

Associate Professor Position at Center for Research Collaboration,
National Institute for Physiological Sciences, National Institutes of Natural Sciences

National Institute for Physiological Sciences (NIPS), National Institutes of Natural Sciences (NINS), Okazaki, Japan, invites applications for the position of Associate Professor. Please recommend suitable candidates and disseminate this posting to those who wish to apply.

1. Position

Associate Professor, two positions

2. Affiliation

(Upon hiring) Center for Research Collaboration, NIPS, NINS

(Range of change) Workplace designated by NINS

3. Research field

NIPS is an inter-university research institute in the field of basic medicine dedicated to clarifying the functions and mechanisms of the human body. NIPS promotes research on functional mechanisms and structure-function relationships across multiple levels of biological organization, ranging from molecules to whole organisms, and further to interactions between individuals. Moreover, by exploring linkages across these levels and interactions between different functional systems, NIPS seeks to deepen understanding of biological principles and homeostasis. NIPS also aims to apply these findings to elucidate pathophysiology, thereby contributing to the establishment of a foundation for translational research that bridges basic and clinical medicine. To accelerate these efforts, NIPS will establish the Section for Human Physiology and Clinical Investigation within the Center for Research Collaboration and further strengthen its partnerships with clinical medicine.

In this recruitment, NIPS seeks researchers with an academic foundation in clinical research, access to clinical samples and patient data, and the ability to advance life science research through collaborative projects both within and outside NIPS by integrating these clinical resources with the Institute's research resources. The two Associate Professors to be recruited will each be expected to establish and lead an independent laboratory upon appointment. In addition, as faculty members of The Graduate University for Advanced Studies, SOKENDAI, they will be expected to actively engage in graduate education. Please note that, following their appointment, each laboratory will be eligible to recruit one Project Assistant Professor or Project Research Staff.

4. Job duties

(Upon hiring) As stated in 3

(Range of change) Job duties designated by NINS

5. Qualifications

Applicants should have a doctoral degree or equivalent research achievement.

6. Period of appointment

Five years. Renewable after a qualification review. Details are described at: <https://www.nips.ac.jp/recruit/index.html> (Japanese only).

7. Treatment

Salary will be determined based on NINS's payment standards, and according to career, ability, and other factors. Other conditions will be determined as stipulated by NINS.

8. Documents to be submitted

- (1) Curriculum vitae (please use the designated format*)
- (2) Summary of past research, reason for applying, and future aspirations (approximately 1,000 words; no format specified)
- (3) List of publications (Appendix 1*)
 - The publications should be numbered consecutively from earliest to most recent. The numbers of up to three main publications listed in (5) below should be circled.
 - The publication list must include the names of all authors, titles of papers, journal names, volume number, page number (beginning and end pages, or manuscript number in the case of Open Access Journal), year of publication, and doi.
 - Original papers and review articles (including books) should be listed separately.
 - Papers in press should be included, but papers under submission, those with preprints (e.g., bioRxiv), or those in preparation should not.
- (4) Other reference materials (Appendix 2*)
- (5) PDF files of up to three main publications
- (6) Letter(s) of recommendation (*)
 - At least one letter
 - The letter can be sent separately by the recommender.

*Please download the designated formats for (1), (3), (4), and (6) from the following URL:

<https://www.nips.ac.jp/eng/recruit/index.html>

*Documents (1) to (6) should be prepared in PDF format; documents (1) to (5) should be merged into a single PDF file to be submitted electronically.

9. Application deadline

All application documents must be received by noon on October 23 (Fri), 2026 (Japan Standard Time).

10. Date of appointment

April 1, 2027 (negotiable)

11. Others

(1) Gender equality

1. NIPS complies with the Act on Equal Employment Opportunities and is committed to promoting gender equality.
2. NIPS gives hiring priority to female applicants when they are recognized as equivalent during performance evaluations.
3. Maternity, childcare, or nursing care leave is taken into consideration, if applicants clearly indicate the period of leave on their CV or other documents.

(2) Handling of personal information

Personal information pertaining to applications will be managed appropriately in accordance with the Act on the Protection of Personal Information and related rules of NINS. It will be used only for the purpose of selection and employment.

(3) Scholarship repayment program

NINS has introduced the scholarship repayment program for young researchers. If a researcher meets the requirements and be approved under this system, NINS will repay part of the scholarship to Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) on behalf of the researcher.

Details are described at: <https://www.nins.jp/about/folder7/dairihenkan.html> (Japanese only).

12. Submission method, submission address, important notice, and contact information

(1) Submission method and submission address

- (a) Applicants must send an e-mail to the Personnel Section, Okazaki Administration Center, NINS (hereinafter referred to as the “Personnel Section”; nips-recruit@orion.ac.jp) stating their name, affiliation, phone number, and e-mail address to indicate their intention to apply.
- (b) The Personnel Section will inform applicants of how to submit the electronic file of their application documents.
- (c) If applicants’ recommenders wish to send their recommendation letters separately, the Personnel Section will inform them of how to send the letters. For this purpose, applicants must provide the Personnel Section with their recommenders’ contact information (name, affiliation, and e-mail address) when indicating their intention to apply as detailed in (a) above.

(2) Important notice

- (a) To protect personal information, do not send any application documents by e-mail.
- (b) Notification of the intent to apply must be received by noon on October 16 (Fri), 2026 (Japan Standard Time).

(3) Contacts for inquiries

- (a) Regarding submission method, salary, and benefits

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- (b) Regarding research content

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