

1. Affiliation • Job title • Number of positions

Research department • 1 Specially-appointed professor (Program Director)

2. Terms of employment

For 6 years at most within the period between the starting date and March 31, 2022 (Corresponding to the duration of the Phase III Medium-term Plan of the National Institutes for the Humanities)

3. Job description

The Program Director will be responsible for managing and coordinating research activities of Research Program 3 of Research Programs described below.

During the Phase III planning period (2016-2021), the Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN) will bring together the existing stand-alone projects in a structure consisting of the three Research Programs below, and aim to develop novel global environmental research contributing to the solution of global environmental problems in such a way that is only possible through the integration of multiple research projects.

Research Program 1: Transition to a society that can flexibly cope with environmental changes

Proposes specific options for planning the transition to society that can flexibly deal with the anthropogenic environmental changes, such as global warming, air pollution, etc., as well as with natural disasters.

Research Program 2: Fair use and management of diverse resources

Taking tradeoffs into account, this program provides multifaceted options to stakeholders involved in production, distribution, and consumption of resources, in order to realize fair use, optimal management, and wise governance of diverse resources including water and ecological resources.

Research Program 3: Design of wellbeing-enhancing living spaces and life styles

In collaboration with local governments and residents, this program provides feasible options to realize enhanced prosperity through the dynamic interplay between life worlds and rural and urban residential environments

We are currently calling for candidates for the Program Director who will be responsible for managing and coordinating research activities of Research Program 3. The Program Director's responsibilities are as follows

1. To manage the Research Program, including organizing calls for research proposals relevant to the program and provide guidance to the projects;
2. To prepare for annual external evaluation of the Research Program including its action plan, research results, and management;
3. To manage and coordinate research activities to accomplish research goals and objectives in accordance with the evaluation results;
4. To play a pivotal role in the Research Program as well as in the research strategy and management, etc. of the entire institute.

In this program, we are calling for applicants with a firm, comprehensive grasp of issues relating to living spaces, sustainable and safe cities, the linkages between urban and rural areas, and people's lifestyles and wellbeing, including how globalization and social change affect specific aspects such as food, consumption, distribution, transportation, health and sanitation and how resulting problems might be solved. While a specific disciplinary background is not required, we expect the successful candidate to have the ability to facilitate and integrate interdisciplinary research on rural and urban living spaces, that includes anthropology, economics, sociology, geography, urban planning, etc., as well as transdisciplinary collaborations with local governments and the private sector.

Please refer to the homepage (<http://www.chikyu.ac.jp/>) for more information on the institute and the current projects that will be incorporated into the Research Programs.

4. Qualifications

- A) Ability to produce results for the Program that underpin the development of global environmental studies, in such a way as could only be achieved by integrating results from a variety of projects with distinct perspectives such as curiosity-driven science, solution-oriented science, and social implementation
- B) Broad perspective and experience that enable Research Program management in such a way that breakthroughs and synergy can emerge from the cooperation among various projects

- C) Ample experience and achievements in obtaining external funding and the ability to apply this in managing the Research Program
- D) Strategies and experience in collaborating with institutions internationally and a strong personal network among global environmental research institutes including internationally.
- E) Fluency in both Japanese and English for communication and conduct of administrative duties including preparing material for, speaking at and making proposals in meetings.
- F) PhD in global environmental studies (environment-related PhD received in the fields of natural sciences, social sciences and humanities is also acceptable), and having a wide range of interest in global environmental studies

5. Starting date of employment

As early as possible from August 1, 2016

6. Deadline for application

5PM (Japan Standard Time), March 31 (Thu), 2016

7. Employment conditions

- A) Salary: Annual salary scheme (Based on the employment regulations of National Institute for the Humanities)
- B) Working hours: Based on the general working hours of 8:30-17:00, depends on the discretionary employment system of professional work
- C) Holidays: Weekends (Saturdays and Sundays), Japanese national holidays, and end of year holidays (from December 29 to January 3)
- D) Mandatory Retiring Age: There is no mandatory retirement age for this position .
- E) Others: Successful candidates will be enrolled in the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology, Mutual Society of Health Insurance System and employment insurance in accordance with applicable laws and regulations

8. Application materials (written either in Japanese or in English)

- A) Curriculum vitae (using standard A4 paper format including your portrait photograph pasted)
- B) List of research/academic accomplishments (including all the names of the

- co-authors for co-written publications)
- C) Five major research/academic accomplishments (1 original copy, reprint, or photocopy for each.)
 - D) Future research plan for this position with a focus on an idea of your operation policy for Research Program 3s (About 1,500~2,000 words on standard A4 paper format and maximum 2 pages.) Please formulate a plan by giving consideration to current projects (Full Research projects) except the projects that will end in the fiscal year of 2015.
 - E) Brief description about your experience relevant to the job description indicated above. Please mention your particular past achievements that you consider impacted the society, including achievements that meet the qualifications stated above. (About 1,500~2,000 words on standard A4 paper format, and maximum 2 pages.)
 - F) Two references (Name, institution, contact e-mail address and phone number).
 - ※ All the materials above must be prepared using standard A4 paper format sideways, with your name written on each item. The application materials will not be returned, except the documents indicated in “8(c)” if requested. If you wish to receive these documents back, please indicate so at the end of “8(b)”.
 - ※ Application forms will only be used for selection purposes during this selection process.

9. Selection process

First selection will be made upon screening of application forms. Successful candidates will be invited for individual interviews with all of the Project Leaders and other research staff of RIHN in April, 2016 as well as to give a seminar that will be attended and evaluated by senior staff in May, 2016. Both the interviews and the seminar will take place at RIHN.

Travel costs for the interviews and the seminar will be paid by RIHN, based on the travel expenses regulations of National Institutes for the Humanities and Research Institute for Humanity and Nature.

RIHN will contact candidates participating in the interviews and seminar about the relevant details.

10. Address for application submission

Application materials must be mailed to the address below.

Address

Personnel Subsection, Planning and Collaboration Section

Research Institute for Humanity and Nature

457-4 Motoyama, Kamigamo, Kita-ku, Kyoto, 603-8047, JAPAN)

※ Please write “Enclosed: Application materials for the Program Director” in red on the top-side of the package and send it through recorded delivery mail.

11. For any inquiry

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