



KEIO MEDIA DESIGN

Opening for Faculty Members

In the 16 years since its establishment in 2008, KMD has defined the cutting edge of design and innovation. Now, we look to begin anew in 2025, and set our sights to the future in 2050. KMD is a melting pot, a place where faculty members and students of diverse nationalities, cultural backgrounds, values and expertise gather. We are looking for several full-time faculty members to join that melting pot, oversee their own Real Projects (*1), and join hands with those in the community to delve into previously unexplored realms of research.

*1 Real Projects: a unique framework at KMD that goes beyond the typical research lab to facilitate research with an emphasis on societal impact, and with the help of stakeholders outside of Keio University, both in Japan and overseas, including private corporations, government bodies, and individuals. For more information, including updates on current Real Project activities, please visit this link: <https://www.kmd.keio.ac.jp/realprojects>

Details

Desired Candidate Profile

- Capable of independently overseeing Real Projects as a principal investigator (PI), working with Japan-based and international corporations, individuals, and governmental agencies, and securing the necessary research funding from external sources, thereby advancing both academic research and real-world implementation in tandem.
- Able to drive projects forward without being constrained by one's own chosen area of expertise or existing academic fields, engaging and cooperating with diverse stakeholders both in Japan and internationally.
- Embodies Keio's ethos of *learning while teaching, teaching while learning*, engaging with students from diverse nationalities, cultures, values, and expertise, growing together.

Examples of Potential Research Areas

- Interdisciplinary fields related to the design, technology, and international social systems aimed at creating a more inclusive world.
- Interdisciplinary fields focused on both advanced technologies that will change the world, and the design for society as it emerges from these technologies.
- Interdisciplinary fields related to the methodologies for implementing new technologies and discoveries in the world, fostering regional and international societal transformation, and creating next-generation ecosystems.
- Interdisciplinary fields focused on redefining the relationship between humans and the Earth and developing a culture that thinks in spans of 100 years.
- Other new research areas that can be developed alongside existing research domains at KMD.

Qualifications

- In principle, the candidate must hold a doctoral degree, or they must be on track to obtain one by the time of appointment.
- Ability to provide high-quality education and research supervision at the master's and doctoral levels in English.
- Ability to commute to Keio University's Hiyoshi Campus as needed.
- Conversational ability in Japanese for communication with students and research partners is preferred.

Positions for Hire

Professor (tenured), Associate Professor (tenured or tenure track), Senior Assistant Professor (tenure track)

Duties

1. Education and research activities at the graduate level (referred to as "Real Projects" at KMD)
 - Teaching graduate-level courses (theory/strategy subjects, practical and experiential courses, etc.)
 - Supervising master's and doctoral theses (in addition to being a principal or co-advisor, prospective faculty members are expected to assist students in fields outside of their area of expertise, given the range of disciplines that intersect in the research conducted at KMD)

- Initiating research projects, collaborating with corporations and securing external funding, advancing projects with promising societal, economic, and academic impact, among other duties.
2. Participation in university meetings and involvement in the management and administrative tasks of KMD.

Salary

Salary will be determined based on work history and achievements, in accordance with Keio University's regulations.

Location

Primarily Hiyoshi, Kohoku Ward, Yokohama City, Kanagawa Prefecture. KMD operates both online and in-person in a hybrid format, so a stable network connection for online interaction is required for remote work. You may be tasked with in-person duties at Hiyoshi and other Keio University campuses. Research and educational activities may also be conducted in Japan, overseas, and at partner institutions.

Starting Date

April 1, 2025, or October 1, 2025. If there are special circumstances that prevent this, please indicate so in your application documents.

Online Registration, Application Documents, and Submission

1. Register application-related information on the website.

<https://keio.app.box.com/f/73fde39fce984abb8361122550e82fe3>

2. Submit the following application documents:

Submit the complete set of application documents in PDF format via email to kmd_search@info.keio.ac.jp.

- Application Form (including reasons for applying to KMD and self-assessment of your compatibility with KMD)
- CV and list of achievements (including educational, research, and practical achievements. List details starting from high school graduation onward. Include a photo, and contact details such as phone number/email address)
- Portfolio or summary of major research activities to date

- List of research achievements (original papers, presentations at international conferences, books, works, patents, awards, etc.)
- Educational achievements (lectures, doctoral supervision, master's supervision, etc.)
- Details of any social work
- Vision for teaching at KMD (Teaching Statement in 2 pages of A4 size paper)
- Vision for research at KMD (Research Statement), including proposals on the themes and content of Real Projects (up to 3 pages of A4 paper)
- Names, affiliations, and contact details (email, address, phone) of three referees. The hiring committee may contact referees for their opinions.

*Personal information provided in the application will be appropriately managed in accordance with university regulations and used solely for recruitment purposes.

Application Deadline

Applications received by August 31, 2024, will be prioritized for review. If necessary, applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until October 31, 2024.

Selection Process

Candidates who pass the initial document screening will be interviewed in English and Japanese. Remote interviews will be conducted using Zoom or other teleconferencing systems for distant applicants.

Inquiries

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