

Project Researcher Position

The University of Tokyo, Institute for Future Initiatives (IFI),

The University of Tokyo Institute for Future Initiatives (IFI) invites applications for a position as a Project Researcher. IFI was established in April 2019 to integrate the Policy Alternatives Research Institute (PARI) and the Integrated Research System for Sustainability Science (IR3S) to promote stronger interdisciplinary research and societal collaboration for our future society.

The successful applicant is expected to conduct research at the interface of aquaculture/fisheries, food security, poverty alleviation and gender. The post is based at IFI, University of Tokyo, in collaboration with WorldFish.

Particular research tasks of the successful applicant will be to:

- Identify and measure the sustainability impacts of aquaculture/fisheries (especially related to food security, gender equality, and poverty alleviation) in developing countries
- Identify how involvement (or not) in aquaculture/fisheries chains can affect the resilience of rural households to livelihood shocks
- Design methods to compare findings across study sites, and other published results.
- Case studies may include (but are not limited to), aquaculture and fishery projects in Bangladesh, Egypt, India and Myanmar
- Translate the research outcomes in recommendations for meeting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

1. Position: Project Researcher

2. Starting date: 1 October 2019

3. Term of Appointment

The first contract will be ended on 31 March 2020. The contract is renewable on a fiscal year basis (from 1 April to 31 March, every year) according to research activity and achievements. Contract duration is until 30 September 2021.

4. Place of Work:

The University of Tokyo, Institute for Future Initiatives
7-3-1 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo

5. Qualifications:

- PhD in Agricultural/Environmental/Ecological Economics, Development Studies, Sustainability Science or related subject with good knowledge of economics and/or statistics; or a relevant PhD in Natural Sciences with a strong component on economics and/or statistics
- Experience of primary data collection, compilation and analysis
- Good quantitative skills (especially statistical analysis), and knowledge of appropriate software
- Demonstrated ability to conduct fieldwork and manage teams of enumerators in developing countries
- Good understanding of the discourse around the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and related targets

- Proven skills in writing and publishing papers in leading scientific journals
- A strong publications record in related topics (e.g. aquaculture, impact assessment, food security)
- Experience delivering presentations to international audiences
- Demonstrated ability to work independently
- Excellent leadership, managerial, and communication skills
- Excellent working knowledge of English
- Willingness to spend prolonged periods of time (2-3 months per year) travelling, including to conduct fieldwork in developing countries;

6. Responsibilities:

- Conduct empirical research at the interface of aquaculture/fisheries, food security, gender equality, and poverty alleviation in developing countries
- Design quantitative and qualitative methodologies to collect, analyze, and interpret relevant environmental and socioeconomic data (e.g. through surveys, focus group discussion, spatial analysis)
- Lead (or contribute to) field campaigns in the study countries
- Analyse primary and secondary data using appropriate statistical analysis tools
- Prepare manuscripts for submission to peer-reviewed journals
- Supervise, where necessary, research students and field assistants
- Fulfill, where necessary, administrative duties, such as design fieldwork budgets, coordinate with other team members, and manage research funds
- Liaise with WorldFish project partners to ensure the smooth operation of collaborative research components
- Represent IFI at international and national events, increasing the profile of the Institute and the project in the field of Food Security;
- Other assignments as requested by the IFI

7. Salary and Benefits:

Monthly salary will be determined based upon the appointee's academic background and experience. Benefits will also be provided in accordance with the University of Tokyo regulations.

8. Working Hours:

Discretionary labor system: 7 hours and 45 minutes per day, subject to the employee's discretion.

9. Holidays:

Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays and year-end through New Year holidays (from 29 December to 3 January of the following year).

10. Application procedures:

Interested applicants should submit (a) curriculum vitae using the format which can be downloaded at <https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/about/jobs.html>, (b) cover letter explaining why the applicant is appropriate for the position (c) a list of publications by registered mail.

Applications must be received at the following address by 5 July 2019.

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The University of Tokyo

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Tokyo, 113-8654
Attention to: Dr. Alexandros Gasparatos

Applications from suitably qualified women candidates are particularly encouraged.

After screening of the application documents, successful candidates will be contacted, and if needed interviews will be arranged at the IFI (University of Tokyo, Hongo Campus).

11. Other remarks:

Personal information obtained through this application process will be used only for the purpose of screening applicants and recruiting, and will not be used for any other purpose.