

To: Presidents of universities in Japan and overseas
Directors of research institutions in Japan and overseas

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Announcement of Job Opening

This is to inform you that the Center for Environment, Health, and Field Sciences, Chiba University, invites applications for a tenure-track specially appointed assistant professor position as detailed below. I would appreciate if this job opening could be disseminated to interested individuals at your institution.

Job Opening

1. Position

- (1) Specially Appointed Assistant Professor (tenure-track position with a five-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 five-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 will apply.

- (2) Field of Specialty: Protected Horticulture

2. Requirements and Job Specifications

- (1) Young scholars who have or are expected to obtain doctoral degrees before March 1, 2017.

[Must be aged 34 years or younger on March 31, 2017 corresponding to the Rules for the Implementation of Employment Measures for Activities Associated with the 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) Start date: March 1, 2017

- (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, education programs, and community activities.

The Center is seeking a person who can play active and responsive roles in education and research on the development, verification, and extension of plant factory technology in the field of protected horticulture carried out in the Plant Factory Project. In addition, the candidate is expected to promote cooperative research with private enterprises and universities in foreign countries and have a role in planning and execution of a human resources development project for students from the universities and institutions in Japan and foreign countries related to protected horticulture. The person should be enthusiastic about conducting practical research related to protected horticulture and education and possess a strong interest in development of horticultural industries.

- (4) Faculty members with tenured positions as of January 1, 2017:

Professor	2
Associate Professor	3
Lecturer	1
Assistant Professor	4

- (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.

(6) Term of employment

This is a tenure-track position with a five-year term. There will be an interim evaluation in the third year after the appointment, and the final evaluation will be performed in the fifth year according to the rules stipulated by Chiba University. If the person is positively evaluated at the final evaluation, the position will become tenured, and the person will become an employee to whom the Chiba University retirement system will apply.

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 fewer major publications per applicant
- (4) Record of experience/achievements in education¹⁾
- (5) Overview of the applicant's experiences and achievements in research and education until date and ambitions for the future (approximately 1,000 words)
- (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

¹⁾ 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 December 26, 2016.

5. Send Documents and Inquiries To:

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(Note: Application documents should be sent by registered mail or courier service. On the envelope, write in red, "Contains application documents for the Center for Environment, Health, and Field Sciences")

Contact: Administrative Division, Center for Environment, Health, and Field Sciences (Phone: +81-4-7137-8001)

6. Guidelines for Preparing the Application Documents

(1) Curriculum Vitae with a photo

Please state 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

a) Original articles

Articles published in academic or scholarly journals that have a peer-review system

b) Books and translations

Distinguish between independently authored and co-authored works. For co-authored works, state the part of which you were in charge.

c) Others

① Articles published in academic reports of universities, proceedings in international conferences, or other literature

② Reports, documents, book reviews

③ Reports written to disseminate information or for practical purposes

- d) Presentations made at academic conferences, research conferences, lecture meetings, symposia, seminars, or other venues; provide up to 10 significant presentations made in the past 5 years that were 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.
- e) Planning or designing
- f) Patents (describe any varieties, devices, or other items that you have developed)
- g) Qualifications and 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.
 - a) Please indicate records of Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research as well as sources of external funding.
 - b) 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 at <http://www.fc.chiba-u.jp/research/koubo.htm>

7. Miscellaneous

- (1) You may be asked to come to the university to conduct a seminar/workshop.
- (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 the candidates are equivalent.

8. Note

This recruitment corresponds to “Employment of Exceptional Young Scholars through ‘2016 Subsidies to Strengthen and Promote the Reform of National Universities.’”

The Center will comprehensively assess these candidates on the basis of their 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.