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Call for Faculty Applications
The College of Sustainability and Tourism, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

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We are pleased to announce that the College of Sustainability and Tourism (ST) in Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU) is recruiting for a faculty member in the field of Environmental Economics.

Our university, while located in Japan, has established a multicultural campus where faculty and students from over 100 countries learn together. It is an internationally unique institution, offering instruction in both Japanese and English, with a 50-50 balance between Japanese and international faculty and students. The College of Sustainability and Tourism (ST), newly established in AY2023, aims to cultivate scholar-practitioners who, guided by our university's core principles of "Freedom, Peace and Humanity", "International Mutual Understanding" and "the Future Shape of the Asia Pacific Region" engage in both academic knowledge and innovative research to address contemporary and global issues related to sustainable society and tourism.

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University actively promotes diversity and inclusion, and especially welcomes applicants from female scholars.

Area of Specialization	Environmental Economics
Research field	Humanities and Social Sciences - Economic policy Environmental Science - Environmental policy and social systems - Sound material-cycle social systems - Social-ecological systems
Position/s Available	Type of Employment: Fixed-term faculty member Position: Assistant Professor Type of Employment: Fixed-term faculty member (Tenure Track) Position: Associate Professor *Assistant professors will be on non-tenure-track employment at the time of appointment but this may be converted to tenure track. Please see below for more details.

Job Description/ Teaching Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can teach "Environmental Economics," "Environmental Policy and Governance," "Introduction to Sustainable Development," "Climate Change". • Can teach major seminars and instruct graduation thesis. • Candidate is required to be able to teach in both Japanese and English. • Other subjects to teach will be decided upon consultation with the successful candidate and in consideration to their professional experience, research fields, interests, and educational needs of the university. • Duties include generating research publications, teaching, and providing service to the school. <p>At APU, undergraduate subjects are offered in both English and Japanese, and graduate subjects are offered entirely in English. Official business on campus is conducted in either English or Japanese.</p>
Number of Positions	1
Starting Date	October 1, 2026 or April 1, 2027
Qualification Requirements	<p>To apply, you must meet all of the following criteria and be able to work from the mentioned date.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Must hold a doctoral degree in the field in question; however, individuals who do not possess a doctoral degree can apply if they have equivalent research achievements and/or practical experience. Or who are scheduled to obtain one by the date of appointment or soon after can also apply. 2) Must have a number of articles published in peer-reviewed journals. However, those with rich practical experience or those who expect to have a doctoral degree with good research potential also can apply. 3) Must agree with the basic principles, key objectives, and unique features of Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University and have enthusiasm for teaching, research, and administration at APU.
Contract period	Fixed-term faculty member: Five years * The upper age limit for employment is 65.
The Tenure Track System	Fixed-term faculty members hired under the APU tenure-track system as an Associate Professor are subject to an internal review of their performance in education, research, and university administration around the third year after their appointment. As a result of the review, if the faculty member meets the review criteria in accordance with university regulations, their position type will be changed to a tenured position until retirement under a new contract.
Assistant Professors	Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University offers an Assistant Professor position to individuals who have recently obtained or are about to obtain their Doctoral degree with the aim of nurturing new faculty members. Following their term as Assistant Professor, an internal review will be conducted on the faculty member's achievements in education and research. As a result of the review, if the faculty member meets the review criteria in accordance with university regulations, they will be promoted to the position of a fixed-term Associate Professor. The tenure-track system applies to such fixed-term Associate Professors, so they will be able to change their position type to a tenure position

	in accordance with the “The Tenure Track System” above.
Affiliation/ Workplace	The College of Sustainability and Tourism Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University 1-1 Jumonjibaru, Beppu, Oita, Japan
Teaching Load	Associate Professor: 5 class hours (1 class hour is 100 minutes) per week on average throughout the year Assistant Professor: 4 class hours (1 class hour is 100 minutes) per week on average throughout the year
Salary, Allowances Social Insurance	Please refer to the Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University Terms of Employment (Benefits).
Application Deadline	All application materials must be submitted online at JREC-IN no later than Tuesday, 3 March, 2026 (JST).
Application Materials	<p>(1) Curriculum Vitae •Education, Employment, and Research Experience 【Form 1】 Please submit Microsoft Word data.</p> <p>(2) List of Major Education/Research Projects and Other Achievements 【Form 2】 Please submit Microsoft Word data.</p> <p>(3) Language Proficiency Report 【Form 3】 Please submit Microsoft Excel data.</p> <p>(4) Potential Courses of Instruction 【Form 4】 Please submit Microsoft Excel data.</p> <p>(5) Statement of Intent for Application (Reason for applying to work at APU, etc.) 【Form 5】 Please submit Microsoft Word data.</p> <p>(6) Copies of three major publications (books or articles) in PDF format Applicants without 3 major publications may submit 2 or less. ABD applicants may also submit their thesis statement as a major publication.</p> <p>(7) Summary of Major Publications in (6) 【Form 6】 For each publication, please provide approximately one side of A4 for English. Please submit Microsoft Word data.</p> <p>(8) Two Letters of Recommendation 【Any Format】 Recommendation letters must clearly state the relationship between the referee and the applicant. Please ask your referees to send their recommendation letters directly to the email address below. Only letters of recommendation sent directly from referees will be accepted.</p> <p>Email: st-ap@apu.ac.jp Please send emails with the subject “ST (Environmental Economics)”. Submitted letters after the Application Deadline will not be acceptable.</p>

