

**An Associate Professor Position,  
 Institute for Protein Research (IPR), The University of Osaka**

Outline	<p>The Institute for Protein Research, the University of Osaka is seeking a candidate who will be responsible for the operation, maintenance, and management of the Institute's synchrotron beamline, and who will conduct research in the fields of life and molecular sciences focusing on biologically relevant molecules, including proteins and nucleic acids, with synchrotron X-ray crystallography as one of the core methodologies.</p> <p>The successful candidate will contribute to the activities of the Institute as a Joint Usage/Research Center. The Institute expects the successful candidate to develop integrated and innovative research approaches by actively incorporating a broad range of methodologies beyond X-ray crystallography, and to demonstrate leadership in the fields of life and molecular sciences in Japan and abroad.</p> <p>In addition to research and Joint Usage/Research Center activities, the successful candidate will be responsible for undergraduate and graduate school education.</p>
1. Position	Associate Professor
2. Number of Positions	1 (One)
3. Affiliation	Center for Advanced Protein Structural Analysis (CAPSA) <sup>‡</sup> , Institute for Protein Research, The University of Osaka (Scheduled to be established on July 1, 2026)
4. Work Location	<p>Suita Campus (3-2 Yamadaoka, Suita-City, Osaka, Japan)</p> <p>Riken Harima Campus (1-1-1 Kouto, Sayo-cho, Sayo-gun, Hyogo, Japan)</p> <p>*Institute's synchrotron beamline is located at Riken Harima Campus, and the frequency of maintenance and management depends on the operational schedule of the beamline.</p>
5. Specialized Field	Biomolecular science based on synchrotron X-ray crystallography <sup>¶</sup>
6. Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Research in the areas described above</li> <li>· Maintenance and management of the Institute's synchrotron beamline as part of Joint Usage/Research Center activities</li> <li>· Educational activities for undergraduate and graduate school students</li> <li>· Administrative duties in Institute for Protein Research and The University of Osaka</li> </ul>
7. Qualifications	<p>[Essential]</p> <p>Applicants must have:</p> <p>(1) A doctoral degree in the above field/s</p> <p>(2) Excellent research achievements in the related field/s</p> <p>(3) Business level or above Japanese and English language proficiency</p> <p>[Preferred]</p> <p>(1) Applicants with experience of supervising students at undergraduate and graduate level</p> <p>(2) Experience in domestic and international collaborative research</p>
8. Starting Date	September 1, 2026 (or as soon as possible thereafter)
9. Term of Employment	Five years from the date of appointment <sup>†</sup> .
10. Probationary Period	6 months

