

**Position**

Postdoctoral researcher or assistant professor in plant developmental biology.

**Working Place**

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**Job Description**

A postdoctoral or assistant professor position is immediately available in the area of plant developmental biology (Mitsuhiro Aida lab). Our group is focusing on a stem cell tissue called the shoot meristem and studies how this tissue is initiated, maintained and modified during the plant life cycle. The available position will focus on functions of key transcription factors essential for shoot meristem activity and investigate how changes in transcriptional state are transformed into tissue shapes and behavior. The work will be performed in collaboration with IROAST members and other research teams in Faculty of Advanced Science and Technology at KU.

**Starting Date**

September 1, 2019 or later

**Qualifications**

A PhD in life sciences or other related areas is required. Candidates who are about to complete a PhD in any of the above areas will also be considered. Successful candidates should be highly motivated and are expected to work both independently and as part of a team. Strong backgrounds in imaging and molecular genetics are also necessary. Experiences in Arabidopsis molecular genetics are favorable but not essential.

**Application Period**

Deadline for receipt: June 30, 2019.

The recruitment will be closed when the position is filled.

**How to Apply**

Please submit the following documents in one PDF file to m-aida[at]kumamoto-u.ac.jp (change [at] to @).

- (1) CV
- (2) List of publications
- (3) Statement of interest and description of prior research (about one page in total)
- (4) Contact information of two to three references

Submitted documents are strictly protected and used only for applicant screening. Personal information is handled in strict confidentiality and is not utilized for any other purpose.

### **Method of Selection**

- (1) Preliminary screening (document review).
- (2) Secondary screening (interview; only who passed primary screening).

Only the applicants who passed the document review will be notified by e-mail.

### **Compensation**

Salary and allowances (commuting, housing, etc.): to be paid based on Regulations Concerning Wages for Fixed Term Employees of Kumamoto University.

Working hours: 7 hours 45 minutes/day (8:30-17:15) plus overtime hours, if necessary.

Holidays: Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, year-end through New Year holidays, summer holidays (3 days), paid holidays (10 days/year after working for 6 months), etc.

Social insurances: Health insurance, employees' pension insurance.

Employment term: From September 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020. The contract may be renewed in consideration of the employee's work record and the research performance.

Employer: Kumamoto University.

### **Additional information**

As regulated in the University policies, the personal information you submit will be used only for the purpose of this selection process.

Kumamoto University supports gender equality. Therefore, the selection process will be conducted in compliance with the Gender Equality Law. For more information regarding our policies on gender equality, please visit <http://gender.kumamoto-u.ac.jp>.