

Job Announcement for a Professor at the Institute of Space and  
Aeronautical Science, the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency

The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) is seeking to recruit a professor as described below. We widely call for recommendations and applications.

1. Title and Number of Position(s)

One Professor

2. Department

Department of Solar System Sciences, Institute of Space and Aeronautical Science  
(ISAS)

3. Summary of Position (Duties and Required Abilities)

Department of Solar System Sciences promotes scientific researches of the heliosphere and of the solar system bodies via spacecraft missions that perform remote sensing observations as well as in-situ observations. For this position, we are seeking a candidate who will lead the solar satellite observation research by collaborating with relevant community. The candidate should plan Japanese future missions based on the world movement and promote the mission as a leader of the research group. The candidate should also promote the heliospheric science and space weather research that will understand the mechanism to affect Earth's and Planet's environment as well as participating in extra-terrestrial planet research by applying solar observation techniques and collaborating with relevant field. We will assign at least the following duties to the successful candidate.

- Act as a leader of the ISAS/JAXA solar physics group. Promote ISAS/JAXA's solar observation mission based on the strategy by looking over the current/future solar observation plan all over the world including ground-based telescopes and satellite missions. Specifically, act as the leader of planning and promoting ISAS/JAXA's next solar observation satellite mission.
- In addition to implementing a plan that will advance ISAS spacecraft solar observation by bridging between the Japanese and foreign solar physics communities and the group at ISAS/JAXA, promote heliospheric / space weather research and extra-terrestrial planet research by applying solar observation techniques

The successful candidate is expected to understand the roles of ISAS in the inter- university cooperation scheme and to carry out collaborative research with researchers from the universities, and to earnestly offer education and guidance to graduate students. Furthermore, the successful candidate is expected to be actively engaged in various activities within JAXA, contributing to its research and development projects by utilizing his/her expertise.

To fulfill these duties, the successful candidate needs to satisfy at least the following conditions.

- He/she has an advanced academic record in the field of solar physics and possesses enthusiasm for promoting heliospheric science through solar observation by spacecraft.
- He/she should act as the leader of planning and promoting ISAS/JAXA's next solar observation satellite mission by looking over the current/future solar observation projects all over the world.

- He/she possesses a high degree of internationality. He/she has enough interdisciplinarity to be an active player in relevant science fields and science – engineering cooperation.
- He/she is capable of offering education and guidance to graduate students.

#### 4. Terms and Conditions

- (1) Salary will be determined under the provision of JAXA wage rules and regulations, taking into account ability and experience.
- (2) Working days: Monday – Friday, except Japanese national holidays, year-end and New-Year holidays, annual vacation, WLB annual leave, celebration or condolence leave, maternity leave, child-care leave, care leave, nursing leave, volunteer activities, etc.
- (3) Office hours: 9:30-17:45, in principle, with a recess from 12:15 to 13:00 (however, a discretionary labor system is applied).
- (4) Overtime work: may be required (however, a discretionary labor system is applied, and working hours per day are regarded as 7.5 hours).
- (5) Duty location: JAXA Sagamihara campus (ISAS), Kanagawa, Japan.
- (6) Employment Status: Full-time/Retirement age is 63.
- (7) Lodgings: lodgings suitable for a family or a single occupant may be provided under the provision of JAXA in consideration of the nature of the work. (Lodging term is limited to 7 years.) Alternatively, an allowance for lodging shall be paid.
- (8) Social insurances (health insurance, pension plan, etc.) will be provided in full.

#### 5. Eligibility

PhD degree is required.

#### 6. Commencement of Assignment

At the earliest possible date after selection. Some coordination might be needed according to JAXA's budget situation.