11. Employment Type	<p>Based on “38. Regulations Pertaining to Working Hours, Holidays and Leave for National University Corporation Osaka University Limited Term Staff”  <a href="https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/information/joho/kitei_shugyou.html">https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/information/joho/kitei_shugyou.html</a>  *The Discretionary Labor System, Special Work Type will be applied with the applicant’s consent. (deemed working hours: 8 hours a day)</p>
12. Salary and Benefits	<p>Based on “47. Salary Regulations for National University Corporation Osaka University Limited Term Staff Subject to New Annual Salary System”  <a href="https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/information/joho/kitei_shugyou.html">https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/information/joho/kitei_shugyou.html</a></p>
13. Insurance	<p>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</p>
14. Application Documents	<p>Applications must be written in English or Japanese and include the following</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A Curriculum Vitae</li> </ol> <p>*Please use the university form for educational/research positions available at the following website.  <a href="https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/news/employ/links">https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/news/employ/links</a></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. List of publications<sup>a)</sup> (original papers and commentaries and review articles, and books); list of patents; list of presentations personally delivered by the applicant; list of awards.</li> <li>3. A description of the contents of the most important papers (up to 5, as marked in the publication list), including the contribution of the applicant</li> <li>4. PDF reprints of the above most important papers</li> <li>5. List of competitive research grants</li> <li>6. Overview of previous research and educational activities (Within two A4 pages)</li> <li>7. Description of future research plans and their prospects; and how you would contribute to Joint Usage/Research Center activities at IPR (Within two A4 pages)</li> <li>8. If the applicant’s native language is not Japanese, he/she must submit documents demonstrating Japanese language proficiency, such as a copy of their Japanese-Language Proficiency Test certificate, a description of their experience living in Japan, or evidence of work experience using Japanese.</li> <li>9. The recommendation letters from two professional references.</li> </ol> <p>a) Authors, title, name of journal, volume, pages, years and the present number of citations based on Google Scholar should be included, with the applicant’s name underlined. Please mark first author, corresponding author, equal contribution etc. as appropriate. Mark the most important papers (up to 5) with circles.</p> <p>*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.</p>
15. Sending Address and Contact Information	<p>The application documents from 1 through 8 should be combined into one PDF file. Please send it to the below e-mail address (with full security countermeasures).  The subject line should be:  “Application for Associate Professor in Synchrotron X-ray at the IPR”.</p> <p>For application document 9, please ask your recommenders to send it directly to the e-mail address below.  The subject line should be:  "Recommendation Letter for Associate Professor Position in Synchrotron X-ray at the Institute for Protein Research (Dr. ○○○○)".</p> <p>tanpakuken-syomu [at] office.osaka-u.ac.jp (Please replace [at] with @.)</p> <p>Contact Person: Professor Genji Kurisu</p>

	<p>Tel: +81-6-6879-8604  E-mail: <a href="mailto:gkurisu[at]protein.osaka-u.ac.jp">gkurisu [at] protein.osaka-u.ac.jp</a> (Please replace [at] with @.)</p>
16. Application Deadline	<p>Must arrive no later than June 26th, 2026 (Japan Standard Time)</p>
17. Selection Process	<p>Document screening will be followed by interviews. Selected applicants will be notified within two weeks after the application deadline.</p> <p>*Travel and accommodation expenses necessary for interviews are to be covered by the applicant. For applicants residing overseas, the applicant may request an online interview.</p> <p>*Please note that unsuccessful applicants will not be contacted.</p>
18. Additional Information	<p>‡Center for Advanced Protein Structural Analysis (CAPSA) scheduled to be established on July 1, 2026  Joint Usage / Research Unit  The Director and Professor, Genji Kurisu (concurrent)  Professor, Yohei Miyanoiri (concurrent)  Associate Professor (This open position)  Associate Professor (Another open position)</p> <p>¶It is a condition of employment that, in the event of future changes in the Institute's policy or shifts in the core research technologies, the successful candidate will proactively acquire newly required advanced technologies, not limited to synchrotron X-ray crystallography, and take a leading role in technology development and technical support as part of the Institute's activities as a Joint Usage/Research Center.</p> <p>†The appointee may be reappointed as a faculty member without a fixed term after completion of the term, subject to a selection process depending on an evaluation of achievements during the term. The evaluation will primarily consider contributions to Joint Usage/Research Center activities, including user support as reflected by acknowledgements in publications, contributions to the research community and Institute activities, and achievements in facility operation, while also taking research achievements into account.</p> <p>Concerning work conditions other than the above-mentioned, please refer to "36.Work Regulations for National University Corporation Osaka University Limited Term Staff" and/or related regulations.  <a href="https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/information/joho/kitei_shugyou.html">https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/information/joho/kitei_shugyou.html</a>  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.</p> <p>"Deemed exports" related to security export control are based on "Regulations Pertaining to Security Export Control".  <a href="#">Rules and Regulations – The University of Osaka</a></p> <p>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.  <a href="http://www.di.osaka-u.ac.jp/en_lp/">http://www.di.osaka-u.ac.jp/en_lp/</a></p> <p>*The University of Osaka campuses and related facilities are smoke-free, except in designated areas.</p>
19. Recruiter	<p>National University Corporation The University of Osaka</p>