

Faculty Position in Research Institute for Microbial Diseases, The University of Osaka

Outline	The Department of Molecular Virology, Research Institute for Microbial Diseases (RIMD), The University of Osaka, conducts research on the molecular mechanisms of viral infection and host responses, with a focus on viral pathogenesis, infection dynamics, and vaccine/therapeutic development. We seek an Associate Professor (Lecturer) who will contribute to both research and education in virology. https://watanabe-lab.biken.osaka-u.ac.jp/
1. Position	Associate Professor (Lecturer)
2. Number of Positions	1 (One)
3. Affiliation	Research Institute for Microbial Diseases (Department of Molecular Virology)
4. Work Location	Suita Campus (3-1 Yamadaoka, Suita-City, Osaka, Japan)
5. Specialized Field	Virology
6. Responsibilities	• Research on the pathogenesis of viral infectious diseases and the development of vaccines and therapeutics • Education and supervision of undergraduate and graduate students • Administrative duties related to laboratory management and research safety in the Department of Molecular Virology
7. Qualifications	[Essential] Applicants must have: (1) PhD (2) Extensive knowledge of virology and an excellent research achievements in the relevant field (3) Proficiency in Japanese and English
8. Starting Date	October 1, 2026 (or as soon as possible thereafter)
9. Term of Employment	3 years from the starting date *Following completion of the term, the contract may be extended subject to continuity of work and performance evaluation. *The maximum cumulative contract term is 10 years from the starting date, based on “Regulations Pertaining to Contract Period of National University Corporation Osaka University Fixed-term Staff, etc.”
10. Probationary Period	6 months
11. Employment Type	Based on “38. Regulations Pertaining to Working Hours, Holidays and Leave for National University Corporation Osaka University 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 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. PDF files or DOI information for one representative original research paper 4. A list and an outline of awards and prizes 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 8. If English is not your first language, copies of English proficiency certificate such as TOEFL, IELTS, TOEIC scores, a description of periods of residency outside Japan that demonstrate your English ability, or English related job experiences *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 by email: E-mail: tokikow@biken.osaka-u.ac.jp *Write “Application for Associate Professor (Lecturer) in Research Institute for Microbial Diseases” in the subject line. *Attach the application documents in PDF format (with full security countermeasures). Contact Person: Professor Tokiko Watanabe E-mail: tokikow@biken.osaka-u.ac.jp
16. Application Deadline	August 20, 2026 or until the position is filled
17. Selection Process	Document screening will be followed by interviews. Only applicants who pass the document screening will be invited for an interview, and they will be notified within two weeks of the receipt of their application documents. *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. *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 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/ *The University of Osaka campuses and related facilities are smoke-free, except for designated areas.
19. Recruiter	National University Corporation Osaka University