

Faculty Position in the Graduate School of Engineering, the University of Osaka

Outline	The laboratory of Architecture and Urban Ergonomics conducts education and research on spatial design and social systems aimed at creating enriched and secure living environments. The laboratory strives to realize this goal by consistently placing “people” at the center of its work, examining human behavior, psychology, and actual living conditions from multiple perspectives, and elucidating the interrelationships between architecture, local communities, urban, and conurbations. The laboratory is seeking an academic staff member who possesses flexible thinking and a practical mindset and who can apply and expand our education and research for the benefit of society. The successful candidate will be responsible for research, as well as teaching at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, and administrative duties.
1. Position	Assistant Professor
2. Number of Positions	1 (One)
3. Affiliation	Graduate School of Engineering (Division of Global Architecture, Department of Architectural Engineering)
4. Work Location	Suita Campus (2-1 Yamadaoka, Suita-City, Osaka, Japan)
5. Specialized Field	Architectural Planning, Regional Planning, and Architectural Ergonomics
6. Responsibilities	・ Research in any of the areas described above. ・ Education and research guidance for graduate, undergraduate, and international students ・ Administrative duties in the laboratory and Graduate School of Engineering and the University of Osaka
7. Qualifications	[Essential] Applicants must have: (1) A doctoral degree (or be expected to obtain one by March 2027) (2) Sufficient research achievements in the aforementioned specialized field, and the capability to contribute to ongoing research in the Architectural and Urban Ergonomics Laboratory (For more information about our laboratory, please visit: https://www5-arch.eng.osaka-u.ac.jp/) (3) Business-level proficiency in both Japanese and English (4) The ability to instruct architectural design studio courses
	[Preferred] It is desirable that applicants meet at least one of the following criteria: (1) Experience in practical architectural design (2) Experience in field-based practice or research (3) Experience in international research or educational activities
8. Starting Date	April 1, 2027-(or as soon as possible thereafter)
9. Term of Employment	From the start date of employment to March 31, 2030 * After the expiration of the employment contract, re-appointment (contract renewal) may be possible based on screening of educational and research achievements, work performance evaluations, and other factors during the employment period. (However, pursuant to "73. Regulations Performance on Contract Period of Tenured/Non-Tenured Staff at Osaka University," the total continuous period of employment shall not exceed 10 years from the initial date of hiring.)
10. Probationary Period	6 months

11. Employment Type	Based on “38. Regulations Pertaining to Working Hours, Holidays and Leave for National University Corporation Osaka University Limited Term Staff” https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/information/joho/kitei_shugyou.html *The Discretionary Labor System, Special Work Type will be applied with the applicant’s consent. (deemed working hours: 8 hours a day)
12. Salary and Benefits	Based on “47. Salary Regulations for National University Corporation Osaka University Limited Term Staff Subject to New Annual Salary System” https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/information/joho/kitei_shugyou.html
13. Insurance	Medical insurance and employee’s pension insurance of the Federation of National Public Service Personnel Mutual Aid Associations, Employment Insurance and Industrial Accident Compensation Insurance
14. Application Documents	Applications must be written in English or Japanese and include the following 1. A Curriculum Vitae *Please use the university form for educational/research positions available at the following website. https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/news/employ/links 2. A list of research achievements (categorize them into [1] Peer-reviewed research papers (journals, etc.), [2] international conference papers (specify whether they are peer-reviewed in full), [3] reviews and commentaries, [4] technical reports (specialized journals, etc.), [5] books, [6] patents, and [7] others (works, etc.). For [1]-[4], clearly list all authors, titles, journal names, volume numbers, publication years, and pages.) 3. Reprints of major original papers (up to three, photocopies acceptable) 4. Status of activities in academic societies and organizations 5. A list and an outline of awards and prizes, including the awarding organizations 6. Status of obtaining various research grants such as Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (specify whether the researcher is a representative or a co-researcher) 7. An outline of research and education achievements (within two A4 pages) 8. A research plan and educational aspirations (within two A4 pages) 9. Name, affiliation, and contact information of two professional references who are willing to be contacted 10. Documents to prove Japanese language proficiency (required only for non-Japanese). *Personal information in the application documents will only be used for the purpose of screening and hiring procedures, and will not be disclosed to any third party.
15. Sending Address and Contact Information	Please submit by e-mail: kashiwa@arch.eng.osaka-u.ac.jp *Write “Application for the Assistant Prof. in Architecture and Urban Ergonomics Lab” in the subject line. *Attach the application documents in PDF format (with full security countermeasures). If there is any difficulty in submitting by e-mail, please submit by postal service: Attention: Professor Hisatoshi Kashiwa Graduate School of Engineering, the University of Osaka 2-1 Yamadaoka, Suita-city, Osaka 565-0871 JAPAN *Please write “Application for the Assistant Prof. in Architecture and Urban Ergonomics Lab” on the front of the envelope in red ink. *Applications should be sent by registered mail. *Submitted application documents will not be returned. Contact Person: Professor Emiko ITAMI Tel: +81-6-6879-7647 E-mail: itami_emiko@arch.eng.osaka-u.ac.jp

16. Application Deadline	Monday, 30th, November.2026 (Japan Standard Time) (must arrive by this date)
17. Selection Process	After the initial screening of documents, a second round of selection will be conducted, and candidates will be asked to participate in an interview. Notifications regarding the interview screening will be sent only to those who have passed the document screening within one week of the application deadline. *Travel and accommodation expenses necessary for interviews are to be covered by the applicant. For applicants residing overseas, the applicant may request an online interview. *Please note that unsuccessful applicants will not be contacted.
18. Additional Information	Concerning work conditions other than the above-mentioned, please refer to“36.Work Regulations for National University Corporation Osaka University Limited Term Staff” and/or related regulations https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/information/joho/kitei_shugyou.html Please note the above-mentioned work conditions are as of the day this employment offer is posted, and subject to change. After employment, the affiliation, work location, and responsibilities may be subject to change within the limits set by the University. “Deemed exports” related to security export control are based on “Regulations Pertaining to Security Export Control”. Rules and Regulations – The University of Osaka We also particularly encourage applications from female candidates. The University of Osaka is committed to promoting gender equality and providing various supports for female academic staff members. https://www.di.osaka-u.ac.jp/ <u>The University of Osaka is committed to creating a harassment-free environment and conducts a variety of awareness-raising and educational activities.</u> <u>If you have any concerns or become aware of any inappropriate behavior, remarks, or treatment, please feel free to contact our consultation office.</u> https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/campus/life/prevention_sh/prevention_sh * The University of Osaka campuses and related facilities are smoke-free, except for designated areas.
19. Recruiter	The University of Osaka