



20th May 2013

Dear Colleague

I am writing to bring to your attention an open search for a Visiting Foreign Professor or Associate Professor at Kagoshima University Research Center for the Pacific Islands. The Research Center aims to promote interdisciplinary research on islands and island-zones in Oceania and surrounding areas. The aims of this focus are to promote comprehensive understanding of islands and island-zones and to further the welfare of people in the regions concerned. These objectives are pursued principally through the following three projects: (1) Variation between and Symbiosis with Island Environments, (2) Social Medical Care and Information Systems in Island Society, and (3) Island Adaptation in agriculture, fisheries and education.

In order to further such activities, one visiting foreign researcher (at the rank of Professor or Associate Professor) is invited to stay and do research in collaboration with our staff members. I would welcome nominations and recommendations for the position, including self-nominations.

Qualifications and Conditions

To qualify, a candidate must:

- (1) be able to engage in research activities for a duration of 6 to 11 months between 7th May 2014 and 27th March 2015.
- (2) intend to conduct research in one of the following topics in relation to Oceania and its surrounding areas: natural and social environments, organisms and resources in terrestrial and marine environments, health conditions, or history and social sciences (including international politics).
- (3) hold a doctoral degree or be equivalent to a doctor in an educational and academic background.
- (4) be currently employed as a researcher (professor, or associate professor, or lecturer, or its equivalent) at a university or comparable research institution and have a strong history of teaching and research activities.

Compensation and Benefits

The successful candidate will:

- (1) hold the position of Visiting Professor or Visiting Associate Professor at Kagoshima University.
- (2) be provided an office, equipment, library access, and other facilities and services.
- (3) be granted a salary and research expenses equivalent to a staff member of comparable rank at Kagoshima University.
- (4) be granted round-trip travel expenses for one person (travel expenses for temporary returns or for the candidate's family are not provided).

Duties

The successful candidate will be expected to:

- (1) submit a study report in English before the completion of the contract.
- (2) occasionally lecture or conduct seminars for undergraduate or graduate students or for

- staff members of Kagoshima University and other professional researchers.
- (3) contribute at least one paper to South Pacific Studies, the Research Center's regular journal, during the term of office or within one year of the end of the contract.

Selection Process and Notification

- (1) The successful candidate is to be selected by the Selection Committee for Visiting Foreign Researchers in Kagoshima University Research Center for the Pacific Islands.
- (2) Applicants will be notified of this decision by the end of December 2013.

Application Procedure

Applications are accepted from 1st June to 31st August 2013. Application packets consist of the following:

- (1) The application form enclosed with this letter.
- (2) Letters of recommendation, which should include a letter from the applicant's supervisor indicating his or her ability to be granted leave of absence and to resume employment upon completion of the leave.
- (3) Up to 20 copies and/or reprints of books and papers (if not in English, please attach English abstracts) enumerated in the publication list in the application form.
- (4) Photocopies of all degree certificates (Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral's).

These documents must be sent by post to:

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1-21-24, Korimoto
Kagoshima,
JAPAN 890-8580

Tel: (81) 99-2857394 Fax: (81) 99-2856197
E-mail: shimaken@cpi.kagoshima-u.ac.jp

Application by e-mail is not accepted.

Additional Remarks

- (1) The term of office is subject to budgetary constraints.
- (2) Extra expenses and housing allowances are not provided.
- (3) All inquiries about the position should be addressed to Kagoshima University Research Center for the Pacific Islands, but please note that telephone inquiries are not accepted.
- (4) Our Website is <http://cpi.kagoshima-u.ac.jp/index.html>



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