

ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR POSITION (TENURE-TRACK)  
IN PROTECTED HORTICULTURE

Information for Application

1. Affiliation: Faculty of Agriculture, Yamaguchi University
2. Departments: Experimental Farm (Plant factory), Biological and Environmental Sciences
3. Background: Yamaguchi University is inviting applications for an assistant/ associate-professor position at the Faculty of Agriculture. The appointee is expected to start her/his academic and educational activities at Yamaguchi University.
4. Contract term: Five years  
Midterm evaluation will be conducted on the 3rd year.  
There will be evaluations at 5th years after the appointment. If the outcome of the evaluation indicates that the appointee has made promising or significant research, he/she will be promoted to the status of tenure position.
5. Number of positions: 1
6. Research field: Protected Cultivation, especially plant production using plant factories with artificial lighting.
7. Qualifications: Applicants must have a Ph.D degree which was obtained within the past 10 years and be highly competent in conducting research in areas related to Protected Cultivation. They must have the ability to take responsibility for education and research using a plant factory located in the Faculty of Agriculture. Applicants must also be enthusiastic about education and research in their field.
8. Treatment: Annual salary follows the employment rule of Yamaguchi University.
9. Submission deadline: Applications must be received no later than 29th March 2013.
10. Applicants must submit the following items:
  - (1) A CV (including current address, telephone number, e-mail address and photograph).
  - (2) A list of candidate's research activities and accomplishments in reverse chronological order according to the following categories:
    - (a) Reviewed books,
    - (b) Reviewed journal publications,

- (c) Reviewed conference publications,
- (d) Others (such as patents and research grants).
- (3) Reprints, in principle, of publications (In the case of e-journal, hard copies are possible).
- (4) A summary of their main research activities to date (up to 1,000 words).
- (5) Plans of their research and educational activities during the term of contract (up to 1,000 words each).
- (6) A list of contributions to and activities in academic societies such as editorship of international journals, membership of conference program committees, educational activities, and awards received.
- (7) When there is a recommender, a recommendation letter.

Applications must be sent with all relevant documents by registered mail to:

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Envelopes should be marked with **Application for TENURE-TRACK Faculty Position** in red ink. We regret that submitted materials will not be returned. Applicants from outside of Japan are strongly encouraged to send these documents by e-mail. Please send a single pdf file that contains all of the documents listed above. Please specify the message title as **Application for TENURE-TRACK Faculty Position**.

11. Selection process: The search committee will evaluate the candidates' expertise, research activities. Candidates who pass the documentary examination will be asked to give a talk on their research and attend an interview at Yamaguchi University, in which the search committee will ask him/her to present his/her research activities together with a five-year research plan in Japanese or English. The search committee may contact referees to ask for detailed information about the candidates. The evaluation procedure will be strictly impartial, but the evaluation of each applicant will not be released after the appointment is made.

12. Japanese language proficiency is welcomed though not required. However, by the midterm evaluation, sufficient Japanese language proficiency to carry out ordinary university activities will be expected.

13. The appointee will receive start-up funding from the university in the first two financial years after the appointment.

14. Contact information for inquiries:

Professor Haruhiko Yamamoto

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