

Job Announcement: Full Time Position / Assistant Professor (TENURE-TRACK)

The Research Institute for Time Studies, Yamaguchi University

<https://www.yamaguchi-u.ac.jp/rits/>

Explanation of institution:

The Research Institute for Time Studies (RITS) at Yamaguchi University was established in April 2000 at the initiative of the then President Dr. Heisuke Hironaka, a Fields medalist. Its mission is to bridge the humanities and sciences through the study of time, create Time Studies as a new interdisciplinary area, and translate research findings into societal benefit. The Institute is currently staffed by a professor, two associate professors, an assistant professor, a specially appointed faculty member, two academic researchers, and administrative staff. In addition, about 100 internal and external researchers are involved in its activities.

Affiliation:

The Research Institute for Time Studies, Yamaguchi University

Work location:

Yoshida Campus, Yamaguchi University (1677-1 Yoshida, Yamaguchi City, Yamaguchi 753-8511, Japan)

Job Title:

Assistant Professor (TENURE-TRACK)

Research field:

The successful candidate is expected to conduct research in the Psychology of Time.

Other Duties:

Teaching duties may include general education courses, as well as specialized undergraduate and graduate courses. In addition, the appointee may also be involved in the management and administrative operations of the Research Institute for Time Studies, as well as societal collaboration activities.

Qualifications:

A successful candidate must have the following qualifications:

1. A Ph.D. or equivalent in Psychology or a closely related field. Ph.D. candidates near graduation may apply, provided the degree is conferred by the start date of employment.

2. A doctoral degree obtained within the past 10 years as of the application deadline.

Contract term:

Five years.

Evaluation criteria will be established within three months of the appointment. An interim evaluation will be conducted within three years of the appointment based on research and educational achievements, followed by a tenure review approximately six months prior to the expiration of the five-year term. Based on the results of this review, the appointee may be granted tenure as a Lecturer or Associate Professor.

The tenure review involves a comprehensive assessment based on factors such as research achievements, acquisition of external funding, academic/societal activities and awards, domestic and international collaborations, educational achievements, and contributions to society.

Compensation and Benefits:

Salary, allowances, and benefits will be provided in accordance with the regulations of Yamaguchi University.

Application Deadline: December 25, 2026

Date of Appointment: April 1, 2027

Application materials:

1. Curriculum Vitae (CV)
2. List of Research Achievements (categorized into original research papers, international conference proceedings, books/book chapters, review articles, invited lectures at academic societies, etc. Please clearly indicate whether each paper was peer-reviewed.)
3. Reprints or photocopies of up to 5 major peer-reviewed papers
4. Summary of other achievements (educational activities, grants, awards, and academic/social activities; approx. 300 words)
5. Statement of future research and teaching plans (Approx. 300 words)
6. Contact information for two references (Names, affiliations, and e-mail addresses)

Application method:

Please submit a complete set of application materials (items 1–6) as PDF files by e-mail attachment, or apply through the JREC-IN Portal Web Application System.

- E-mail: jikann+koubo@yamaguchi-u.ac.jp
- JREC-IN Portal Web: <https://jrecin.jst.go.jp/seek/SeekJorDetail?id=D126101423>

Selection process:

1. Document screening based on submitted materials.
2. Interview for shortlisted candidates. (Travel and accommodation expenses incurred for the interview must be borne by the applicant.)

Inquiries:

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Other information:

1. Selection will be conducted in accordance with the spirit of the Basic Act for Gender-Equal Society. If multiple candidates are evaluated as equal in achievements and qualifications, priority will be given to female applicants.
2. Yamaguchi University actively supports work-life balance for life events such as childcare and family care. Our support systems include after-school childcare during long vacations on Yoshida Campus, subsidies for sick childcare, research assistant assignment programs, mentoring systems, research resumption support, and family care support. (For details, please visit the Yamaguchi University Office for Diversity Promotion website: <https://ds0n.cc.yamaguchi-u.ac.jp/~diversity/>)
3. Personal information provided will be used solely for the selection process and appointment procedures, and will not be disclosed or used for any other purposes.

Yamaguchi University Supports Work-Life Balance!

At Yamaguchi University, we actively promote diversity among university members (students, and academic and other staff). At the same time, we are committed to maintaining a work environment where everyone can demonstrate their individuality and abilities to the full. In order to achieve this, the Diversity Promotion Office is proceeding with various initiatives toward achieving work-life balance, such as promoting gender balance. Please take a look at the university website for more information.

<https://ds0n.cc.yamaguchi-u.ac.jp/~diversity/>

Support Regarding Research

Research Assistant Program

This system enables academic staff who experience a life event to appoint undergraduate and graduate students as research assistants.

Support System for Returning to Research Activities

This system supports academic staff at Yamaguchi University who returned to work less than one year ago after taking time off because of a life event, by providing partial assistance with the expenses required for research activities.

Female Researcher Mentor System

The Mentor System is mainly intended for use by newly appointed female academic staff. It matches them up with academic staff (mentors) with whom they can discuss various doubts and concerns they may have regarding education, research, and university life.

International Student Supporter System

The goal of this system is to support research activities through language skills. We can introduce researchers to international students whose native language is English, Chinese, or Korean, and appoint the students to carry out support work for research activities using their native language.

Support Regarding Child Care and Nursing Care

Day-Care for Schoolchildren: Yama-Me Classes (Yoshida Campus)

During elementary schools' summer, and spring vacations, we run "Yama-Me classes" to provide faculty members and students with an on-campus day-care service for their children while they are off school. We also offer a wide array of programs led by academic staff and students.

Tanpopo Nursery School (Kogushi Campus)

We provide an on-campus nursery school for staff who belong to the Medical School and affiliated hospitals, so they can work with peace of mind.

Website:
<https://ds.cc.yamaguchi-u.ac.jp/~tanpopo/index.html>

Corporate-Led Day-Care Facilities

We have made day-care services available by signing service contracts with some local corporate-led day-care facilities. (Seven facilities are available.)

Financial Assistance System for Using Day-Care Facilities, etc. for Sick Children

Under this system, if faculty members' children use day-care facilities for sick children, partial assistance will be provided to help with the fees. (The system is available for faculty members who are enrolled in mutual aid or social insurance. If they have a spouse, they are eligible if their spouse is currently employed.) You need to register beforehand to use the system.

Lending On-Campus Nursery Spaces

We have on-campus child care spaces that we lend to faculty members to use for day-care for their children. Users arrange the caregivers at their own expense. The Diversity Promotion Office can also introduce caregivers.

Long-Distance Nursing Care Support

Services are available through a support group we have signed a corporate contract with.

[Counseling]

We offer counseling on everything related to nursing care by email, over the phone, or face-to-face.

[Agency Services]

Specialist staff offer support such as looking after parents who live far away.

Counseling System

Two counselors licensed as "Certified Public Psychologist" and "Clinical Psychologist" are available for Yamaguchi University faculty members to talk to about anything, including home life. You can also use the system just to feel refreshed.



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Yamaguchi University Diversity

