

Postdoctoral Fellow Position (Special Limited-term Contract Employee) at IPM, Misasa, Japan

June 6, 2022

The Institute for Planetary Materials (IPM), Okayama University, Misasa, Japan, invites applications for Postdoctoral Fellow Positions (Special Limited-term Contract Employee).

The Institute for Planetary Materials (IPM), Okayama University is a world-class research institute with the aim of advancing our understanding of research on the origin, evolution and dynamics of the Earth and planets through both experimental and analytical approaches. As a designated Joint-Use/Research Center in Earth and planetary materials science, IPM is supported by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT) of Japan to promote joint-use and collaborative research on Earth and planetary materials, providing access to the analytical and experimental facilities, and associated expertise for researchers and students both in Japan and worldwide.

Further information about the faculty, research and facilities of the Institute can be found at the IPM website <https://www.misasa.okayama-u.ac.jp/eng/>

1. Affiliation: The Institute for Planetary Materials (IPM), Okayama University, Misasa, Japan  
<https://www.misasa.okayama-u.ac.jp/eng/>
2. Job title: Postdoctoral Fellow Position (Special Limited-term Contract Employee)
3. Number of posts: 3 posts
4. Field of study: Earth and Planetary Materials Sciences  
The positions are open to all researchers who will promote planetary science and lead planetary science in the future. Applicants must be young scientists within 5 years of obtaining a degree with excellent research skills and achievements in research fields related to experimental and analytical Earth and planetary materials science that are being promoted by the Institute.
5. Appointment date: As soon as possible after October 1, 2022 (negotiable)
6. Period of employment:  
Two years from the time of appointment, with the possibility of one-year extension upon review and Approval at the end of the two-year term
7. Qualifications:  
Applicants must have a doctoral degree by the time of appointment, and should not possess another job position during this appointment period.
8. Documents required with application:
  - 1) Curriculum vitae (Form 1)
  - 2) Summary of past research (Form3)
  - 3) List of publications (Form4)
  - 4) Plan for activities in research and teaching at IPM (Form 5)
  - 5) PDF files of five representative publications
  - 6) Contact information for two references (Form 6)
  - 7) Certificate of completion of the last school attended (a copy of the degree certificate is acceptable)

※Documents must be written in English.  
※Please use the attached documents for Forms 1 and 3~ 6.  
※Please convert the above documents into pdf files and send them by e-mail to the address below with the subject title " Application for Postdoc, Institute for Planetary Materials ".  
※If you do not receive a confirmation email within 4 days of submitting your application, please contact us.
9. Closing date: July 1, 2022 5:00 p.m. (Japan Standard Time)

10. For further information, please contact:  
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Please indicate "Application for Postdoctoral Fellow" in the subject title of the e-mail.

11. Documentary screening and interview:

Preliminary screening based on the submitted documents. Those who pass the document screening will be asked for an interview (including a seminar given in English). The final candidate will be evaluated at the faculty meeting of the Institute for Planetary Materials before the final decision is made by the Okayama University President.

- ※ Applicants who pass the document screening will be contacted separately for an interview.
- ※ If the Interview costs money, it will be borne by the applicant.
- ※ Depending on circumstances, interviews may be conducted online.

12. Compensation:

- 1) Salary: The salary system of the University should be determined in consideration of the general social situation, with reference to the salary system of national government officials, so basic wages and benefits will be revised (increase, decrease, new establishment, abolition) there is.
- 2) Working hours: Discretionary labor system for specialized work, No overtime working rule, Holiday work may be applicable (See the employment rules, Article 41 and 42)
- 3) Holidays: Every Saturday and Sunday, national public holidays, December 29- January 3 of the Following year (See the employment rules, 2 in Article 42)
- 4) Insurance, etc.: National public employee mutual aid insurance, employment insurance, workers' compensation insurance.  
Okayama University's official website for rules and regulations:  
[https://www.okayama-u.ac.jp/shokisoku/reiki\\_menu.html](https://www.okayama-u.ac.jp/shokisoku/reiki_menu.html)

13. Others:

- 1) Please note that application documents will not be returned. Personal information will not be used for any purpose other than the selection process. After the screening process is complete, we will take full responsibility for the handling of personal information.
- 2) Additional documents may be requested depending on the progress of the selection process.
- 3) Okayama University is committed to gender equality and provides support for female faculty members. Applications from female candidates are encouraged.