

Research Associate in Economics

The Institute of Social Science at the University of Tokyo has one opening for a Research Associate (*jokyo*) in any field of Economics. This is a non-tenure-track post-doctoral position. The maximum term is 3 years, but we are happy to consider applications from candidates who will be taking up a tenure-track position elsewhere and intend to stay for only one or two years.

The main responsibility of the position is to produce high-quality academic research. Voluntary participation in joint research projects at the Institute is encouraged. A limited amount of teaching and admissions-related duties may also be assigned. If assigned, teaching would be in English.

The start date for the position is April 1st, 2027, but we are willing to consider a delayed start until July 1st, 2027, at the latest. The position ends at the latest on March 31st, 2030, or earlier if the mandatory retirement age of 65 is reached.

ISS is an interdisciplinary research institute within the University of Tokyo. Its mission is to conduct empirical studies from historical and comparative perspectives, with a particular focus on interdisciplinary research. The faculty cover the four academic fields of law, political science, economics, and sociology. Salary may depend on the age, years of professional experience, qualifications, and family circumstances of the successful candidate. S/he will also be eligible for the full range of housing, health insurance and pension benefits provided by the University of Tokyo.

For further information on the Institute of Social Science at the University of Tokyo, please see the ISS homepage: <https://iss.u-tokyo.ac.jp/>

Qualifications

- 1) PhD degree already obtained, or expected to be obtained by your start date.
- 2) Some ability to communicate in Japanese, regardless of nationality.

Candidates who are unsure of whether they meet the required level of Japanese knowledge are encouraged to apply.

Materials for submission

Applications must arrive by November 30th (Mon), 2026 at 17:00 Japan Standard Time. Applications should include the following material in one zip file, submitted electronically via the JREC-IN application system.

- (a) CV, including
 - i. name
 - ii. current email address
 - iii. academic qualifications
 - iv. employment history

v. list of academic publications

vi. list of references (optional)

(Date of birth, personal address, and photo are not required.)

(b) Research statement (approximately 500 words)

(c) Copies of up to three representative publications

(d) Declaration regarding any past criminal penalties, administrative sanctions, or disciplinary actions related to sexual harassment, sexual violence, or other sexual misconduct against students (download and complete the prescribed form available at <https://iss.u-tokyo.ac.jp/about/opportunities/#s2>).

(e) Your website URL (optional)

(f) Degree certification for highest degree completed (submission is required after invitation to the interview)

If (a), (b), and (c) are available on your website, you may substitute submitting your website URL (e) for submission of (a), (b), and (c).

The name of each file should be your surname, your first name, and the letter indicating the type of document submitted. For example, if your surname is Todai and your first name is Mirai, your CV file should be named as TodaiMirai_a.pdf and your research statement file should be named as TodaiMirai_b.pdf. If there are multiple files for the same type of submission, they should be named as TodaiMirai_c1.pdf, TodaiMirai_c2.pdf, etc. The zipped file should be named TodaiMirai.zip.

If you have books or papers that are difficult to upload, please contact us at the email below, with the subject line “Search for Research Associate in Economics”. We will explain how to submit materials by mail.

JREC-IN URL

<https://jrecin.jst.go.jp/seek/SeekTop>

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* Note: User login to JREC-IN is required.

Note: Materials may be submitted in English or Japanese. All personal information will be kept strictly confidential. Materials will not be returned; any materials with sensitive personal information will be disposed of appropriately.

Notes

The University of Tokyo is committed to enhancing the diversity and equality of its candidate pool. We strongly encourage applications from women and international candidates.

<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/kyodo-sankaku/en/index.html>

In all matters related to faculty recruitment and promotion, the University prohibits any form of discrimination on the basis of national origin, gender, religion, creed, political affiliation, or disability.

If at the time of appointment an individual either has a contractual relationship in a personal capacity with a foreign corporation, foreign government, or other foreign entity; or receives financial or other significant benefits from a foreign government or other foreign entity, then the sharing of certain technologies may be restricted under the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act. Such restrictions

may make it difficult for the individual to fulfill their duties as a faculty or staff member of the University. In such cases, these contractual relationships or benefits must be limited so that they do not interfere with the sharing of technologies necessary for the performance of the individual's duties.

Applicants should carefully review the official version of the job announcement posted on JREC-IN before applying.

Should you have any enquiries regarding this search, please contact us at the following email, with the subject line "Search for Research Associate in Economics": shomu@iss.u-tokyo.ac.jp

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