

Okayama University of Science (OUS)
Organization for the Advancement of Higher Education

Date: October 1, 2026

Announcement: Faculty Position in Natural Science Education

Okayama University of Science invites applications for one full-time faculty position in natural science education, with a special emphasis on physics.

Job Description

1. Department: Okayama University of Science, Organization for the Advancement of Higher Education, Natural Science Education Center
2. Position: Professor, Associate Professor, or Lecturer
3. Areas of Specialization: Physics (Mathematical Physics, Fundamental Condensed Matter Physics, Semiconductors, Optical Properties of Condensed Matter, Atomic Physics, Magnetism, Superconductivity, Strongly Correlated Systems, Biophysics, Chemical Physics, and Soft Matter Physics)
4. Courses to be Taught: Lecture and laboratory courses in the field of physics (Physics 1, Physics 2, Fundamentals of Physics I, Fundamentals of Physics II, Experiments in Physics, Elementary Physics Laboratory, Introduction to Natural Sciences), and so on. The successful candidate may also be asked to participate in teaching foundational education courses, including courses in basic natural sciences.
5. Application Requirements: Candidates must:
 - (1) hold a doctoral degree or be recognized as having equivalent or greater research ability.
 - (2) have outstanding educational and research achievements in physics and physics education.
 - (3) be willing to contribute enthusiastically to education and academic advising.
 - (4) be willing to take part in management of our organization and work together with other colleagues.
 - (5) understand the founding philosophy of Okayama University of Science and be strongly motivated and committed to education and research in order to fulfill the mission and objectives of the University.
(See <https://www.ous.ac.jp/outline/#policy>)
 - (6) possess sufficient Japanese language skills to conduct classes and handle basic administrative functions and duties.
 - (7) reside in, or be able to relocate to, the Okayama City area.

*Candidates must meet all the requirements in (1)–(7).
6. Start Date: April 1, 2027
7. Documents to be Submitted:
 - (1) OUS Application of Employment - Forms 1-7
Download from the URL below and attach a photograph to Form 1
<https://www.ous.ac.jp/topics/?cat=8>
 - (2) Reprints or copies of up to five major publications (for papers accepted for publication, please attach a copy of the acceptance letter).

- (3) Names and contact information of two persons who can be contacted regarding the applicant's research and educational achievements (a letter of recommendation from at least one of these persons is preferred).

If a letter of recommendation is submitted, only the recommendation letter may be sent separately by the applicant or the recommender by registered mail to the following address:

1-1 Ridai-cho, Kita-ku, Okayama-shi, Okayama 700-0005, Japan

Okayama University of Science, Organization for the Advancement of Higher Education,
Hiroshi Matsuura, Director

Please write "Recommendation Letter for Physics Faculty Recruitment" in red on the envelope.

8. Application Deadline:

Applications and supporting materials must arrive no later than November 20, 2026 (Friday).

9. Application Method:

Please submit PDF files of documents (1)-(3) electronically through the JREC-IN Portal.

10. Contact Information:

Okayama University of Science, Organization for the Advancement of Higher Education

Kazumasa Ohkuma, Director, Natural Science Education Center

TEL: 086-256-9567 E-mail: ohkuma@ous.ac.jp

11. Additional Information:

Based on Japanese law and in consideration of gender equality, Okayama University of Science actively welcomes applications from women.

If candidates are judged to be equally qualified based on the results of the selection process, preference will be given to a female candidate.

12. Remarks:

- (1) Application documents will not be returned to applicants.
- (2) Personal information contained in submitted documents will not be used for any purpose other than selection and employment.
- (3) Applicants who pass the document screening will be invited to an interview concerning education (including a demonstration class), research, and related matters. Travel expenses for the interview are the responsibility of the applicant. Interviews will be held on one of the following dates: December 4 (Fri), December 11 (Fri), or December 12 (Sat), 2026. Applicants who pass the document screening will be contacted individually with the details.
- (4) The retirement age of Okayama University of Science is 65 (Reappointment may be available until age 68).