

Application Guidelines for the Position of Assistant Professor (Fixed-term, International Recruitment), Faculty of Engineering, Shinshu University

1. Purpose and Background

Shinshu University promotes Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) and is committed to advancing globalization to become a university chosen by the world. This open call aims to invite applications from individuals with diverse academic and professional backgrounds, regardless of nationality or career history, who can contribute to the globalization of the university's education and research. We particularly welcome applicants who have international experience in education and research, or professional experience in multicultural environments.

Mechanical engineering is a fundamental discipline that underpins the realization of a safe, secure, and sustainable society. In recent years, the importance of mechanical engineering has been increasing, and the development of engineers with both high expertise and international perspectives has become essential. To meet this social demand, we invite applications for an Assistant Professor who will engage in education and research related to mechanical engineering fields and contribute to the globalization of our university.

2. Position and Number of Openings

Assistant Professor (Fixed-term) – 1 position

3. Affiliation

Faculty of Engineering, Shinshu University

4. Primary Department / Courses in Charge

- Mechanical Systems Engineering Division, Department of Engineering, Graduate School of Science and Technology (Master's Program)
- Mechanical Engineering and Physics Course / Intelligent Mechanical Engineering Course, Faculty of Engineering (Bachelor's Program)

5. Research Field

All fields related to Mechanical Engineering, such as (but not limited to): Fluid Dynamics, Thermal Engineering, Mechanics of Materials, Control Engineering, Robotics, and related fields.

6. Duties

The successful candidate will engage in education, research, and administrative work within the Mechanical Systems Engineering Division.

7. Qualifications

Applicants must meet all of the following requirements:

1. Hold a Ph.D. degree or expect to obtain one by the date of appointment.
2. Have research achievements in any field of mechanical engineering.
3. Be able to collaborate in education and research with faculty members in related fields.
4. Be capable of conducting lectures and supervising students' research in the field of mechanical engineering in English. (Ability to teach in Japanese is desirable but not required.)
5. Be willing to contribute to the internationalization of the university.

8. Starting Date

At the earliest possible date on or after June 1, 2026.

9. Employment Conditions

In accordance with the regulations of the National University Corporation Shinshu University:

- Salary: Annual salary system – JPY 4,980,000
- Term: In principle, 3 years (fixed-term)
- Retirement age: 65 years old

10. Application Documents

(1) Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Include a recent photo; academic background (from undergraduate level onward); professional and research career; honors, penalties, or disciplinary actions (if any); and contact details (e-mail and mobile phone number or an alternative number reachable at all times).

(2) List of Research Achievements

Classify and list items under: Books, peer-reviewed journal papers, peer-reviewed international conference proceedings, other papers, reviews/commentaries, oral presentations, acquisition of external research funds (e.g., KAKENHI), educational activities, academic society activities, and other contributions (e.g., administrative and social service activities).

(3) Copies of Three Major Publications (scanned copies acceptable)

If a paper is accepted but not yet published, attach a letter or certificate of acceptance.

(4) Summary of Past Research (within one A4 page)

(5) Statement of Future Research and Educational Plans (within one A4 page)

(6) Names and Contact Information of Two References (provide names, affiliations, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses).

11. Application Deadline

Must arrive by 30, January, 2026.

12. Selection Process

- First stage: Document screening.
- Second stage: Presentation and interview for shortlisted candidates.

Travel and related expenses for the interview shall be borne by the applicant. The results will be notified to applicants via e-mail.

Note: Shinshu University promotes gender equality. When candidates are evaluated as equivalent in terms of achievements (research, education, and social contribution) and personal qualities, women will be given preference. However, this does not imply preferential hiring based solely on gender.

13. Submission of Application Documents

All application materials should be submitted by e-mail as PDF attachments.

E-mail subject line: "Application for Assistant Professor (Mechanical Systems Engineering)"

E-mail address: kosyomu@shinshu-u.ac.jp

A confirmation e-mail will be sent after receipt. If you do not receive confirmation within three business days (excluding weekends and holidays), please contact us.

Personal information included in the application materials will be used only for recruitment purposes.

14. Contact Information

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16. Additional Information

Shinshu University provides an excellent research environment that enables researchers to fully develop their potential, with support systems such as research assistants and mentoring programs. To promote work-life balance, the university operates on-campus childcare facilities, offers babysitter service discount coupons, and provides temporary childcare services during university entrance examinations and other events, as part of our active promotion of gender equality.

17. Important Notice

Applicants must include a section on honors and disciplinary records in their CV. If there are any criminal or disciplinary records that are not declared, it may be considered as falsification of the applicant's background, which could lead to cancellation of employment or dismissal.