

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

Yukie Nagai lab at IRCN investigates the mechanisms underlying human cognitive development and disorders through computational approaches. We develop computational neural networks inspired by the human brain and examine what mechanisms enable the networks to acquire human-like intelligence. For more information, please visit our lab homepage at <https://developmental-robotics.jp/en/>.

We are currently seeking researchers (Project Research Associates or Project Researchers) to participate in the following projects:

- CREST “Cognitive Feelings that Mediate Between Perception and Emotion” (PI: Yukie Nagai, Period: Oct 2021 - Mar 2027)
- Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (S) “Understanding Cognitive Individuality Based on a Unified Brain Theory: Assisting People with Developmental Disorders” (PI: Yukie Nagai, Period: Jul 2021 - Mar 2026)

1	Title / Number of positions	Project Research Associate or Project Researcher / One or Two
2	Employment period	From adoption date to March 31, 2025. Starting date is negotiable
3	Renewable	The contract may be renewed. If renewed, it shall be on an annual basis. Renewal will be judged based on the budgetary situation, the progress of the work engaged in, remaining work at the end of the contract period, work performance, work attitude, health situation, and other factors. If renewed, the final date of the employment is March 31, 2026.
4	Probationary period	14 days from the date of hiring.
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
6	Affiliation	Nagai lab (IRCN Principal Investigator)
7	Description	The successful candidates will work in the fields of computational neuroscience, cognitive developmental robotics, machine learning, and related topics. They will investigate the principles of human cognitive development and disorders by either modeling computational neural networks inspired by the human brain or analyzing human cognitive behaviors. For more details about our lab and our ongoing research, please visit our homepage at https://developmental-robotics.jp/en/ .
8	Working Hours	Under the discretionary work system for specialized work, the employee is considered to work 7 hours and 45 minutes per day and 5 days per week (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	Paid Leaves	Annual 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"> ● Salary: Annual salary system in accordance with the University of Tokyo Regulations, with a monthly salary of around ¥390,000 - ¥500,000 including Merit Based Allowances. (Salary is to be determined according to qualifications, ability, experience, etc.) ● Commuter allowance: If conditions apply, JPY55,000 per month at maximum ● No retirement benefits or bonuses
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PhD in engineering, computer science, cognitive science, neuroscience, or relevant fields ● Communication skills in English ● Programming skills ● Experiences in computational neuroscience and/or cognitive developmental robotics are preferred

14	Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cover letter (English or Japanese) ● Curriculum vitae (English or Japanese) ● Publication list (English or Japanese) ● Research plan (English or Japanese, A4 2-3 pages) ● Name, affiliation, and email address of two references (one of which should be a current employer or supervisor)
15	Submission	Interested applicants should send application materials (PDF format) to: yukie#ircn.jp with the email title "Application for Project Research Associate / Project Researcher at IRCN Nagai Lab". (Please replace # with @ before using this email address)
16	Application Deadline Selection Process	March 31, 2024. Once a suitable candidate has been selected, the recruitment process will be closed. All applications will be screened, and only those qualified will be scheduled for an interview (on-site or via video).
17	Inquiries	Please refer to "15 Submission".
18	Recruiter Name	The University of Tokyo
19	Status of measures to prevent passive smoking	Smoking is prohibited on the premises (smoking areas are located outside)
20	Notices	<p>(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.</p> <p>(2) Travel cost will not be paid in screening process.</p> <p>(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. (https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/about/rules_main.html)</p> <p>(4) The University of Tokyo promotes gender equality and actively encourages women to apply.</p> <p>(5) If you are personally in contract with foreign governmental bodies, corporations or universities, or you are in receipt of a large benefit (financial or any other form) from foreign governmental bodies during the period of your employment, the provisions of the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (FEFTA) may prohibit or restrict the sharing of technology that are designated as controlled technology possibly making it difficult for you to fulfill your duties as an academic or administrative staff of the university as a result. Therefore, in such cases it is necessary to keep such contracts/benefits within the scope where it does not hinder the sharing of technologies necessary for your duties by the university.</p>