

Faculty Position in the Institute for Protein Research, The University of Osaka

Outline	Institute for Protein Research (IPR) is a research institute that conducts groundbreaking life science research based on the structure and function of proteins, using creative approaches and innovative technologies. As a Joint-Usage/Research Center, IPR also contributes to the scientific community by promoting collaborative research activities with domestic and international researchers. In order to develop above-mentioned activities as well as to explore novel areas of life science research, IPR is seeking for a successful researcher to fill an assistant professor position in the Laboratory for Protein Organic Chemistry, Division of Protein Chemistry. The aim of the Laboratory for Protein Organic Chemistry is to establish efficient synthetic route for protein including post-translational modified ones, which cannot be easily prepared by the recombinant DNA technology. In addition, the Laboratory also aims to realize new protein research using the synthetic proteins. The laboratory is seeking a highly motivated assistant professor who can provide leadership in such fields as synthetic organic chemistry, analytical chemistry and chemical biology. The successful applicant will be responsible for not only conducting research but also teaching chemistry and biology at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Inquiries regarding this position are welcome.
1. Position	Assistant Professor
2. Number of Positions	1 (One)
3. Affiliation	Institute for Protein Research (Laboratory for Protein Organic Chemistry)
4. Work Location	Suita Campus (3-2 Yamadaoka, Suita-City, Osaka, Japan)
5. Specialized Field	Synthetic Organic Chemistry, Protein Science
6. Responsibilities	- Research in the areas described above. - Educational activities for students from School of Science and Graduate School of Science of The University of Osaka. - Services of the Joint-Usage/Research Center. - Administrative jobs in IPR and The University of Osaka.
7. Qualifications	[Essential] Applicants must have: (1) A doctoral degree (2) Excellent research achievements in the related field/s (3) Business level or above Japanese language proficiency
	[Preferred] Experience in chemical protein synthesis and peptide science. Familiarity with protein analysis.
8. Starting Date	April 1, 2026 (or as soon as possible thereafter)
9. Term of Employment	From the starting date to the retirement date of the PI, March 31, 2028 *No extension of the employment is allowed. *The maximum cumulative contract term is based on “Regulations Pertaining to Contract Period of National University Corporation The University of Osaka Fixed-term Staff, etc.”
10. Probationary Period	6 months

11. Employment Form	Based on “38. Regulations Pertaining to Working Hours, Holidays and Leave for National University Corporation The University of Osaka Limited Term 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 “47. Salary Regulations for National University Corporation The University of Osaka Limited Term 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, review papers, books, patents, presentations at international conferences) 3. Reprints of major original papers (3 papers, photocopies acceptable) 4. A list of competitive funds obtained 5. An outline of research and education achievements (within two A4 pages) 6. A research plan and educational aspirations (within two A4 pages) 7. Name, affiliation, and contact information of two professional referees who are willing to be contacted about the applicant *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	Please submit the application documents by e-mail: tanpakuken-syomu@office.osaka-u.ac.jp *Write “Application for Assistant Professor (Laboratory for Protein Organic Chemistry) of IPR” in the subject line. *Attach the application documents in PDF format (with full security countermeasures). If any difficulty in submitting by e-mail, please submit by postal service: Attention: General Affairs Section Institute for Protein Research, The University of Osaka 3-2 Yamadaoka, Suita-city, Osaka 565-0871 JAPAN *Please write “Application for Assistant Professor (Laboratory for Protein Organic Chemistry) of IPR” on the front of the envelope in red ink. *Applications should be sent by registered mail. *Submitted application documents will not be returned. Inquiries on the application: Hironobu Hojo, Professor of Institute for Protein Research, Chairman of Selection Committee Tel: +81-(0)6-6879-8601 E-mail: hojo[a]protein.osaka-u.ac.jp (change [a] to @)
16. Application Deadline	December 12, 2025 (Japan Standard Time)

17. Selection Process	Document screening will be followed by interviews. Selected applicants will be notified within two weeks after the application deadline. *Travel and accommodation fees necessary for interviews are to be covered by the applicant. For applicants residing overseas, the applicant may request an online interview. *Please note that unsuccessful applicants will not be contacted.
18. Additional Information	Concerning work conditions other than the above-mentioned, please refer to “36.Work Regulations for National University Corporation The University of Osaka Limited Term 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. In principle, there will be no changes to the affiliation, work location, or responsibilities after employment. “Deemed exports” related to security export control are based on “Regulations Pertaining to Security Export Control”. 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/ *The University of Osaka campuses and related facilities are smoke-free, except for designated areas. *Institute for Protein Research introduces Principal Investigator (PI) System. Current staff of the Laboratory of Protein Organic Chemistry Professor (PI) Hironobu Hojo (will be retired on 31st March, 2028) Assistant Professor Toshiki Takei Assistant Professor (This open position)
19. Recruiter	National University Corporation The University of Osaka