	<p>(9) Proof of Final Education in PDF format (Copy of Diploma) For ABD applicants, please submit proof of ABD.</p> <p>(10) Document Submission Checklist 【Form 7】 Please submit Microsoft Excel data.</p> <p>Important Notes: *Please download the prescribed forms from APU public call page on JREC-IN. *(1), (2) and (5) above should be created and submitted in English; submission in Japanese is encouraged, if possible, but not required. *All submitted files should have the file number and applicant's [Full Name] included at the beginning of the file name. *You may be requested to provide additional documents relating to research achievements during the screening process if necessary. *Please note that we do not return any submitted documents. Any personal information provided as part of the application process will be handled appropriately in accordance with university regulations. The information will not be used for any purpose other than screening candidates for employment.</p>
How to submit	<p>Please submit documents by online application through JREC-IN.</p> <p>① Please begin the file name of each application document with the document number followed by your [Full Name]. (Ex.) 1. [SATO HANAKO] Form1-EN.docx</p> <p>② Please add all application documents other than (8) above to a single compressed folder. [Compression: Zip format / data capacity: 30 MB max]</p> <p>③ Please make the compressed folder title your name in roman characters (half-width alphanumeric characters). (Ex.) SATO-Hanako.zip</p> <p>④ Please apply online through the JREC-IN Portal.</p> <p>▼JREC-IN Portal URL https://jrecin.jst.go.jp/seek/SeekJorDetail?id= D125120598&ln=1</p> <p>* If applications cannot be made from the JREC-IN Portal, the data capacity has possibly been exceeded (maximum of 30 MB) or characters not permitted for use are possibly being used in the compressed folder title. Please submit the documents upon confirming that the data capacity is below 30 MB and half-width alphanumeric symbols are being used in the compressed folder title.</p>
Screening Process	<p>(1) Document Screening (2) Interview (*The candidate will conduct a presentation about their research as well as a mock lecture with the interviewers acting as students in both Japanese and English.) *Notification of acceptance or rejection will be sent by email in late July 2026.</p>
Contact	<p>Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University Academic Office Email: frecruit@apu.ac.jp Please send emails with the subject "ST (Environmental Economics)".</p>

Other Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We value faculty diversity and look forward to receiving applications from individuals with various backgrounds and work experience.• If you are appointed to APU, you will be required to complete a health check using a form prescribed by the university.
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Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University Terms of Employment (Benefits)

1. Faculty Salary

*Based on actual salaries in 2024. Regulations are subject to change.

(1) Salary

Salaries are paid according to the salary regulations for each respective position.

(Examples)

The following are actual salaries (and allowances) that were paid to APU faculty in AY2024. Exact amounts may vary depending on year and individual circumstances. (Age as of April 2024)

- Assistant Professor: (Age 37, no dependent family members) Approx. 7.1 million yen
- Tenured Senior Lecturer: (Age 39, spouse, one junior high school child and one elementary school child) Approx. 8.4 million yen, (Age 54, no dependent family members) Approx. 8.7 million yen
- Associate Professor: (Age 42, no dependent family members) Approx. 11.0 million yen, (Age 52, spouse and one university-age child) Approx. 12.0 million yen
- Professor: (Age 51, spouse) Approx. 13.8 million yen, (Age 62, spouse) Approx. 13.9 million yen

*The salary for a specially-appointed faculty member is the amount set based on the employment contract.

(2) Allowances and other benefits at the time of employment

1. Moving Allowance (500,000 yen from overseas, 300,000 yen from within Japan*)

*Only if the distance from the nearest public transit stop at the previous place of residence to the nearest public transit stop at the new place of residence is at least 80 km.

2. Travel Expenses at the time of employment for faculty and dependent family members (actual expenses)

2. Benefits package

*Based on actual benefits in 2024. Program details are subject to change.

- (1) Provision of a place of residence (rental housing) (professors, associate professors, tenured senior lecturers and fixed-term faculty members *Specified in the employment contract for specially-appointed faculty members)

A residence rented by the Ritsumeikan Trust is provided through an associated company.

1. A company associated with APU will assist you in finding housing.

(Provide property information, accompany you to see potential residences, help you sign a rental agreement, and assist in the processes for electricity, gas, and water utilities when moving in)

2. APU will cover the initial moving-in expenses (security deposit and key money).

*As a rule, only once. You must cover these expenses yourself if you move again.

Housing Subsidy for rental housing

Number of residents (You and co-residing family members)	Standard subsidy amount (rent includes common service charges but not parking space fees)
	Monthly amount
1 person (you)	Rent equivalent (up to 60,000 yen)
Up to 3 people	Rent equivalent (up to 80,000 yen)
4 or more people	Rent equivalent (up to 100,000 yen)



Standard subsidy amount (rent includes common service charges but not parking space fees)
Annual basis
Rent equivalent (up to 720,000 yen)
Rent equivalent (up to 960,000 yen)
Rent equivalent (up to 1,200,000 yen)

*If the rent for your residence exceeds the above standard amount, you are responsible for the extra amount (deducted from your salary).

