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Announcement of Open Recruitment

The National Institute for Fusion Science (NIFS) seeks young researchers with advanced research ability for promoting fusion science by engaging them in research for a fixed period of employment. Guidelines follow below.

1. Title and Number of positions to be filled

Title: Post-doctoral Researcher (previously known as Center of Excellence Researcher)

Number: Several

2. Purpose of NIFS

To promote fusion science and its application

3. Requirements for applicants

Applicants should meet either of the following qualifications:

- (1) Holding the Ph.D. degree and be within eight years since receiving that degree
- (2) To receive the Ph.D. degree before the start of employment on April 1, 2026

4. Research fields

(Immediately after hiring) Fusion science and related research.

(Scope of change) No change.

5. Term of appointment

The contract duration is two years, from April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2028. Please note that this contract will not be renewed.

If the applicant has been employed at NIFS as a Post-doctoral Researcher or a Center of Excellence Researcher before the start of the employment, the period of employment will be limited to four years, including the past period. If the start of the employment is delayed from April 1, 2026 due to circumstances beyond the applicant's control, the period of employment will be two years from the beginning of the employment.

6. Salary

Approximately 4,000,000 Japanese yen a year including taxes.

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7. Application deadline

Wednesday, December 3, 2025, by 17:00 JST.

8. Selection system

Selection will be made by the Administrative Council of NIFS. The decision will be based upon the examination of documents. However, if necessary, an interview may be conducted. If appropriate candidates cannot be found, all posts may not be filled.

9. Documents to be submitted

The following documents (1) - (6) must be submitted via e-mail (see Section 10. for e-mail address). For the letter of recommendation (7), please follow the instructions in Section 10.

(1) Resume: use the designated form of NIFS. (<https://www.nifs.ac.jp/en/about/recruit/index.html>)

The date of birth and possible starting date should be written. One color photograph should be affixed. If the applicant has received a Ph.D. degree, please state the name of the degree and the date received. Contact information should include an e-mail address.

(2) Research history: any format with a title which is your research project is acceptable, however, this text should not exceed three pages single-spaced. Please describe the research conducted as a Ph.D. student and as an M.S. student.

(3) Research topic upon employment: any format is acceptable, however, this text should not exceed two pages single-spaced. Potential candidates should design a research plan together with the desired supervisor at NIFS for approval before applying. The name of that individual should be included in this text.

(4) List of publications: any format is acceptable. All co-authors should be included. The papers should be noted as "refereed" or "not refereed." In compiling the publication list, "Guidelines for compiling the list of publications" (<https://www.nifs.ac.jp/en/about/recruit/index.html>) should be consulted.

(5) Offprints: offprints of three major publications should be included. Should the candidate not yet have publications, a dissertation, papers under review for possible publication, or papers in preparation may be included. Photocopies are acceptable.

(6) A document of a brief summary of each publication that you state in (4) and attach in (5) and your contributions in them.(any format)

(7) Letters of recommendation: any format is acceptable.

All of the above documents should be A4 size and should convert to each separate PDF file.

The applicant's name should be typed in the upper right corner of all pages of the submitted documents.

10. Mailing address:

(1) Application documents other than the Letters of recommendation

Send an e-mail to **nifs-jinji@nifs.ac.jp** with "Apply for Post-doctoral Researcher" the Subject. We accept PDF files only.

(2) Letters of recommendation

The letter of recommendation should be sent directly from the recommender by post or e-mail.

- We accept either PDF file(s) or hard copy(ies).
- PDF file(s) should be sent to **nifs-jinji@nifs.ac.jp** .
(The e-mail subject should be "Recommendation for Post-doctoral Researcher".)
- The hard copy of the letter(s) should be sent by post mail addressed to

Personnel Section, General Affairs Division
 Department of Administration
 National Institute for Fusion Science
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11. Contact Information for the National Institute for Fusion Science

(1) Regarding application documents

Personnel Section, General Affairs Division
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(2) Regarding research

Professor Ryuichi SAKAMOTO, Director of Department of Research, NIFS
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12. Miscellaneous

(1) The information regarding the job offering may also be found on the NIFS website

(<https://www.nifs.ac.jp/en/about/recruit/>).

(2) The hard copy of Letters of recommendation will not be returned after submission.

(3) NIFS respects the basic law for a gender-equal society in the selection process. The National Institutes of Natural Sciences (NINS) is committed to improving the quality of education and research by increasing the diversity of researchers.

- In the case that two or more applicants are assessed as having the same level of ability, the job is given to the female and foreign candidate.
- If an applicant has taken a leave or leaves for the purpose of maternity, child-care, and/or family-care (including shorter working hours for the purpose of child-care, and/or family-care), or has been absent from research activities due to disease or an injury that occurred in the workplace or while commuting, please describe this in the resume. NIFS will take this information into consideration in the selection process.

(4) National Institutes of Natural Sciences (NINS) has introduced the scholarship repayment program for young researchers. If a researcher meets the requirements and be approved under this system, NINS will repay the scholarship to Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) on behalf of the researcher.