

List of open recruitment for research staff (Tenure-type fixed-term research scientists) (October 2026)

Job ID	Institute	Research Department	Employment terms	Research theme	Research program	Skills or qualifications required by the position
T1	Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute	Department of Forest Management	Tenure-type fixed-term research scientist (3 years)	Development of sustainable forest management methods using time-series remote sensing	We will develop a method for the efficient and accurate measurement of temporally changing forest information by utilizing AI and other techniques through a time-series remote sensing approach that integrates airborne laser scanning, UAV-based laser measurements, and other related technologies, and establish new sustainable forest management methods based on time-series forest information.	(1) Applicants are required to have a master's degree or higher prior to the start date. (2) Applicants should possess extensive knowledge of forest measurement and have experience and research achievements in program development and AI-based analysis related to airborne laser scanning, terrestrial laser scanning, UAV photogrammetry, or other similar technologies. (3) Initial work location: HQ FFPRI in Tsukuba, Ibaraki, Japan (4) Applicants should be aware that researchers may be required to relocate nationwide after being hired.
T2	Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute	Department of Forest Policy and Economics	Tenure-type fixed-term research scientist (3 years)	Humanities and social science research on road management in mountainous areas of Japan	In addition to engineering methods, humanities and social science methods are important for the appropriate management of road management in mountainous areas. Humanities and social science research and analysis of local socio-economic structures, legal systems, etc., will be conducted in order to resolve issues.	(1) Applicants are required to have a master's degree or higher prior to the start date. (2) Applicants must have a proven track record in research on humanities and social science research and analysis of local socio-economic structures, legal systems, etc. related to road management in mountainous areas of Japan. (3) Initial work location : HQ FFPRI in Tsukuba, Ibaraki, Japan (4) Applicants should be aware that researchers may be required to relocate nationwide after being hired. (5) Proficiency in Japanese is preferred, as the position requires communication with domestic counterparts.
T3	Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute	Department of Forest Entomology	Tenure-type fixed-term research scientist (3 years)	Elucidation on functional roles of insect diversity in forests	There is a growing need for proactive management of biodiversity in forests and in forestry and timber production systems. We are recruiting a researcher whose work focuses on understanding biodiversity functions in forest ecosystems, with particular emphasis on pest insects and their natural enemies. The position will contribute to the development of management practices for forests and timber production that maintain and enhance biodiversity functions across forestry and the wood industry.	(1) Applicants are required to have a master's degree or higher prior to the start date. (2) Applicants must have a proven track record in forest science, forest entomology and community ecology, and must have a willingness to strive for research in biodiversity and its functions, with enthusiasm and initiative. (3) Initial work location: HQ FFPRI in Tsukuba, Ibaraki, Japan (4) Applicants should be aware that researchers may be required to relocate nationwide after being hired. (5) Proficiency in Japanese is preferred, as the position requires communication with domestic counterparts.

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T4	Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute	Center for Biodiversity and Climate Change	Tenure-type fixed-term research scientist (3 years)	Research on the conservation and assessment of biodiversity in forest ecosystems under climate change	Global issues on climate change and biodiversity conservation and restoration should be addressed holistically as they are interrelated. From this perspective, research on biodiversity assessment is implemented in forest ecosystems using large-spatial scale and/or long-term field monitoring data that can account for the impacts of climate change on biodiversity in forests.	(1) Applicants are required to have a master's degree or higher prior to the start date of employment. (2) Applicants should be capable to actively conduct research on the conservation and assessment of biodiversity in forests from an interdisciplinary perspective including the field of climate change research. (3) Initial work location: HQ FFPRI in Tsukuba, Ibaraki, Japan (4) Applicants should be aware that researchers may be required to relocate nationwide after being hired.
T5	Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute	Tohoku Research Center	Tenure-type fixed-term research scientist (3 years)	Development of Forest Management Techniques to Promote the Sustainable Utilization of Broadleaf Tree Resources in the Tohoku Region	To promote the sustainable utilization of broadleaf tree resources in the Tohoku region, it is necessary to elucidate the species-specific characteristics of broadleaf trees by using data from the numerous long-term experimental sites maintained by the Tohoku Research Center. Our goal is to develop silvicultural techniques for broadleaf forests and mixed coniferous and broadleaved forests that reconcile biodiversity conservation with the production of high-value-added broadleaf timber.	(1) Applicants are required to have a master's degree or higher prior to the start date. (2) Applicants must possess specialized knowledge and research experience in forest ecology or silviculture, particularly regarding broadleaf trees. They must be able to proactively advance research on biodiversity conservation and the sustainable utilization of forest resources in collaboration with other researchers and stakeholders. (3) Initial work location: Tohoku Research Center FFPRI in Morioka, Iwate, Japan (4) Applicants should be aware that researchers may be required to relocate nationwide after being hired. (5) Proficiency in Japanese is preferred, as the position requires communication with domestic counterparts.

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T6	Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute	Forest Tree Breeding Center, FFPRI	Tenure-type fixed-term research scientist (3 years)	Enhancement of breeding evaluation methods through the development of high-throughput phenotyping technologies using image analysis	This research aims to develop high-throughput image-based phenotyping technologies for forest tree breeding, supported by the establishment of large-scale data analysis infrastructure. This will advance understanding of the physiological and ecological traits of forest trees, enabling efficient quantitative assessment and modeling of breeding-related traits and enhancing breeding evaluation methodologies.	<p>(1) Applicants are required to have a master's degree or higher prior to the start date.</p> <p>(2) Applicants with expertise in image analysis and statistical modeling, and experience in the design and management of research databases and large-scale data processing are preferred. In addition, applicants with experience in field-based tree phenotyping and subsequent data analysis are also preferred.</p> <p>(3) Initial work location: Forest Tree Breeding Center in Hitachi, Ibaraki, Japan.</p> <p>(4) Applicants should be aware that researchers may be required to relocate nationwide after being hired.</p> <p>(5) Applicants must possess sufficient proficiency in Japanese to perform job-related communication. A level equivalent to JLPT N2 or higher is required.</p>