#### 7. Application Documents

- (1) Curriculum vitae
  - (2) Research career
  - (3) Summary of previous research
  - (4) List of research achievements
  - (5) Outline of future research plan (including contribution to projects and ambitions for educational activities)
  - (6) List of awarded research funds through competition (type of funds, amount, principal investigator or co-investigator)
  - (7) If the applicant is recommended by others, the names, institutions, and contact information (telephone number and email address) of two people who can submit a necessary letter of recommendation. If the applicant recommends himself/herself, the names, institutions, and contact information (telephone number and email address) of two people who can submit a reference letter.
  - (8) Electronic versions or scanned copies major research papers (less than five) published in refereed academic journals
    - ※If you are a resident of the European Economic Area (the EU zone), you are required to submit the following document as well.
  - (9) Consent form for handling personal information based on GDPR (Form NO.1)
- Download the form from the website listed in “8. Submission”.

## 8. Submission

Submit the application through the following website  
<https://isas-appli-form.jaxa.jp/forms1/1584073720>

When submitting the documents, please follow the instructions given on the website. All of the files to be uploaded shall be in pdf format. Note that documents (2) to (6) should be merged into one pdf file.

If the applicant is recommended by others, we will request recommender(s) to directly upload their letters of recommendation to the website. (This request will be automatically sent to the email addresses of recommender(s) specified by the applicant.) Application delivered in person or by mail shall not be accepted.

## 9. Application Deadline

Monday, June 1, 2020, 9:30 (JST).

Applies to both web input and all necessary files, including letters of recommendation for recommended applicants.

Please access the above website and check how to submit necessary documents for application (including letters of recommendation if the applicant is recommended by others) as soon as possible. If application is made too close to the deadline, it will be difficult for recommenders to submit a letter of recommendation. Please be careful with regard to this.

## 10. Contact at the Institute of Space and Astronautical Science, JAXA

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Management and Integration Department

Human Resources Section

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## 11. Other Remarks

Screening will be conducted by the Advisory Council for Research and Management of ISAS, JAXA.

Traveling expenses necessary for the examination and selection shall be borne at the applicant's own expense. ISAS/JAXA actively welcomes female applicants.

### <Handling of Personal Information>

The personal information provided to ISAS/JAXA will be used and handled solely for the selection purpose. ISAS/JAXA will discard all personal information of unsuccessful applicants after the selection.

### ※<Consent form for handling personal information based on GDPR>

For the purposes of affairs related to the selection and human resource management, JAXA needs to collect your personal data requested in the present form.

You may at any time object to the use of your data for this purpose by writing to the following address: [ISAS-JINJI @ml.jaxa.jp](mailto:ISAS-JINJI@ml.jaxa.jp)

You will find below all the detailed information concerning this processing of your personal data and a reminder of your rights, in application of the legislation in force.

JAXA, willing to respect the privacy and protection of personal data of its prospects and clients, complies with the legislation in force regarding the protection of personal data as data controller, and in particular Law no. 78-17 of 6 January 1978 (the “Data Protection Act”) and, from 25 May 2018, Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and the free movement of such data (the “GDPR”). JAXA does not transfer personal data to third countries or parties outside the European Economic Area.

Personnel who transfers from National University Corporation, etc.\* (hereinafter referred to as “previous position”) to JAXA Educational Employee will be treated under the following contents. However, personnel who have received his/her retirement allowance (including the equivalent payment) is excluded.

\* National University Corporation, Inter-University Research Institute Corporation, National Institute of Technology, National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education, and National Center for University Entrance Examinations.

1. Period of Employment concerning Year-End Allowance

Employment period to the previous position will be added up to the tenure as a JAXA Educational Employee.

2. Regional Adjustment Allowance Guarantee

Regional adjustment allowance is guaranteed based on JAXA’s regulations, considering the work location on the day before the starting day at JAXA, in case of necessity.

3. Payment Requirements for Business Bachelor Allowance

Allowance may be paid for those who is continuingly a business bachelor from the previous position, only in case of fulfilling the requirements based on JAXA’s regulation.

4. Days of Annual Leave

Remaining days and time of the annual leave from the previous position will be taken over. Therefore, JAXA will need the acquired results of annual leave at the previous position.