary screening.

12. Working Conditions

- (1) Working Hours: Discretionary labor systems for professional work based on consent. Working hours will be left to the discretion of the employee, with working hours per day deemed 7 hours and 45 minutes.
- (2) Terms of Employment: Not fixed
- (3) Probationary Period: Six months
- (4) Work Location: Kurokami Campus, Kumamoto University
- (5) Overtime Work: Overtime, late-night, or holiday work may be required
- (6) Wages: As set forth in the Kumamoto University Regulations on Salary for Employees Subject to the Annual Salary System (2nd category)
- (7) Social Insurance: Health insurance from the Mutual Aid Association of MEXT, employment insurance, and workers' compensation insurance
- (8) Employer: Kumamoto University

13. Contact Information

Professor IRIE Ryo (Chairperson of the Chemistry Field)
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14. Remarks

- (1) Personal information in the application documents will only be used for personal selection and not for any other purpose in accordance with the regulations of the National University Corporation, Kumamoto University. Application documents and submitted materials will not be returned.
- (2) Kumamoto University promotes diversity.
- (3) When evaluating performance, we ensure that applicants are not at a disadvantage with respect to maternity leave, childcare/nursing care leave, or short working hours for childcare/nursing care.
- (4) Based on the provisions of Article 8 of the Act on Ensuring Equal Opportunities and Treatment for Men and Women in the Field of Employment, to improve the enrollment rate of female teachers, we preferentially hire women if their required abilities are recognized as equivalent.
- (5) Please refer to the following URL for child-rearing support and gender equality initiatives at Kumamoto University: https://diversity.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/activities/kihon_keikaku.html