

Job opening: Research Associate

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The Research Center for Nuclear Physics (RCNP) at the University of Osaka has an opening for postdoc positions (Research Associate) starting from the next fiscal year (April, 2026~). We are inviting applications from strong candidates.

1. Number of positions available: A few Research Associates
2. Employer: RCNP
3. Working place: Negotiable
Mihogaoka 10-1, Ibaraki, Osaka (Suita Campus)
Machikaneyama 1-1, Toyonaka, Osaka (Toyonaka Campus)
Koto 1-1-1, Sayo, Hyogo (SPRING-8)
Shirakata 2-4, Tokai, Ibaraki (J-PARC)
Oho 1-1, Tsukuba, Ibaraki (KEK)
Kamioka-cho, Hida, Gifu (KERNEL/Kamioka Observatory)
4. Research Fields:
Experimental and theoretical research of nuclear physics and related fields, and accelerator science conducted by RCNP.
Joint projects between RCNP and the Particle and Nuclear Physics Group of the Graduate School of Science.
5. Eligibility: either 1) or 2) in the following
 - 1) Experimental or theoretical nuclear physicists or accelerator physicists with a Ph.D. degree as of April 1, 2026, or those who are certain to receive their Ph.D. degree by April 1, 2026.
 - 2) Experimental or theoretical nuclear physicists or accelerator physicists with research capabilities equivalent to Ph.D. holders
6. Term and contract: 1 to 3 years starting from April 1st, 2026 (To be determined by screening)
7. Probation Period: 3 months
8. Working schedule:
5 days a week (Monday through Friday, excluding holidays) for up to 30 hours per week, to be determined by selection. Actual working days and hours are negotiable.
9. Working hours:
Negotiable (e.g., 10:00 to 16:45 (45-minute break) for a 5-day work week)

10. Salary and treatments:

In the case of 1): 2,950 yen per hour, in accordance with the " Salary Regulations for National University Corporation Osaka University Part-time Staff (Temporary Part-time Education and Research Staff) ".

In the case of 2): 2,192 yen per hour, based on the " Salary Regulations for National University Corporation Osaka University Part-time Staff (Temporary Part-time Education and Research Staff) ".

11. Allowance:

Commuting allowance and overtime allowance will be provided.

Bonus and retirement allowances are not provided.

12. Social securities (health insurance, pension, accident compensation insurance) depends upon working hours.

13. Deadline: January 23 (Fri), 2026

14. Application materials:

- (1) Curriculum vitae
- (2) A brief description of your research experiences
- (3) A brief description of your research plans
- (4) Two reference persons (names and contact e-mail addresses must be described)
- (5) Publication list. The important publications in (6) must be indicated
- (6) Copies of important publications (up to three)

15. Sending method

Send the application materials by e-mail to

apply-postdoc_AT_rcnp.osaka-u.ac.jp (_AT_ should be replaced with @)

The subject of your email must be "Application of your last name" (Example: Application of Honda), and a single PDF file must be attached including all the application materials from (1) to (6). The deadline of the application is January 23th, 2026.

16. More information and contacts:

Experimental Nuclear Physics:

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17. About RCNP:

https://www.rcnp.osaka-u.ac.jp/index_en.html

18. Others:

Concerning work conditions other than above-mentioned, please refer to “56. Work Regulations for National University Corporation Osaka University Part-time Staff (Temporary Part-time 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”.

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/

* Campuses of the University of Osaka and related facilities are smoke-free, except for designated areas.

Recruiter: The University of Osaka

Note: National University Corporation Osaka University is the same as the University of Osaka.