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Three open project assistant professor positions
at the Tohoku Forum for Creativity, Tohoku University

The Tohoku Forum for Creativity, Tohoku University, invites applications for three project assistant professor positions starting April 1, 2014. The project assistant professor at the Tohoku Forum for Creativity, Tohoku University, is a unique position, where a scientist with advanced degrees acts as a strategic planner and coordinator under the direction of the Forum Director, to run a series of academic programs, such as conferences workshops and seminars, along the selected theme of the Forum. Job duties and responsibilities include coordinating and promoting scientific programs as liaison nationally and internationally with scientists and various stakeholders. Additional duties may be assigned to promote international academic exchanges.

Applicants must have a doctoral or Ph.D. degree in any field of physical or life sciences, or a Master's degree or above in any field of social sciences or humanities. Besides a strong academic background, excellent written and verbal communications skills at a scientific setting, time management ability under demanding time schedule, good interpersonal skills and willingness to work in a team are required. We welcome highly motivated dynamic candidates, who have strong passion to bridge between scientists from diverse disciplines.

This position is a full-time appointment with an initial term of three years, starting on April 1, 2014. The appointment can be renewed based on evaluation of the first three-year appointment. Salary is commensurate with experience and skills, in accordance with the salary regulation of Tohoku University.

Applications should include a cover letter, CV, publications list, research summary (3 pages maximum), personal statement describing how you can contribute to the Forum with your scientific background (3 pages maximum), list of two references. These application materials should be submitted via email with the subject title of "Application for Forum", to creativity@bureau.tohoku.ac.jp, or by postal mail to the following address: Tohoku Forum for Creativity (C/O AIMR), Tohoku University, 2-1-1 Katahira, Aoba-ku, Sendai, Miyagi 980-8577, Japan. Please print APPLICATION FOR FORUM in red on the envelope.

In addition, applicants should arrange to have two letters of recommendation sent separately by postal mail to the following contact address: Tohoku Forum for Creativity (C/O AIMR), Tohoku University, 2-1-1 Katahira, Aoba-ku, Sendai, Miyagi 980-8577, Japan. Please print RECOMMENDATION LETTER in red on the envelope.

For full consideration, the deadline is January 14, 2014.

The Tohoku Forum for Creativity, Tohoku University

Tohoku University has recently announced the launch of the Tohoku Forum for Creativity. The Forum will be dedicated to providing world's top leading minds with a platform to discuss and investigate across disciplinary boundaries to explore a new direction of research activities and collaborations. We envision the Forum as a fixed-term virtual institute within Tohoku University with the function of a global hub for knowledge circulation. In close consultation with the international advisory board, we will select important scientific problems and great challenges that our society faces as themes that the Forum will discuss. During the period when the Forum is open, which typically will be 3-6 months, the Forum will invite world-class scientists for an extended stay, and try to create a unique environment where Tohoku University faculty members and students continuously interact with the guest scientists for intensive discussion. The Forum will also organize a series of programs such as international conferences and workshops to facilitate mutual exchange of cutting-edge research results and ideas. A pilot Forum program "*Particle Physics and Cosmology after the discovery of Higgs boson*" was held in October, 2013. (<http://www.sci.tohoku.ac.jp/tfc/index.html>) In 2014, we are scheduled to organize a program, "*Recovery from the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami, Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction-Development of Practical DRR Study.*"