

Call for Project Academic Specialist (Fixed-term Project Staff) in 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 Project Academic Specialist to support 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 Academic Specialist / One
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	Yukie Nagai (IRCN Principal Investigator) lab, International Research Center for Neurointelligence, The University of Tokyo, Institutes for Advanced Study (7-3-1 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo, 113-0033 JAPAN)  Scope of change: In principle, within the same center.
6	Job Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Assisting research for CREST “Cognitive Feelings that Mediate Between Perception and Emotion” and Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (S) “Understanding Cognitive Individuality Based on a Unified Brain Theory: Assisting People with Developmental Disorders”</li> <li>● Other academic support services in the laboratory</li> </ul> <p>Scope of change: The University may order employees to be reassigned to different positions, or order them to take up additional positions.</p>
7	Working Hours	Working hours: 38 hours 45 minutes per week (9:00-17:45 *12:00-13:00 break) ※Overtime work may be ordered.
8	Holidays	Saturday and Sundays; Statutory public holidays of Japan; Year-end and New Year holidays(December 29 through January 3)
9	Leaves	Annual paid leaves, refreshment leave, congratulatory or condolence leave, etc
10	Salary & Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Salary: Annual salary system in accordance with the University of Tokyo Regulations, with a monthly salary of around ¥250,000 - ¥350,000 including Merit Based Allowances. (Salary is to be determined according to qualifications, ability, experience, etc.)</li> <li>● Commuter allowance: If conditions apply, JPY55,000 per month at maximum</li> <li>● Overtime allowance: Dependent on hours of each month</li> <li>● No retirement benefits or bonuses</li> </ul>
11	Available insurances	Eligible for MEXT Mutual Aid Association (health insurance and pension schemes), employees’ pension, employment insurance, and workers’ accident compensation insurance in accordance with laws and regulations. *MEXT: Japan’s Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

12	Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bachelor or Master degree in engineering, computer science, cognitive science, neuroscience, or relevant fields</li> <li>● Programming skills</li> <li>● Communication skills in English is preferred</li> <li>● Experiences in computational neuroscience and/or cognitive developmental robotics are preferred</li> </ul>
13	Application documents	Resume using the linked form (please download from <a href="https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/about/jobs.html">https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/about/jobs.html</a> )
14	Submission	Interested applicants should send application materials (PDF format) to: yukie#ircn.jp with the email title "Application for Project Academic Specialist at IRCN Nagai Lab". (Please replace # with @ before using this email address)
15	Application Deadline Selection Process	December 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). If your application passes the screening, you will be contacted by email for an interview.
16	Inquiries	Yukie Nagai lab, International Research Center for Neurointelligence Attn: Yukie Nagai e-mail : yukie#ircn.jp *Please replace # with @ before using this email address.
17	Recruiter Name	The University of Tokyo
18	Status of measures to prevent passive smoking	Smoking is prohibited on the premises (smoking areas are located outside)
19	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 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>)</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>