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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, 2027

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, 2027 to March 31, 2029. 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, 2027 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

Friday, October 30, 2026, by 17:00 JST (Deadline for sending via form mentioned in Section 10)

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) - (7) must be submitted as electronic files (see Section 10. for how to submit). All of the documents should be A4 size and should convert to each separate PDF file.

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

The date of birth, possible starting date, academic history, and work experience 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: 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. All co-authors should be included. The papers should be noted as “peer-reviewed” or “not peer-reviewed.”

(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.

(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.

* In addition to above documents, additional document(s) may be required in the selection procedure.

10. Submission of the documents

After preparing the document(s), please send the required information via the prescribed form* by the deadline above.

Then, you will receive an email showing the URL for uploading. If you do not receive an email within three working days after sending via the form, please contact the address in Section 11.

* <https://forms.gle/Lk5pYy3Wgv6ubmVs9>

11. Contact Information for the National Institute for Fusion Science

(1) Regarding application documents

Personnel Section, General Affairs Division

Department of Administration

National Institute for Fusion Science

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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) 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.
- 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.