

**Faculty Position
at the Graduate School of Information Science and Technology,
The University of Osaka**

Outline	The Human Information Engineering Lab, Department of Bioinformatics Engineering, Graduate School of Information Science and Technology, The University of Osaka, has been commissioned by the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) to conduct research under the auspices of the Strategic Basic Research Program (CREST) project titled “Establishing Nonverbal Communication Channels to Promote Human-AI Coexistence and Collaboration” in “[Symbiotic AI Interdisciplinary Systems] Creation of Interdisciplinary System Foundation for a Symbiotic and Collaborative Society with Humans and AI” Area. We are seeking applications for a full-time Specially Appointed Researcher position responsible for work on the project . This research project will be conducted as a joint project with Professor Norihiko Saga of Kwansei Gakuin University and Associate Professor Hiroyuki Iizuka of Hokkaido University. Inquiries regarding this position are welcome.
1. Position	Specially Appointed Researcher (Full-time)
2. Number of Positions	1 (One)
3. Affiliation	Graduate School of Information Science and Technology (The laboratory of Human Information Engineering Lab, Department of Bioinformatic Engineering)
4. Work Location	Suita Campus (1-4 Yamadaoka, Suita City, Osaka, Japan) The Center for Information and Neural Networks (CiNet)
5. Specialized Field	Human-interface, virtual reality, robotics, machine learning
6. Responsibilities	Research on the project mentioned above.
7. Qualifications	[Essential] Applicants must have: (1) A doctoral degree or equivalent professional expertise and/or achievements in the above field/s (2) Excellent research achievements in the related field/s (3) Business-level or higher Japanese and English language proficiency (4) Possess knowledge and experience in robotics and real-time signal processing
8. Starting Date	May 1, 2026 (or as soon as possible thereafter)
9. Term of Employment	From the starting date to March 31, 2027 *Following completion of the term, the contract may be extended subject to continuity of work and performance evaluation. (However, employment contracts under this research project expire on or before March 31, 2031.) *The maximum cumulative contract term is based on “Regulations Pertaining to Contract Period of National University Corporation Osaka University Fixed-term Staff, etc.”
10. Probationary Period	6 months
11. Employment Form	Based on “38. Regulations Pertaining to Working Hours, Holidays and Leave for National University Corporation Osaka University Limited Term Staff” https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/information/joho/kitei_shugyou.html *The Discretionary Labor System, Special Work Type will be applied with the applicant’s consent. (deemed working hours: 8 hours a day)
12. Salary and Benefits	Based on “48. Salary Regulations for National University Corporation Osaka University Limited Term Staff (Specially Appointed Staff, etc.) Subject to Annual Salary System”

	<p>https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/information/joho/kitei_shugyou.html Remuneration: 5,178,600 JPY or more per annum. (Monthly payments of one-twelfth of annual salary) *It will be decided according to the responsibilities assigned based on the applicant's qualifications. Commuting allowance</p> <p>*Bonuses and allowances for housing, dependents, and retirement are included in the above-mentioned annual salary and will not be paid separately.</p>
13. Insurance	<p>Medical insurance and employee's pension insurance of the Federation of National Public Service Personnel Mutual Aid Associations, Employment Insurance and Industrial Accident Compensation Insurance</p>
14. Application Documents	<p>Applications must be written in English or Japanese and include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Curriculum Vitae <p>*Please use the university form for educational/research positions available at the following website. https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/news/employ/links</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. A list of research achievements (original papers, review papers, books, patents, presentations at international and domestic conferences, total number of Google Scholar citations, and h-index value) 3. Major original papers (at least three and at most five) 4. A list and an outline of awards and prizes 5. A list of previous primary research funding acquisitions (e.g., competitive grants such as KAKENHI and collaborative research projects). 6. An outline of research and education achievements (within two A4 pages) 7. A research plan and aspirations (within two A4 pages) 8. Name, affiliation, and contact information of two professional referees who are willing to be contacted about the applicant 9. If the applicant's native language is not English: Documentation of English proficiency (e.g., copies of TOEFL, TOEIC, or Eiken test score certificates, or descriptions of experience such as overseas stays or work involving English use—e.g., writing or editing for international journals, collaborative research with overseas researchers, organizing or presenting at international conferences, teaching international students, or lecturing in English). If the applicant's native language is not Japanese: Documentation of Japanese language proficiency (e.g., copies of Japanese Language Proficiency Test scores, descriptions of experience residing in Japan or working in Japanese-language environments such as writing or editing papers, collaborative research with Japanese researchers, organizing or presenting at domestic conferences, teaching Japanese students, or lecturing in Japanese). <p>*Personal information in the application documents will only be used for the purpose of screening and hiring procedures and will not be disclosed to any third party.</p>
15. Sending Address and Contact Information	<p>In principle, please submit your application via the web application function on the JREC-IN Portal using the relevant entry (data number D126021007).</p> <p>We do not accept submissions by any method other than the one listed above. If you have any questions that require prior consultation, please contact us via email at the address below. t_maeda@ist.osaka-u.ac.jp (Professor Taro Maeda)</p> <p>*Write "Application for Specially Appointed Researcher (Full-time) in Information Science and Technology" in the subject line.</p>
16. Application Deadline	<p>Must arrive no later than March 10th, 2026 (Japan Standard Time)</p>

17. Selection Process	<p>Document screening will be followed by interviews. Details of the interviews will be notified only to the selected applicants within two weeks after the application deadline.</p> <p>*Travel and accommodation expenses necessary for interviews are to be covered by the applicant. For applicants residing overseas, an online interview may be arranged upon request.</p> <p>*Please note that unsuccessful applicants will not be contacted.</p>
18. Additional Information	<p>Concerning work conditions other than the above mentioned, please refer to “36.Work Regulations for National University Corporation Osaka University Limited Term Staff” and/or related regulations.</p> <p>https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/information/joho/kitei_shugyou.html</p> <p>Please note the above-mentioned work conditions are as of the day this employment offer is posted, and subject to change. In principle, there will be no changes to the affiliation, work location, or responsibilities after employment.</p> <p>“Deemed exports” related to security export control are based on “Regulations Pertaining to Security Export Control”.</p> <p>Osaka University Security Export Control Regulations .pdf</p> <p>We also particularly encourage applications from female candidates. The University of Osaka is committed to promoting gender equality and providing various supports for female academic staff members.</p> <p>http://www.di.osaka-u.ac.jp/en_lp/</p> <p>* The University of Osaka campuses and related facilities are smoke-free, except for designated areas.</p> <p>*National University Corporation Osaka University is the same as the University of Osaka.</p>
19. Recruiter	The University of Osaka