

[Deadline Extended] Project Assistant Professor Position at the Division of Biophotonics,
Department of Fundamental Neuroscience, 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 Project Assistant Professor. We ask that you kindly recommend suitable candidates and disseminate this information to those interested.

1. Position

Project Assistant Professor, one or two positions (Based on performance evaluation, the applicant may be hired as a postdoctoral researcher (Specially Appointed Research Employee))

2. Affiliation

(Upon hiring) Division of Biophotonics, Department of Fundamental Neuroscience, NIPS,
NINS
(Range of change) Workplace designated by NINS

3. Research field

The Division of Biophotonics promotes research and development aimed at understanding the mechanisms of brain and neural functions. We achieve this by developing novel super-resolution microscopy and related systems, leveraging advanced optical and laser technologies.

In this call, we seek an early-career researcher dedicated to advancing laser microscopy toward higher sophistication and super-resolution using nonlinear optics or promoting high-definition imaging through the use of novel probes and optical technologies. The Specially Appointed Assistant Professor recruited here will participate in the Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research "Advanced Bioimaging Support (ABiS)" platform and contribute to collaborative research projects conducted by the Institute as an Inter-University Research Institute. Additionally, the appointee will be responsible for graduate education as a faculty member of The Graduate University for Advanced Studies (SOKENDAI).

Our division places a high priority not only on disseminating research results globally but also on the career development of early-career researchers. Indeed, many former members who honed their skills here have successfully secured major positions both in Japan and abroad, leveraging the achievements and techniques gained in our laboratory. The serene environment of Okazaki provides an optimal setting to immerse yourself in science. It is the perfect field to cultivate your track record and originality as a researcher, preparing you for the next significant leap in your career. We eagerly await applications from enthusiastic candidates.

4. Job duties

(Upon hiring) As stated in #3 above.

(Range of change) Job duties designated by NINS.

5. Qualifications

Applicants should have a doctoral degree or equivalent research achievement.

6. Period of appointment

The contract period will be renewed annually based on a performance review, but will be valid until March 31st, 2028. It may be renewed up to March 31st, 2031, depending on the project status and the employee's work performance, attitude, and ability.

7. Benefits and Conditions

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

8. Application documents

(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 in order of publication date (chronological order, starting with the most recent publication at the top). 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. Preprints (such as bioRxiv) may also be listed; however, they must be clearly distinguished from peer-reviewed papers and listed under a separate category labeled "Preprints". 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 June 10th (Wednesday), 2026 (Japan Standard Time). The recruitment may be closed early if a suitable candidate is found.

10. Date of appointment

As soon as possible after the successful applicant is determined.

11. Other notes

(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 CVs 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.

12. How to submit the application documents

(1) Submission process

- (a) Intention to apply: First, applicants must send an e-mail to indicate their intention to apply to the Personnel Section, Okazaki Administration Center (nips-recruit@orion.ac.jp). The e-mail should include the applicant's "name," "current affiliation and position," "phone number," and "e-mail address."
- (b) The Personnel Section will inform the applicant as to how to submit their application documents as an electronic file.
- (c) If the applicant's recommender(s) wish to send the recommendation letter separately, the Personnel Section will inform the recommender of how to send the letter. For this purpose, applicants need to inform the Personnel Section of the recommender's(s') name(s), affiliation(s), and e-mail address(es) when they first indicate 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 “Intention to apply” must be received by noon on June 3rd (Wednesday), 2026 (Japan Standard Time).
- (c) Applicants who have passed the document screening process will be expected to give a seminar either online or onsite.

(3) Contacts for inquiries

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

Personnel section, Okazaki Administration Center, NINS
38 Nishigonaka Myodaiji, Okazaki, Aichi, 444-8585, Japan
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- (b) Regarding research content

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