

The University of Tokyo Institute for Future Initiatives and the Toyota
Foundation

“Interlinkages and Innovation for Future Societies”

Recruitment Information for Project Researcher, Project
Assistant Professor or Project Lecturer (Fixed-Term Project
Staff)

The University of Tokyo Institute for Future Initiatives and the Toyota Foundation are establishing a new partnership programme under the theme of “Interlinkages and Innovation for Future Societies” and wish to recruit researchers who will conduct research to transform social systems. The flagship projects of the Institute for Future Initiatives are 1) Designing visions of the future in an AI society, 2) Designing a regional circular and ecological sphere (Regional CES), and 3) Research on security and peacebuilding in future societies. The partnership programme “Interlinkages and Innovation for Future Societies” is a new activity to design better future social systems by considering new developments in these flagship projects with an awareness of the “connections” among people, between people and nature, and between people and goods and technologies. This year, especially researchers working on the relationship between science, technology, and industry, including AI, and future visions and policies, as well as international relations and security, are encouraged to apply. We also welcome applications from researchers with professional working experience. In this partnership programme, we hope to make further progress in each flagship project by conducting research together with researchers within the university who are engaged in each project, and we also aim to nurture outstanding professionals who can lead transdisciplinary research.

1. **Job title** : Project Researcher, Project Assistant Professor or Project Lecturer (Fixed-Term Project Staff)

2. **Number of persons to be recruited** : 1 (Expected)

3. **Place of Work** : Institute for Future Initiatives, The University of Tokyo,
7-3-1 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo, JAPAN

4. **Contract period** : 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

The probation period is six months from the date of appointment. The contract period may be renewed on a fiscal year basis depending on the budget situation, progress of work, evaluation of work performance, and other factors. However, there will be a maximum of four renewals and the period of employment will be

limited up to 31st March 2028.

5. Contents of Work Duties : To establish a new research project at the Institute for Future Initiatives on "Interlinkages and Innovation for Future Societies" and engage in the research.

Report on the results of their research at symposia and other events co-hosted by the Toyota Foundation, and also plan and organise such events.

In addition to academic reports such as papers and conference presentations, the programme will also generate a wide range of social and policy proposals for the benefit of society.

6. Qualifications Required :

- (1) Applicants must have a doctoral degree in a relevant field, or expect to obtain one by the time of the appointment.
- (2) Applicants must have a research and experience related to science and technology.
- (3) Applicants should have a clear sense of the issues involved in the innovation of social systems and have the motivation and competencies to tackle them.
- (4) Applicants should be able to engage in research with a broad perspective based on academic knowledge, and should be willing to present research outputs to society and provide social and policy recommendations.

7. Working hours: The discretionary work system for professional work applies, and working hours will be deemed as 7 hours and 45 minutes per day.

8. Days off: Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, year-end, and New Year holidays (29th December to 3rd January)

9. Leave: Annual paid leave and special leave will be given in accordance with employment regulations.

10. Wages, etc. : Annual salary system applies and the salary paid monthly will be around JPY 300,000 to JPY 500,000. (determined according to qualifications, ability, experience, etc.)

- (1) Commuting allowance is provided (If the requirements are met, the amount calculated in accordance with the regulations will be paid; in principle, up to 55,000 yen/month)
- (2) No retirement allowance is provided.
- (3) Insurance: You will be automatically enrolled in the insurance scheme from

the Mutual Aid Association of MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) and Employment insurance.

11. Application period : September 12th (Monday) to October 31st, 2022 (Monday)

12. Application Procedure :

- (1) The University of Tokyo Standard Resume Format must be used (Download and fill out the form below)
Reference URL: <https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/about/jobs.html>
- (2) Attach a list of research achievements, i.e., academic papers (with or without peer review), books, conference proceedings, other papers, etc.
- (3) Attach reprints of your major academic papers (up to 3, copies acceptable)
- (4) Outline of your research and teaching to date (within 2 pages of A4 paper)
- (5) Provide the plan of research to be carried out at the Institute for Future Initiatives (including ambitions and ideas for social and policy recommendations; A4 paper, max. 3 pages)
- (6) Provide names and contact details of two persons who can give their opinions about you.

13. Selection procedure : After screening of application materials, interviews of selected applicants will be conducted.

14. Decision on acceptance or rejection : We will contact you individually.

15. Contact and Sending of documents :

Contact: Kensuke Fukushi,

Institute for Future Initiatives, The University of Tokyo

e-mail: yoko-ta[at mark]ifi.u-tokyo.ac.jp

Please replace [at mark] with @ in the e-mail address above.

Sending the documents: Send your application to the above e-mail address with the subject title "Application for Project Researcher/Project Assistant Professor" and attach the documents to be submitted.

The attached files should be sent to the above email address with a password. Create a password for the attached files and send the password separately. (Please do not send by post.)

16. Name of Recruiter : The University of Tokyo

17. State of working measures to avoid passive smoking : Smoking is prohibited inside the

grounds of our university. We have smoking areas outdoors.

18. Other matters:

·Please note that we are unable to answer any questions regarding the results of the selection process. Application documents will be used only for the purpose of this application, and personal information will not be disclosed, transferred, or lent to any third party without justifiable reason.

·The University of Tokyo is committed to promoting gender equality and welcomes applications from women.

· If you are personally in contract with foreign governmental bodies, corporations or universities, or you are in receipt of a large benefit (financial or any other form) from foreign governmental bodies during the period of your employment, the provisions of the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (FEFTA) may prohibit or restrict the sharing of technology that are designated as controlled technology possibly making it difficult for you to fulfil your duties as an academic or administrative staff of the university as a result. Therefore, in such cases it is necessary to keep such contracts/benefits within the scope where it does not hinder the sharing of technologies necessary for your duties by the university.