

Job Posting (for Specially Appointed Faculty)

March 15, 2022

Affiliation	Earth-Life Science Institute (ELSI)
Position title	Research staff (Specially Appointed Assistant Professor)
Number of Openings	1
Area of Specialization	Research related to life science, in particular synthetic biology approaches to reveal the evolution and origins of living systems. Researchers with demonstrated experience in biotechnology, biophysics, protein science, or other fields associated with biochemistry are preferred.
Job Description	The Earth-Life Science Institute (ELSI) of the Tokyo Institute of Technology (Tokyo Tech) is soliciting applications for a research staff member (specially-appointed assistant professor). The successful candidate will promote interdisciplinary collaborations within the Institute, and will work on research aimed at identifying and understanding universal properties of life, the origin and evolution of living systems, and habitability beyond Earth. In particular, we seek scientists who can use molecular and synthetic biology (bottom-up biology) approaches to understand the evolution and origins of living systems. Our institutional language is English; Japanese language skills are not required. An unprecedented level of support for researchers to live and thrive in Japan is provided by our talented staff. Position details are provided below.
Qualifications	Candidates should hold a doctoral degree (Ph.D. or equivalent), have their own original research plans in the subject specified above.
Location	Ookayama Campus Nearest station: Ookayama
Working Hours	De facto working hours* under the discretionary labor system: 7 hours 45 minutes per day (38 hours 45 minutes per week) *Hours considered as working hours
Term	Three years (The contract may be extended; Up to five years). The employment period is subject to Article 7 of the Institute's Employment Regulations for Fixed-Term Staff.
Probationary Period	14 days (The probationary period is subject to Article 12 of the Institute's Employment Regulations for Fixed-Term Staff.)
Salary	Annual salary (annual base salary) The applicant's salary will be determined in accordance with the Institute's Employment Regulations for Fixed-Term Staff.

Social insurance and other benefits	Employee's pension, Mutual Aid Association short term benefits (health insurance), employment insurance, worker's compensation Insurance
Employer	President of National University Corporation Tokyo Institute of Technology
Proposed Start Date	July 1, 2022 or later
Closing Date for Application	Applications must be received by 5pm, May 2, 2022 JST
Selection Process	The selection committee will start reviewing the submitted materials from May 6, 2022. Selected candidates will be interviewed and will be requested to give a public seminar on their research in English.
Required Documents	<p>Please prepare the following materials in PDF format. There is no set format. All documents must be provided in English.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1-page cover letter including a statement of interests. Curriculum vitae including educational background, professional experience, honors, and awards, mailing address, and e-mail address. List of research achievements classified into the following categories (peer-reviewed journal papers, presentations in domestic/international conferences, books and others). Please indicate publications in which you are the first author with an asterisk (*). Please highlight up to three most important papers. List of acquired external research grants, fellowships, or competitive funds. The type, project title, period of research, and budget should be provided for each item. Please specify applicant's contribution as a principal or cooperative investigator. In case where you act as co-investigator, please specify the total and allocated budgets. Outline of research achievements, current research objectives and statement of research plans at ELSI. Please limit the length to 2 pages of A4 or letter size. List of names and contact information of two references. The name, affiliation, postal address, telephone number, e-mail address, and their relationship to the applicant should be provided.
How to Submit an Application	<p>Please submit your application as specified above by registered mail/courier or electronically by 5pm, May 2, 2022 JST. The application materials will not be returned. We will notify you via e-mail upon receipt of your application within 5 business days.</p> <p>A. Submission by Email Director Yasuhito Sekine, via e-mail (sekine[at]elsi.jp; replace [at] by @).</p>

	<p>Please generate and submit a single PDF file that includes all the documents specified above. The file size should not exceed 5 MB.</p> <p>B. Submission by registered mail or courier service. Please send your application as a single PDF file recorded on a CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, or USB flash drive to the following address: Administrative Vice Director Earth-Life Science Institute, Tokyo Institute of Technology 2-12-1-IE-1 Ookayama, Meguro-ku, Tokyo, 152-8550, Japan * Please write "Application for the ELSI Specially Appointed Assistant Professor" in red on the front of the envelope.</p>
Contacts	Director Yasuhito Sekine, via e-mail (sekine[at]elsi.jp; replace [at] by @).
Other	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. During the selection process, candidates may be requested to provide additional information. 2. Application documents will not be returned. The personal information provided in the submitted documents will be used solely for recruitment and not for any other purpose, pursuant to the Institute's applicable rules and regulations. 3. Tokyo Institute of Technology, in order to ensure a diverse workforce, guarantees equal opportunities for all individuals regardless of nationality or gender. 4. Smoking is prohibited on campus except in designated areas. 5. For more information, please refer to the following link. http://www.hyoka.koho.titech.ac.jp/eprd/recently/koubo/koubo.php?lang=en