*5% of your rent (including common service charges) will be deducted from your salary as a usage fee. The minimum usage fee is 10,000 yen.

- (2) **Housing Allowance** (professors, associate professors, tenured senior lecturers and fixed-term faculty members

*Specified in the employment contract for specially-appointed faculty members)

If you wish to move into a place of residence other than the rental housing described in (1) above in an individual housing agreement or if you own your own home, you can receive a housing allowance.

Housing Allowance (Monthly)

Number of residents (You and co-residing family members)	Standard subsidy amount (rent includes common service charges but not parking space fees)
	Monthly amount
Privately-owned home	40,000 yen
1 person (you)	Rent equivalent (up to 60,000 yen)
Up to 3 people	Rent equivalent (up to 80,000 yen)
4 or more people	Rent equivalent (up to 100,000 yen)



Standard subsidy amount (rent includes common service charges but not parking space fees)
Annual basis
480,000 yen
Rent equivalent (up to 720,000 yen)
Rent equivalent (up to 960,000 yen)
Rent equivalent (up to 1,200,000 yen)

*You are responsible for the deposit and key money and any other expenses.

*The general rule is that a privately-owned home is owned by you and a rental is owned by a third party.

*If you wish to look for a property other than rental housing and are not proficient in Japanese, we will provide support for finding accommodation.

(Provide rental information, accompany you to see potential residences, help you sign a rental agreement, and assist in the processes for electricity, gas, and water utilities when moving in)

(3) Education and Child Care Subsidy (professors, associate professors, tenured senior lecturers and fixed-term faculty members *Specially-appointed faculty members cannot receive education and childcare subsidies.)

Faculty and staff with children under age 25 who submit the required paperwork can receive the following allowances.

Education and Child Care Subsidy (Amount per child)

Type *Subsidies are not provided for children attending a type of school other than those listed below.	Subsidy amount (monthly)	
	Private	National or public
Daycare	5,000 yen	5,000 yen
Kindergarten	10,000 yen	5,000 yen
Elementary school	10,000 yen	5,000 yen
Junior high school	20,000 yen	10,000 yen
High school	30,000 yen	15,000 yen
Specialized training school	30,000 yen	15,000 yen
National institute of technology or junior college	40,000 yen	20,000 yen
University	40,000 yen	20,000 yen
Graduate school	50,000 yen	25,000 yen



Subsidy amount (annual basis)	
Private	National or public
60,000 yen	60,000 yen
120,000 yen	60,000 yen
120,000 yen	60,000 yen
240,000 yen	120,000 yen
360,000 yen	180,000 yen
360,000 yen	180,000 yen
480,000 yen	240,000 yen
480,000 yen	240,000 yen
600,000 yen	300,000 yen

Example: If you have one child attending private university and one child attending public high school

→ Subsidy amount: 55,000 yen (monthly amount) / 660,000 yen (annual amount) with prescribed conditions

(4) Support for other procedures to secure a base for daily life

Assistance in having an inkan (personal seal) made, various procedures such as resident registration at city office, and opening a bank account

(5) Joining social insurance (health insurance, employees' pension insurance, long-term care insurance)

(6) Health management and promotion

1. Holding periodic health checkups and stress checkups
2. Subsidy program for thorough medical examination (ningen dock) and cancer screening

(7) PMAC welfare programs

1. Loan programs (general loans, mortgages, education loans, marriage loans, disaster relief loans, medical care loans)
*Only for professors, associate professors, and tenured senior lecturers who have been employed for at least one year continuously
2. Savings plan program, mutual aid pension, and mutual aid term insurance

(8) Marriage

Marriage Allowance, Marriage Gift

(9) Pregnancy and childbirth

1. APU offers **Maternity Leave (Before/After Birth)**, Childcare Leave, Leave for Childbirth by Spouse, and Childcare Leave for Childbirth
2. Various benefits (childbirth or family childbirth, Childbirth Allowance, Childcare Leave Benefits)
3. Exemption of PMAC premiums during Maternity Leave (Before/After Birth) and Childcare Leave

(10) Childcare

1. Subsidy for using babysitters
2. Company-sponsored babysitter discount tickets
3. On campus temporary childcare center for classes held on national holidays
4. Sickness/injury childcare leave program

(11) Family Care

1. APU offers a Nursing Care Leave and a Family Care Leave program
2. Family Care Leave Benefits *Conditions apply
3. Subsidy for using home helpers

(12) Corporate type defined contribution plan (for professors, associate professors, and tenured senior lecturers who are interested)

(13) Optional benefits provided by Benefit Station

Service that offers discounts for partner services and at partner shops around Japan.

(Over 1.4 million services such as travel, entertainment, dining, sports, parenting, long-term care, and correspondence courses)

(14) Other PMAC benefits programs

1. Leisure activity and shopping discounts, discounts at sports and accommodation facilities