

Researcher recruitment: Assistant Professor Position at the Division of Behavioral Development, Department of System Neuroscience, National Institute for Physiological Sciences (NIPS), National Institutes of Natural Sciences (NINS), Okazaki, Japan

1. Position

Assistant Professor, one position

2. Affiliation

(Upon hiring) Division of Behavioral Development, Department of System Neuroscience, NIPS, NINS

(Range of change) Work place designated by NINS

3. Research field

The Division of Behavioral Development promotes systems neuroscience research using macaque monkeys to clarify the neural mechanisms underlying social cognitive functions. In particular, we perform behavioral analyses and measure and control neural activity in social contexts to reveal the neural basis of social decision-making, social emotion, and self-other distinction. This position is open to a researcher who is willing to engage in this line of research. The ideal candidate should preferably have experience in electrophysiological analyses of neural activity or behavioral analyses using artificial intelligence in nonhuman primates, but these are not requirements.

In addition, the successful applicant will be expected to actively engage in collaborative research with both domestic and overseas researchers and arrange research meetings and symposiums, which are important missions of the NIPS. As a faculty member of the Graduate University for Advanced Studies (SOKENDAI), the successful applicant will be in charge of graduate education.

4. Job duties

(Upon hiring) As stated in 3

(Range of change) Job duties designated by NINS

5. Qualifications

Applicants should have a doctoral degree or equivalent research achievement.

6. Period of appointment

Five years. Please note that reappointment is possible based on a performance review, but the total period of employment cannot exceed 10 years from the initial date of hire (in accordance with the institutional regulations). Details are described in the following website;

<http://www.nips.ac.jp/recruit/index.html>

#### 7. Treatment

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

#### 8. Documents to be submitted

- (1) Curriculum vitae
- (2) Summary of past research, reason for applying, and future aspirations (approximately 1,000 words)
- (3) List of publications (Appendix 1\*) [The 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), and year of publication. 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.] Assign serial numbers to each item and mark the number of the following leading papers with a circle.
- (4) Other reference materials (Appendix 2\*)
- (5) PDF files of not more than 3 main publications
- (6) Letter of recommendation (at least one letter; please use the attached designated format\*)  
(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 above documents (1) to (6) should be prepared in PDF format and then the documents (1) to (5) should be merged into one single PDF document.

#### 9. Application deadline

Applications in PDF format must be received by noon on December 13 (Friday), 2024 (Japan Standard Time).

#### 10. Date of appointment

April 1, 2025 (negotiable)

#### 11. Others

##### (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 CV 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. Submission method, submission address, important notice, and contact information

(1) Submission method, submission address

- (a) Applicants must send an e-mail to the personnel section, Okazaki Administration Center, NINS (hereinafter referred to as "personnel section"; r7113@orion.ac.jp) stating their "name," "affiliation," "phone number," and "e-mail address" to indicate their intention to apply.
- (b) The personnel section will inform the applicant as to how to submit the electronic file of the application documents.
- (c) If the recommender submits the recommendation form separately, the personnel section will inform the recommender of the submission method. Applicants are requested to inform the personnel section of the recommender's name, affiliation, and e-mail address when they express their intention to apply.

(2) Important notice

- (a) To protect personal information, do not send electronic files of the documents to be submitted by e-mail.
- (b) Notification of the intent to apply must be received by noon on December 6 (Friday), 2024 (Japan Standard Time).

(3) Contacts for inquiries

(a) Regarding submission method, salary, and benefits

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(b) Regarding research content

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