

Faculty Position in the D3 Center, the University of Osaka

Outline	The Cybercommunity Research Division of the D3 Center at the University of Osaka is seeking an Associate Professor to promote research on community design for architecture, urban environments, and society through the utilization of ICT. The ideal candidate will demonstrate a strong commitment to advancing studies in areas including urban and social infrastructure development, virtual reality technologies, and disaster evacuation simulations. If appointed, the candidate will be required to devote 35% of their effort to university-wide support activities at the D3 Center, including assistance with graphic science education under the Center for Education in Liberal Arts and Sciences, supervision of the Metaverse Platform Service, and the management and maintenance of related systems. Furthermore, as a cooperative faculty member of the Department of Architectural Engineering, Division of Global Architecture, Graduate School of Engineering, the successful candidate will also be responsible for research and education in the field of Architectural Morphology. Applicants are therefore expected to possess strong expertise in this area as well as a high level of teaching and research competence. In addition, the candidate will be expected to contribute to university-wide education, including courses offered by the Center for Education in Liberal Arts and Sciences (such as <i>Graphic Science and Graphic Science Drawing</i>), undergraduate courses in the School of Engineering (such as <i>Architectural Design</i>), and graduate courses in the Graduate School of Engineering (such as <i>Exercise in Architectural and Urban Design</i> and <i>Spatial Design</i>), as well as to supervise students.
1. Position	Associate Professor
2. Number of Positions	1 (One)
3. Affiliation	D3 Center (Cybercommunity Research Division)
4. Work Location	Suita Campus (2-1 Yamadaoka, Suita, Osaka 565-0871, Japan)
5. Specialized Field	One of the following research fields in architectural engineering that utilize cutting-edge ICT: ■ Research on human behavior in architectural and urban spaces using simulation technology ■ Research on community design in architecture and urban planning using XR technology ■ Research on architectural visualization ability contributing to graphic science education
6. Responsibilities	· Research in one of the areas described above · Education and research supervision for graduate and undergraduate students · University-wide support activities at the D3 Center as described in the "Outline" section (35% effort)
7. Qualifications	[Mandatory requirements]
	Applicants must have: (1) A doctoral degree or equivalent professional expertise and/or achievement in the above fields (2) Sufficient research achievements in the related fields (3) Ability to teach classes at the Center for Education in Liberal Arts and Sciences, the School of Engineering, and the Graduate School of Engineering (4) Business level or above Japanese and English language proficiency (5) Sufficient competence in operations as outlined
	[Preferred requirements]
	(1) Possession of a first-class architect license. (2) Ability to develop and promote co-creative domestic and international collaborative research with other disciplines and external organizations. (3) Capacity to maintain an appropriate balance among diverse duties, including university-wide support activities, research, education, and collaboration with external organizations.

8. Starting Date	April 1, 2026
9. Term of Employment	No Fixed Term (Until the end of the fiscal year at 65 years of age)
10. Probationary Period	6 months
11. Employment Form	Based on “6. Regulations Pertaining to Working Hours, Holidays and Leave for National University Corporation Osaka University Staff” https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/information/joho/kitei_shugyou.html *The Discretionary Labor System, Special Work Type will be applied with the applicant’s consent. (deemed working hours: 8 hours a day)
12. Salary and Benefits	Based on “18. Salary Regulations for National University Corporation Osaka University Staff Subject to New Annual Salary System” https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/information/joho/kitei_shugyou.html
13. Insurance	Medical insurance and employee’s pension insurance of the Federation of National Public Service Personnel Mutual Aid Associations, Employment Insurance and Industrial Accident Compensation Insurance
14. Application Documents	Applications must be written in English or Japanese and include the following 1. A Curriculum Vitae *Please use the university form for educational/research positions available at the following website. https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/news/employ/links 2. A list of research achievements (original papers (please separate the data into peer-reviewed and non-peer-reviewed, and state the DOI, if any.), review papers, books, patents, presentations at domestic and international conferences, awards, funds. If the “researchmap” or “ORCID” can be referenced, it is desirable.) 3. Reprint of 3-5 major original papers (pdf) 4. An outline of research and education achievements so far, including abstracts of 3-5 major papers above (within four A4 sheets). 5. Future aspirations for research and education after taking up this position (within two A4 sheets). 6. Experiences in similar University-wide support operations as described in the outline and future aspirations (within two A4 sheets) 7. Name, affiliation, and contact information of two professional references who are willing to be contacted *Personal information in the application documents will only be used for the purpose of screening and hiring procedures, and will not be disclosed to any third party.
15. Sending Address and Contact Information	Send the application form using the Web application function from the relevant entry on JREC-IN Portal (D125112028). (Do not send it to the contact address.) Contact Person: Professor Kensuke Yasufuku (Cybercommunity Research Division, D3 Center) E-mail: yasufuku.kensuke.cmc@osaka-u.ac.jp
16. Application Deadline	December 25, 2025(Japan Standard Time)
17. Selection Process	Document screening will be followed by interviews. Only applicants who pass the document screening will be notified within six weeks after the application deadline at the latest. * Interviews are conducted online or face-to-face. If you wish to do it face-to-face, the applicant will be responsible for the travel expenses and accommodation expenses for the interview. *Please note that unsuccessful applicants will not be contacted.

18. Additional Information	Concerning work conditions other than the above-mentioned, please refer to “3. Work Regulations for National University Corporation Osaka University Staff” and/or related regulations. https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/information/joho/kitei_shugyou.html Please note the above-mentioned work conditions are as of the day this employment offer is posted, and subject to change. After employment, the affiliation, work location, and responsibilities may be subject to change within the limits set by the University. “Deemed exports” related to security export control are based on “Regulations Pertaining to Security Export Control”. Osaka University Security Export Control Regulations .pdf We also particularly encourage applications from female candidates. The University of Osaka is committed to promoting gender equality and providing various supports for female academic staff members. http://www.di.osaka-u.ac.jp/en_lp/ 35% of your effort should be dedicated to the following education-related university-wide support work: operational_support for architectural drawing of the center for education in liberal arts and sciences, operational supervision of Metaverse platform services, and management and maintenance of these systems, etc. Note that the content of the university-wide support services may change over time in response to situation. *The University of Osaka campuses and related facilities are smoke-free, except for designated areas.
19. Recruiter	The University of Osaka