

Research Institute for Microbial Diseases, The University of Osaka

Outline	<p>Our department conducts research focused on elucidating the virulence mechanisms of enteric pathogenic bacteria, such as <i>Vibrio</i> species and pathogenic <i>Escherichia coli</i>. By integrating a wide range of approaches—from epidemiological investigations to molecular biological analyses—we aim to (i) uncover the factors driving global dissemination, (ii) establish novel models for analyzing and evaluating virulence mechanisms, (iii) identify virulence determinants and characterize their functions, and (iv) clarify the regulatory mechanisms that control their gene expression.</p> <p>Building upon these findings, we also strive to translate our knowledge into the development of innovative therapeutics and vaccines that do not rely on conventional antibiotics, as well as strategies for infection control.</p> <p>We are now seeking an Associate Professor who will actively contribute to these research and educational activities.</p>
1. Position	Associate Professor
2. Number of Positions	1 (One)
3. Affiliation	Research Institute for Microbial Diseases (Department of Molecular Bacteriology)
4. Work Location	Suita Campus (3-1 Yamadaoka, Suita-City, Osaka, Japan)
5. Specialized Field	Bacteriology
6. Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Research in the areas described above. · Educational activities for undergraduate and graduate school students · Administrative and operational duties at the institute and the university
7. Qualifications	<p>[Essential]</p> <p>Applicants must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) A doctoral degree (2) Excellent research achievements in the related field/s (3) Proficiency in Japanese or English at a level that does not interfere with work responsibilities
	<p>[Preferred]</p> <p>Applicants with experience of supervising students at undergraduate and graduate level and overseas research experience</p>
8. Starting Date	September 1, 2026 or as soon as possible thereafter(negotiable)
9. Term of Employment	<p>5 years from the starting date</p> <p>*Following the completion of the term, the contract may be extended subject to continuity of work and performance evaluation. However, reappointment is limited to one occurrence, and the term for reappointment will be 1 years.</p> <p>*The maximum cumulative contract term based on “Regulations Pertaining to Contract Period of National University Corporation Osaka University 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 Osaka University Limited Term Staff”</p> <p>https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/information/joho/kitei_shugyou.html</p> <p>*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	Based on “47. Salary Regulations for National University Corporation Osaka University 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 domestic and international conferences) 3. Reprints of major original papers (PDF or DOI information). 4. Summary of previous research and educational activities (within two A4 pages). 5. A research plan and educational aspirations (within two A4 pages) 6. 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 send the application documents as email attachments to the following address: secretar@biken.osaka-u.ac.jp Email subject: “Application for faculty position (Associate Professor) in Research Institute for Microbial Diseases (Department of Molecular Bacteriology)” Please ensure that adequate security measures are taken for the attached files. Contact Person: Asako Yamada/Director’s Office Tel: +81-6-6879-8260 E-mail: secretar@biken.osaka-u.ac.jp
16. Application Deadline	Must arrive no later than March 31, 2026 (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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Travel and accommodation expenses for interviews must be borne by the applicant. · For applicants residing overseas, online interviews can be arranged. · Please note that we do not notify applicants who do not pass the document screening.
18. Additional Information	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. 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”. Rules and Regulations – The University of Osaka 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/

	* <u>The University of Osaka</u> campuses and related facilities are smoke-free, except for designated areas.
19. Recruiter	The University of Osaka