

**Recruitment of Specially Appointed Associate Professor  
or Specially Appointed Assistant Professor  
(Agriculture/Forestry/Fisheries Science Field)  
in the Co-Creation Core for Next-Generation Soft Materials, Hokkaido University**

We sincerely invite applications for the Specially Appointed Position of Associate Professor or Assistant Professor (Agriculture/Forestry/Fisheries Science Field) in the Co-Creation Core for Next-Generation Soft Materials, Hokkaido University as follows.

February 21, 2025

**[Background of Recruitment]**

Co-Creation Core for Next-Generation Soft Materials, Hokkaido University spans seven departments, including Science, Engineering, Agriculture, Fisheries, Medicine, Hokkaido University Hospital, and Field Science Center for Northern Biosphere. The Co-Creation Core conducts basic and applied research on soft materials using natural polymers extracted and refined from agricultural, forestry, and fisheries resources. This call seeks a specially appointed member to conduct research on extraction, purification, chemical composition and structural analyses, and evaluation of physical properties of natural polymers from agricultural, forestry, and fisheries resources or their by-products. The development of new soft materials using natural polymers is also expected. The appointee will mainly work in the Primary Industry Applications Division and the Preparatory Organization for Natural Polymer Bank while collaborating with the Soft Material Synthesis Division, the Physical Properties Information and Measurement Division, and the Medical Applications Division to advance the sampling of natural polymers, their chemical composition and structural analyses, evaluation of their physical properties, and development of new soft materials using natural polymers. We are looking for a researcher with an interest in natural polymers (such as polysaccharides, proteins, DNA, lignin, etc.) and polymer materials science and engineering. Additionally, we are seeking a candidate who is motivated to learn and conduct fusion research beyond his/her specialized field and is enthusiastic about promoting active collaborative research with overseas research institutions.

**[Division]**

(Immediately after hiring) Co-Creation Core for Next-Generation Soft Materials (Administered by the Faculty of Advanced Life Science)

(Scope of Change) Location as determined by the university.

**[Research Area]**

Natural polymer science of agricultural, forestry, and fishery resources, Polymer material science and engineering, etc.

**[Duties and Responsibilities]**

(Immediately after hiring) Conduct research on the extraction and purification of natural polymers, their chemical composition and structural analyses, evaluation of their physical properties, and the development of new soft materials using these polymers.

(Scope of Change) Duties as determined by the university.

**[Number of Positions]**

One position: Specially Appointed Associate Professor or Assistant Professor (Full-time, fixed-term for up to five years, non-renewable).

**[Work Location]**

North-21 West-11 or North-11 West-10 or North-9 West-9, etc. Kita-ku, Sapporo, Japan.

(Considering your research field, the work location is decided by the Management Office of Co-Creation Core.)

**[Desired Start Date]**

As soon as possible after September 1, 2025 (negotiable).

**[Qualifications]**

1. Possess or expect to obtain a doctoral degree by the time of appointment.
2. Demonstrate excellent research abilities and achievements in research related to natural polymers.
3. Be willing to cooperate in the establishment and operation of the Natural Polymer Bank.

**[Salary]**

Salary Based on the Hokkaido University's Regulations for Specially Appointed Faculty.

**[Probation Period]**

One month.

**[Working Form]**

Discretionary labor system for professional work or Fixed working hours system based on agreement.\*The working hours for a day is deemed as 7 hours and 45 minutes.

**[Holidays]**

Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, year-end and New Year holidays (December 29–January 3), and other university-designated holidays.

**[Insurance]**

Enrollment in the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Mutual Aid Association, welfare pension, employment insurance, and workers' compensation insurance.

**[Name of Recruiting Institution]**

Hokkaido University.

**[Measures to Prevent Secondhand Smoke]**

Smoking is prohibited on campus except in designated outdoor smoking areas.

**[Application Deadline]**

April 25, 2025.

**[Application Documents]**

1. CV (any format, including details of awards and penalties, with a photograph).  
\*If you have held any position at Hokkaido University (e.g., part-time lecturer, TA, TF, RA, or short-term support staff) since April 1, 2013, include these in your work history.
2. Research achievements:
  - a) Original articles (peer-reviewed only). Mark corresponding author names with an asterisk (\*), include citation counts and impact factors and indicate publications in top 10%.
  - b) Reviews and commentary.
  - c) Books.
  - d) Patents (clearly indicate application/registration and domestic/international distinctions).
  - e) Invited conference presentations.
  - f) Record of external funding (distinguishing between principal investigator and co-investigator).
  - g) Other contributions to society, etc.
3. Summary of previous research (up to 2 A4 pages).
4. Future research aspirations (up to 2 A4 pages).
5. Names and contact information of two references.
6. PDFs of three key publications.

#### **[How to Apply]**

Submit the above documents via the following Google Form:

**Google Form:** <https://forms.gle/Po1hftfPGsFynEKLA>

*Login to a Google account is required. If you do not have an account, please create one.*

- Combine items (1)–(5) into a single password-protected PDF file. No password is required for item (6).
- Update your Publons ID (Web of Science Researcher ID) or ORCID ID with the latest information and include it in the form.

*Submitted documents will only be used for selection purposes and will be disposed of responsibly after the process.*

#### **[Selection Process]**

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview. Note that travel expenses for the interview are the applicant's responsibility.

#### **[Contact Information for Recruitment Inquiries]**

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#### **Remarks**

1. Hokkaido University actively promotes education and research activities by diverse human resources and welcomes applications from women.
2. As part of the university's gender equality initiative, if candidates are equally qualified, preference will be given to women.
3. The university's Diversity and Inclusion Office is committed to creating an inclusive research environment. For more details, visit: <https://www.dei.hokudai.ac.jp>