

Call for Postdoctoral Fellow (Full-time Fixed-term Project Researcher) (Tsuji Laboratory)  
at IRCN, The University of Tokyo

The IRCN babylab (<https://babylab.ircn.jp/en/>) seeks to hire a post-doc to join the JEWEL (Joint East-West Early Language) project (<https://lang-dev-lab.brain.riken.jp/jewel/>), which investigates early language acquisition across diverse socio-linguistic backgrounds. This project is conducted as a part of JSPS Specially Promoted Research (20H05617) lead by Dr. Reiko Mazuka at RIKEN Center for Brain Science (<https://lang-dev-lab.brain.riken.jp/index-english.html>).

Cumulative research on infants learning Asian languages indicates that Asian infants' acquisition of phonology and vocabulary lags behind Western infants by a few months. We hypothesize that this can be attributed to differences in the social environmental cues provided by caregivers across different cultural backgrounds.

The successful applicant will work on conducting and analyzing experiments on infants' sensitivity to social cues during early vocabulary acquisition and coordinate their implementation across multiple labs in two Western (English and French) and four Asian (Japanese, Korean, Thai, and Singaporean Mandarin) language contexts.

The applicant will be based at The University of Tokyo International Research Center for Neurointelligence (<https://ircn.jp/en/>), and will be supervised by Sho Tsuji in collaboration with Reiko Mazuka.

1	Description Title / Number of positions	IRCN Postdoctoral Fellow (Project Researcher)/One
2	Employment period	Negotiable after November 1st, 2021 The first contract will be ended on March 31, 2022.
3	Renewable	The contract is renewable for a maximum of three times on a fiscal year basis (from April 1 to March 31; every year until March 31, 2025) according to research budget, research activity, and research achievements.
4	Probationary period	Six months from the date of arrival.
5	Place of work	International Research Center for Neurointelligence, The University of Tokyo, Institutes for Advanced Study 7-3-1 Hongo Bunkyo-ku Tokyo, 113-0033 JAPAN *This can be changed due to work circumstances.
6	Affiliation	Tsuji(IRCN Principal Investigator) lab
7	Description	The successful applicant will work on conducting and analyzing experiments on infants' sensitivity to social cues during early vocabulary acquisition and coordinate their implementation across multiple labs in two Western (English and French) and four Asian (Japanese, Korean, Thai, and Singaporean Mandarin) language contexts.
8	Working Hours	Discretionary labor system, based on 7 hours, 45 minutes per day, or 38 hours 45 minutes per week
9	Holidays	Saturday and Sundays; Statutory public holidays of Japan; Year-end and New Year holidays(December 29 through January 3)
10	Leaves	Paid leaves, Refreshment leave, congratulatory or condolence leave, etc (In accordance with The University of Tokyo regulations)
11	Salary & Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Salary: To be determined in accordance with the University of Tokyo Regulations</li> <li>● Commuter allowance: JPY55,000 per month at maximum</li> <li>● No retirement benefits or bonuses</li> </ul>
12	Available insurances	Eligible for MEXT* Mutual Aid Association membership, employees' pension, employment insurance, and workers' accident compensation insurance. (*MEXT: Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology)
13	Qualifications	(Required) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ph.D., M.D. or equivalent in a related field</li> <li>● Experience in conducting psychological experiments in humans, ideally with infants or children and involving eye-tracking</li> <li>● Data analysis skills (preferably R)</li> </ul> (Preferred) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Good command of English</li> <li>● Good command of Japanese</li> <li>● Basic programming skills (preferably Python)</li> <li>● Experience in project management</li> </ul>
14	Application	Application documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Cover letter in English or Japanese</li> <li>● Curriculum vitae in English or Japanese</li> </ul> Please download and use the University of Tokyo Standard Resume Format ( <a href="https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/about/jobs.html">https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/about/jobs.html</a> ). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Publication list</li> <li>● Name and contact address for two references, one of which should be a previous employer</li> </ul>
15	Submission	Interested applicants should send application materials to: <a href="mailto:shotsuji@ircn.jp">shotsuji@ircn.jp</a> (Please replace # with @ before using this email address) with the title "Application to postdoc position JEWEL project"
16	Application Deadline Selection Process	When the position is filled All applications will be screened, and only those qualified will be scheduled for an interview (on-site or via video conferencing tool).
17	Inquiries	Please refer to "15 Submission".
18	Recruiter Name	The University of Tokyo
19	Notices	(1) Submitted documents will not be returned. Personal information is handled carefully according to the Privacy Policy of the University of Tokyo, and will be used only for the job selection process. (2) Travel cost will not be paid in screening process. (3) For details on work conditions, please see The University of Tokyo Regulations on Conditions of Employment of Fixed-term Project Academic and Administrative Staff. ( <a href="https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/about/rules_main.html">https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/about/rules_main.html</a> ) (4) The University of Tokyo promotes gender equality and actively encourages women to apply.