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Assistant Professor (Tenure Track) at Department of Planetology,
Graduate School of Science, Kobe University

To: Related Organizations and Researchers

From: Katsuya KANEKO,
Chairperson of the Department of Planetology,
Graduate School of Science, Kobe University

The Department of Planetology at the Graduate School of Science, Kobe University, is seeking to fill the following faculty position. We kindly ask for your assistance in disseminating this information and recommending suitable candidates.

Details:

1. Position & Number of Openings: Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), 1 position
2. Affiliation: Division of Fundamental Planetology, Department of Planetology, Graduate School of Science, Kobe University (<http://www.planet.sci.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/index.html>)
3. Research Field & Job Description: Research and education mainly on Earth and planets, particularly the surface environments, geophysical fluid, and geodynamics. The successful candidate will be expected to belong to the Fluid Geophysics Group, and handle education and research guidance in graduate and undergraduate programs.
4. Term: 5 years from the date of appointment (1 August, 2026 or as soon as possible thereafter and by 1 April 2027 at the latest). Performance evaluation based on the “Regulations on the Tenure Track System at Kobe University” will be conducted by the date four years after the appointment. If the candidate meets certain standards, they will be appointed as a tenured assistant professor.
5. Qualifications: Applicants must hold a doctoral degree (or equivalent qualification at the time of employment) and be capable of lecturing and performing administrative duties in Japanese.
6. Application Deadline: 10 March, 2026 (Tuesday) JST
7. Working Conditions & Benefits: In accordance with the “Kobe University Rules on Conditions of Employment for Staff Members”
 - A) Salary & Allowances: In accordance with the “Regulations on Annual Salary for Kobe University Faculty Members (Retirement Allowance Type)”
 - B) Working Hours (Style): Discretionary labor system for professional work. Deemed working hours: 8 hours per day.
 - C) Insurance: Membership in the Mutual Aid Association of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, employment insurance, and workers’ compensation insurance
8. Application Method: Submit the following application documents using the JREC-IN Portal Web application.
 - (1) Curriculum Vitae (the JREC-in format)
 - (2) List of Research Achievements (Please distinguish between peer-reviewed original articles and other publications. Mark the main papers you submit as (7) with an asterisk (*).)
 - (3) List of Research Grants and Awards (if any)
 - (4) Overview of Past Research (up to 2 pages of A4/letter-size paper)
 - (5) Research Plan after Appointment and Aspirations for Education (up to 2 pages of A4/letter-size paper)

(6) Contact information of two references (including name, affiliation, title, and e-mail address)

(7) PDF of Main Papers (up to 5)

* JREC-IN URL for this job opening:

<https://jrecin.jst.go.jp/seek/SeekJorDetail?id=D125120683>

9. Contact: Katsuya KANEKO, Head of the Department of Planetology

E-mail: apply2025-inq@people.kobe-u.ac.jp

10. Additional information:

- We plan to conduct interviews during the selection process and will notify the candidates separately by e-mail.
- In accordance with the Act for Gender Equal Society, we welcome applications from women and, when the evaluation of achievements and qualifications is equal, we will give preferential consideration to female candidates.
- All application documents will be handled appropriately in accordance with the Personal Information Protection Law.