

Project Assistant Professor Position at the Division of Multisensory Integration Systems,
Department of System Neuroscience, National Institute for Physiological Sciences (NIPS),
National Institutes of Natural Sciences (NINS), Okazaki, Japan

National Institute for Physiological Sciences (NIPS), the National Institutes of Natural Sciences (NINS) once again invites applications for the position of Project Assistant Professor at the Division of Multisensory Integration Systems. Recommending suitable candidates and/or disseminating this posting to those who wish to apply would be greatly appreciated.

1. Position

Project Assistant Professor, one position

2. Affiliation

(Upon hiring) Division of Multisensory Integration Systems, Department of System Neuroscience, NIPS, NINS

(Range of change) Work place designated by NINS

3. Research field

The Division of Multisensory Integration Systems, led by Dr. Ryo Sasaki, conducts systems neuroscience research especially aiming to clarify the neural circuit dynamics of cognitive functions underlying flexible decision-making and efficient control of sensorimotor transformations by using macaque monkeys as a model animal.

In this recruitment, we are looking for one person who can manipulate various methods to measure and analyze physiological indices and neural activity of macaque monkeys while they are performing tasks and/or moving freely in the following project.

The future goal of this project is to develop the therapeutic approaches and functional expansions for cognitive behaviors. In order to achieve this goal, our research project aims to clarify the neural circuit dynamics underlying flexible strategic behaviors and the dysfunctional mechanisms of spatial navigation systems.

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 valid until March 31, 2030, depending on the project status.

7. Benefits and Conditions

Salary will be determined based on the 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*)
 - Number publications consecutively in order of publication date (chronological order, starting with the most recent publication at the top)
 - Mark at most 3 main publications (put two asterisks (**)) after the publication number.
e.g., 1**. Sasaki R (2024) Neural mechanisms of
 - 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 at most 3 main publications (that you mark with two asterisks (**)) as noted above)
- (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>

The documents (1) to (5) should be merged into one single PDF file to be submitted electronically.

9. Application deadline

All of the application documents must be received by noon on March 25, 2025 [Japan Standard Time].

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 NINS personnel section (nips-recruit@orion.ac.jp; please remove the spaces before and after @). The e-mail should also include the applicant's "name," "current affiliation and position," "phone number," and "e-mail address."
- (b) A representative of the NINS personnel section will inform the applicant 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 NINS personnel section will inform the recommender of how to send the letter. For this purpose, applicants need to inform the NINS personnel section of the name(s) of recommender, 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 March 18, 2025 [Japan Standard Time].

(3) Contacts for inquiries

- (a) Inquiries regarding document submission, salary, and benefits

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(b) Inquiries regarding research content

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