

Professor Position in the Marine Core Research Institute, Kochi University

The Marine Core Research Institute (MaCRI) is now inviting applications for the position of tenured Professor in the field of Drilling Earth Science including earth-life science, geochemistry, paleoceanography, paleomagnetism and sedimentology. We would appreciate your bringing this announcement to the attention of your colleagues and encouraging suitable candidates to apply.

1. The positions:

Full Professor (tenure position)

2. Institution:

The Marine Core Research Institute (<http://www.kochi-u.ac.jp/marine-core/index.html>), Kochi University (www.kochi-u.ac.jp/english/). The Institute jointly manages Kochi Core Center (KCC; <http://www.kochi-core.jp/en/index.html>), one of the three International Ocean Discovery Program (IODP) core repositories, with the Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC).

3. Research field:

Drilling Earth Science including earth-life science, geochemistry, paleoceanography, paleomagnetism and sedimentology.

4. Point of Acceptance:

The Institute aims to promote research activities in the earth sciences, mainly based on marine sediment core analyses. Analytical facilities of the Institute can be accessed by scientists from Japan as well as from foreign countries by submitting a proposal in the “Joint Usage/Research Center” system authorized by the MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology). One of the important roles of the Institute is to support the International Ocean Drilling Programme (IODP), International Continental Scientific Drilling Program (ICDP) and planning of other international projects. In the Institute, multi-disciplinary research is carried out in many disciplines of geoscience including stratigraphy, paleomagnetism, geochemistry, geochronology, paleoceanography, sedimentology, and micropaleontology. We seek an enthusiastic researcher and educator in the field of drilling earth science to join our group, support the activity of “Joint Usage/Research Center” system in the Institute, initiate an active research program, and teach undergraduate and graduate students in the Kochi University. Faculty members at the Institute play an important role in advancing initiatives such as the JSPS Research Project “Warm-period Climate Change Research Center with the International Ocean Drilling Program School (CtoC)”, the University's 4th period Core Project “Coexistence with the Ocean-Earth - Sustainable Utilization of Marine Resources (GAIA)”, and the Institute's Key Research Project (K-CoP) and others. Active participation in these projects is expected. Kochi University has established the Office for the Promotion of Gender Equality, and welcomes applications from female researchers for the position. Our university contributes to the development of

regional culture and industry while delivering high-quality educational activities and promoting cutting-edge academic research that can be shared globally from our community. The Institute aims to strengthen its functions as an international joint research center, and welcomes applications from non-Japanese researchers.

5. Job starting date: After April 1, 2026

6. Qualifications:

Applicants are required to have been awarded or expected to have a doctoral degree in relevant research fields by the date of employment. Applicants are required to communicate with students and conduct administrative business in Japanese.

7. Documents to be submitted:

- 1) Curriculum vitae with a photograph of applicant. CV must include the names of supervisors for graduate educations and postdoctoral fellowship.
- 2) List of the applicant's research achievements (original papers, review papers, and others should be listed separately. Papers should be distinguished as refereed or non-refereed.)
- 3) One copy each of the applicant's five most cited papers
- 4) Outline of the applicant's research achievements (approximately 500 words)
- 5) Plans for future research (approximately 500 words)
- 6) Plans for undergraduate and graduate educations (approximately 500 words)
- 7) One recommendation letter, and the names and contact details of two referees.
- 8) Other information (onboard experience on research vessels, participation in international research program, etc.)

Application material will not be returned after the selection process unless requested.

8. Closing date for application: Friday 9 January 2026.

9. Selection process:

Submitted material will be evaluated by a selection committee, and a few selected candidates will be invited for an interview at the Kochi University or via Internet. Interview may be planned on around late January, 2026. Please note that any travel expenses will not be reimbursed.

10. Salary:

The salary will be determined based on the experiences as stipulated in the regulations of Kochi University.

11. Applications should be forwarded to:

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(Please write on the envelope in red “Application for Faculty Position in Marine Core Research Institute” and send by certified mail.)

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