

**Faculty Position in the 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, aims to understand and control infectious diseases by elucidating the molecular basis of viral infection and host responses. Focusing on RNA viruses such as influenza viruses, we investigate the mechanisms of viral pathogenicity and replication, and promote research leading to the development of vaccines and therapeutics. We are seeking an Assistant Professor who will engage in these research and educational activities. For an overview of our research, please visit our laboratory website: https://watanabe-lab.biken.osaka-u.ac.jp/
1. Position	Assistant Professor
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 mechanisms of pathogenicity and replication of viruses, and on the development of preventive and therapeutic strategies against viral infectious diseases · Educational activities for undergraduate and graduate school students
7. Qualifications	[Essential] Applicants must have: (1) A doctoral degree (2) Sufficient knowledge of virology and excellent research achievements in the related field/s (3) Research experience in the analysis of viral pathogenicity and/or replication (4) Proficiency in Japanese or English at a level that does not interfere with work responsibilities
	[Preferred] Applicants with research experience handling Biosafety Level 3 (BSL3) pathogens Applicants with experience of supervising students at undergraduate and graduate level
8. Starting Date	April 1, 2027
9. Term of Employment	From the starting date to March 31, 2030 *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. Reprints of major original papers (up to 3 papers, PDF or DOI information) 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 *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 e-mail: tokikow@biken.osaka-u.ac.jp *Write “Application for faculty position (Assistant Professor) in Department of Molecular Virology, RIMD” in the subject line. *Attach the application documents in PDF format (with full security countermeasures). Contact Person: Professor Tokiko Watanabe, Department of Molecular Virology, Research Institute for Microbial Diseases, The University of Osaka E-mail: tokikow@biken.osaka-u.ac.jp
16. Application Deadline	November 13, 2026, Friday (Japan Standard Time) or until the position is filled
17. Selection Process	Document screening will be followed by interviews. Selected applicants will be notified within two weeks after the application deadline. *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	The University of Osaka