Open positions for RCIES Research Fellow, SOKENDAI

The Research Center for Integrated Evolutionary Science (RCIES) invites applications for one or two research fellow position(s) at a post-doctor level.

Details of the program	RCIES has established the "RCIES Research Fellowship Program" to help young researchers pursuing independent research across a diverse array of academic fields covered by the Center, without restricting their areas of specialization. Successful applicant(s) are expected to conduct their research based on their own ideas, with support from the Center's faculty members closely aligned with their expertise (hereinafter referred to as "Cooperative faculty"). Our objective is to nurture researchers who demonstrate high levels of creativity and are actively engaged on the international stage.
Area of Specialization	Research areas align with the specializations of the Center's faculty members, with a particular emphasis on evolutionary biology and/or science, technology, and society (STS). For detailed information regarding the expertise of the Center's faculty members, please refer to the Center's website. https://rcies.soken.ac.jp/index_en.html
Job Description	Successful applicant(s) are asked to independently lead their original research at the Center. In addition, they are expected to participate in and play an active role in the Center's academic activities. Terms of the fellowship are renewed every year, up to a total of three years, depending on the performance of the fellow. Because of the environmental treaty with local governments, we are not allowed to keep experimental mammals (rats, mice, rabbits etc.) and to use radioisotopes on the Hayama campus.
Qualifications	The applicant must hold a doctoral degree at the time of appointment. Applicants should have no difficulty communicating in Japanese or English. Successful applicant(s) are expected to conduct unique and outstanding research primarily at the Center, closely cooperating with the Center's faculties. For this reason, the applicants must have consulted with at least one faculty member at the Center regarding their research plans and obtained consent to become a Cooperative faculty member. Cooperation with more than one faculty member is also acceptable. If you are unable to identify a suitable faculty member to cooperate, please feel free to inquire.
Starting date	As soon as possible after April 2024 (negotiable)
Compensation	Salary and fringe benefits: Annual salary system will apply. The approximate monthly salary is 300,000 JPY. Social insurance: Health insurance, Welfare pension, Employment insurance, and Workers' compensation insurance. De Facto Working Hours under Discretionary Labor System: 7 hours 45 minutes per day. Holidays: Saturdays, Sundays, National holidays, and Year-end holidays (December 29 - January 3) Probationary Period: 6 months Work location: SOKENDAI Hayama campus Measures to prevent passive smoking: Smoking is prohibited on the premises (available in designated outdoor smoking areas) Other employment conditions are in accordance with the SOKENDAI regulations.

	Successful applicant(s) will receive grant, and will be eligible to apply for the MEXT Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (<i>Kakenhi</i>).
Required Documents, Selection Process	For application, submit a pdf file containing the following documents as the attachment of an email message to rcies_jinji@soken.ac.jp . *Attachment's size is limited to 5MB. If sending larger files is unavoidable, split and send them as separate emails. Applications must be received by January 19th, 2024, 12:00 Noon JST.
	 Cover Letter: Please include the following information: Applicant's name, current position, affiliation, names and contact information (email) of two references, and name of faculty member you would like to cooperate with. Please also include any communications regarding the timing of the job start or other considerations. Curriculum vitae in any format: Please include academic background, employment history, awards and penalties, a list of accomplishments, and a list of external funds obtained. Research accomplishments: Up to one page on A4-size document. Research plans: Up to two pages on A4-size document. Up to 5 copies of representative publications. Other information that may be relevant in the selection process (optional). After reviewing the application documents, candidates will be invited to an interview as needed. *Application details shall be kept strictly confidential and application documents shall not be used for any purpose other than the selection. Application documents will not be returned and will be disposed after selection. *If there is any false information regarding the history of disciplinary action, etc., employment may be
	revoked. *SOKENDAI consider the diversity of human resources by hiring researchers regardless of gender, age, nationality, etc. If the applicants are equally qualified in terms of performance and personality evaluation, those applicants mentioned above will be given preference.
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