

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

Outline	<p>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.</p> <p>To develop the activities mentioned above and explore novel areas of life science research, IPR is seeking a successful researcher to fill an assistant professor position in the Laboratory for Molecular Recognition Biology, in the Division of Protein Structural Biology (to be reorganized as the Division of Integrative Protein Science in July 2026). The aim of the Laboratory for Molecular Recognition Biology is to understand the mechanisms of environmental recognition by living organisms by analyzing receptor proteins, such as taste receptors, and transporters existing at the interface between living bodies and the external world. The laboratory employs structural biology, biochemistry, and biophysics to address these mechanisms.</p> <p>The laboratory is seeking a highly motivated assistant professor who has research experience and can provide leadership in the above fields. Inquiries regarding this position are welcome.</p>
1. Position	Assistant Professor
2. Number of Positions	1 (One)
3. Affiliation	Institute for Protein Research (Laboratory for Molecular Recognition Biology)
4. Work Location	Suita Campus (3-2 Yamadaoka, Suita-City, Osaka, Japan)
5. Specialized Field	Structural biology, Protein science (Biochemistry, Biophysics etc.)
6. Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Research in the areas described above. · Educational activities for undergraduate and graduate students at The University of Osaka. · Services for the Joint-Usage/Research Center. · Administrative duties in IPR and The University of Osaka.
7. Qualifications	<p>[Essential]</p> <p>Applicants must have:</p> <p>(1) A doctoral degree (including an expected degree completion before the starting date)</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>Research experience in the field of structural biology, including experience in sample preparation and structure analysis</p>
8. Starting Date	January 1, 2027 (or as soon as possible thereafter; negotiable)
9. Term of Employment	<p>5 years from the starting date</p> <p>*Following completion of the term, the contract may be extended subject to continuity of work and performance evaluation.</p> <p>*The maximum cumulative contract term is 10 years from the starting date, based on “Regulations Pertaining to Contract Period of National University Corporation The University of Osaka Fixed-term Staff, etc.”</p>
10. Probationary Period	6 months

11. Employment Form	<p>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)</p>
12. Salary and Benefits	<p>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</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"> 1. A Curriculum Vitae <p>*Please use the university form for educational/research positions available at the following website. https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/news/employ/links</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. A list of research achievements (original papers, review papers, books, patents, awards, presentations at domestic and international conferences) 3. Reprints of major original papers (up to 3) with a document of summaries including the applicant’s contributions for each paper 4. A list of research grants so far obtained 5. An outline of research achievements (within two A4 or US letter pages) 6. A research plan and educational aspirations (within two A4 or US letter pages) 7. Name, affiliation, and contact information of two professional references who are willing to be contacted about the applicant. (Letters of recommendation may be requested during the selection process.) <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>Please submit by e-mail:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">tanpakuken-syomu[at]office.osaka-u.ac.jp (change [at] to @)</p> <p>*Write “Application for Assistant Professor in (Laboratory for Molecular Recognition Biology) of IPR” in the subject line. *Attach the application documents in PDF format (with full security countermeasures).</p> <p>If there is 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</p> <p>*Please write “Application for Assistant Professor in Laboratory for Molecular Recognition Biology 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.</p> <p>Contact Person: Professor Junichi Takagi Tel: +81-6-6879-8607 E-mail: takagi[at]protein.osaka-u.ac.jp (Please replace [at] with @)</p>
16. Application Deadline	<p>Must arrive no later than September 30, 2026 (Japan Standard Time)</p>

17. Selection Process	<p>Document screening will be followed by interviews. Selected applicants will be notified within one month 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>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</p> <p>Please note the above-mentioned work conditions are as of the day this employment offer is posted, and subject to change.</p> <p>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”.</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. http://www.di.osaka-u.ac.jp/en_lp/</p> <p>* The University of Osaka campuses and related facilities are smoke-free, except for designated areas.</p> <p>Currently planned staff of the Laboratory for Molecular Recognition Biology Professor Atsuko Yamashita (PI*) Assistant Professor Akihiro Itoigawa Assistant Professor (This open position) *Institute for Protein Research introduces Principal Investigator (PI) System.</p>
19. Recruiter	National University Corporation The University of Osaka