

Junior Associate Professor or Assistant Professor (PI), the Center for iPS Cell Research and Application, Kyoto University
(CiRA Project for Discovering and Developing Future Independent Researchers)

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Position	One Junior Associate Professor or Assistant Professor (Principal Investigator)
Work location	Center for iPS Cell Research and Application (CiRA), Kyoto University Address: 53 Kawahara-cho, Shogoin, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto Access: five-minute walk from Jingu-marutamachi station of Keihan Railway *Home, etc., if telework is permitted or ordered by Kyoto University.
Job description	The purpose of the “CiRA Project for Discovering and Developing Future Independent Researchers” is to develop young researchers with the potential to play a pioneering role in the field of life sciences of the next generation and conduct world-class research. Under this project, CiRA is seeking a Junior Associate Professor or Assistant Professor (PI). [Targeted fields] We welcome applications from researchers conducting research that challenges conventional thinking across a wide range of fields in the natural sciences, particularly research that utilizes iPS cells, reprogramming technologies, informatics, AI, mathematics, biophysics, structural biology, and related approaches to pioneer new frontiers in the life sciences, medicine, and healthcare at the molecular, cellular, tissue, and organismal levels. Please refer to the CiRA Website (http://www.cira.kyoto-u.ac.jp) for an overview of the institute.
Support System	The successful candidate will: - be employed as regular faculty staff (Junior Associate Professor or Assistant Professor) prescribed in Kyoto University Work Rules for Faculty and Staff. - receive research funds, including start-up funds, of up to 10 million yen per year for a maximum of two years. - be assigned one dedicated research assistant (e.g., a Researcher or Assistant Technical Staff) and one secretary. - be assigned a faculty mentor to provide advice on research activities and access to experimental equipment as needed. - have access to a well-equipped research environment, including cutting-edge common equipment, research space for experiments, Facility for iPS Cell Therapy, and Animal Research Facility. https://www.cira.kyoto-u.ac.jp/j/about/equipment.html - have access to CiRA’s support system, which includes offices responsible for medical applications, intellectual property management, dissemination of research findings, and the acquisition and management of competitive research funding, ensuring an environment that allows researchers to focus on their research.
Job requirements	Eligible candidates are individuals who hold a doctoral degree in medicine, dentistry, pharmacology, science, or engineering, preferably obtained within the last seven years. No prior

	research experience or achievement in iPS cells is required.
Contract period	A five-year term (non-renewable) starting on the earliest possible date on or after May 1, 2027. However, depending on performance during the term, there may be opportunities for career advancement at the Institute. In such cases, research may continue beyond the five-year term. Start date: Negotiable (An earlier start date is preferred.)
Probationary period	Six months
Working conditions	Regular faculty staff of Kyoto University (Junior Associate Professor or Assistant Professor, full-time, fixed-term) - Salaries, etc. are determined based on the Kyoto University standards in accordance with capabilities and backgrounds. - Discretionary work system for specialist staff (38 hours and 45 minutes/week, 7 hours and 45 minutes/day) 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. (break 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.)/ 5 days a week, when Discretionary work system for specialist staff is not applied. - You may be ordered to work overtime as needed. - Holidays: Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, year-end and new-year break, and the anniversary of foundation holiday. - Social insurance: Health Insurance of MEXT Mutual Aid Association, employee pension insurance, industrial accident compensation insurance, and employment insurance.
Deadline for application	The position will remain open until a suitable candidate is selected.
Documents to be submitted	Please submit the following documents: - Curriculum vitae (Form 1) - Please attach your face photo on the CV and write the email address and telephone number by which we can unfailingly contact you. - List of research achievements or other professional achievements (publications, presentations, acquired research funds, patents, roles engaged in, etc.) (Form 2) - Outlines of past research progress, research results, or work you have taken charge of (Form 3) - Research plan (Form 4) - Essay in approx. 1,000 words (No designated form) - Please choose one topic from the below and express your opinion. - Future of Life Sciences and Medicine - Science and Ethics - My career as a scientist in next ten years - Recommendation (up to two referees) (optional) - Please use the Forms 1 through 4 for the documents 1 through 4. If you do not find appropriate items in the Forms when documenting your professional achievements, please add the necessary items to the Forms as needed. - You will find the Forms for downloading at: http://www.cira.kyoto-u.ac.jp/j/images/pdf/Application_Forms.zip

	※ Additional information may be requested in the process of screening.
Contact	Please send application documents by mail or e-mail to the following address. Personnel Section, Center for iPS Cell Research and Application, Kyoto University 53 Kawahara-cho, Shogoin, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto 606-8507, Japan E-mail : jinji-admi*cira.kyoto-u.ac.jp (Please change * to @) Phone : 075-366-7309 Please clearly indicate "Application for CiRA Project for Discovering and Developing Future Independent Researchers" in the subject line of the email or on the envelope. If you have any questions regarding the job description, employment conditions, or other matters, please contact us at the email address above using the same subject line.
Selection method	After the document screening, an interview will be conducted. Details will be provided by email or in writing at a later date. During the interview, applicants may be asked to give a presentation on their research plan. Applicants are responsible for their own travel and other expenses incurred in attending the interview. The results of the selection process will be sent to applicants by email or in writing once a decision has been made.
Gender equality	Kyoto University promotes gender equality. As part of the university's measure to promote gender equality, Kyoto University prioritizes employing women when the candidates get the same evaluation at selection, based on Article 8 of the Act on Equal Opportunity and Treatment between Men and Women in Employment (Equal Employment Act). As for the period during which the research was discontinued due to childbirth, childrearing, or caregiving, please describe the details in the curriculum vitae as the review is performed in consideration of its content and the period.
Others	Submitted documents shall be used just for the selection, and never be disclosed, transferred, or lent to the third party without due reasons. Please be advised that submitted documents shall not be returned. Kyoto University is working to prevent passive smoking, by prohibiting indoor smoking on all campuses and also outside smoking except in designated areas.
We are looking forward to your application.	