

To: Presidents of Universities in Japan and overseas
Directors of Research Institutions in Japan and overseas

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Announcement for Job Opening

This is to inform you that the Center for Environment, Health and Field Sciences, Chiba University invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professor position as detailed below. I would really appreciate if this job opening could be disseminated to whom it may concern in your institution.

Job Opening

1. Position

- (1) Assistant Professor (tenure-track position with a five-year term)

Center for Environment, Health, and Field Sciences

This post is in accordance with 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: Ornamental Horticulture

2. Requirements, Job Specifications, etc.

- (1) Scholars with Doctoral Degrees

- (2) Expected starting date: October 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.

In the field of Ornamental Horticulture, research works have been carried out on evaluation and utilization of multiple aspects of plant function with the key word “Plant and Human Relationship.” Although the works are based on plant sciences, interdisciplinary connections are now being developed with the fields of medical and pharmaceutical sciences, nursing, technology and basic sciences, as well as with collaboration with related private companies. Also, construction and development of new ideas are now progressed to solve the problems in relation to Plant-Human relationship in our modern society.

The center is seeking a person who has sufficient research achievement in ornamental horticulture and can lead education and research in the field of horticultural plant production, especially that for ornamental plants including pharmaceutical plants. Additionally, the candidate is required to have experiences of collection and evaluation of genetic resources for the production of new varieties, developing technologies for plant seedling production for flower beds and pots, or that for rooftop greening. In addition, the person is expected to have a role in the management of plant production, plant processing, utilization of plants, selling products and public relations, as well as operating our Seedling Production and Utilization System. The person should be enthusiastic about conducting practical research work related to ornamental horticulture, education, and developing talented human resources for horticultural industry.

- (4) Faculty members with tenured position as of April 1, 2017

Professor

Associate Professor 2
Lecturer 1
Assistant Professor 3

- (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 August 7, 2017.

5. Send Documents and Inquiries To:

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Director, Center for Environment, Health and Field Sciences, Chiba University,
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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/gaiyo/koubo/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.
- (4) The submitted document is used only for the purpose of selection of the candidate, and not returned to the applicant.

8. Note

Salary will be paid according to the regulations stipulated by Chiba University, a National University Corporation.