

**Researcher in the Center for Infectious Disease Education and Research,
the University of Osaka**

Outline	<p>The Center for Infectious Disease Education and Research (CiDER) serves as a research hub dedicated to advancing infectious disease studies through interdisciplinary promotion, talent development and public engagement. Our goal is to contribute to effective infectious disease countermeasures. (Center website: https://www.cider.osaka-u.ac.jp/).</p> <p>We are excited to announce the establishment of a new unit within the CiDER Division of Microbiology and Immunology: Integrated Viruses and Arthropod Vectors Research Unit, led by Shiho Torii (https://orcid.org/0000-0003-4584-1199). This unit will focus on studying arthropod-borne viruses, particularly those transmitted by mosquitoes. Through the virus reverse genetics and <i>in vivo</i> mosquito infection experiments, we aim to deepen our understanding how arthropod-borne viruses emerge and cause epidemics within the complex interactions between animal hosts, arthropod vectors and environment. Our research will particularly emphasize the mechanisms of virus transmission by mosquitoes, viral mutation and adaptation, and the assessment of outbreak risks associated with mosquito-borne viruses, laying the groundwork for preventive and therapeutic strategies.</p> <p>We are currently seeking one postdoc position (a specially appointed researcher) to join our unit. The postdoc will work independently on one of the projects starting in the unit. The project topic is listed under the “Responsibilities” section. We encourage applicants from a variety of research backgrounds, since CiDER promotes interdisciplinary research in a collaborative environment. We are happy to address any inquiries regarding the specific details of our research projects.</p>
1. Position	Specially Appointed Researcher (Full-time)
2. Number of Positions	1 (One)
3. Affiliation	Division of Microbiology and Immunology, Pathogen Recognition Team, Integrated Viruses and Arthropod Vectors research unit (IVAVunit)
4. Work Location	Suita Campus (1-10 Yamadaoka, Suita-City, Osaka, Japan)
5. Specialized Field	Virology, Molecular biology, Vector biology
6. Responsibilities	<p>Conduct research and development on one of the following new projects starting in the unit</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Comparative analysis of mosquito-borne viruses to understand the virus emergence. (2) Exploration of mosquito factors responsible for virus transmission. (3) Development of state-of-the-art system to evaluate epidemic risks of mosquito-borne viruses.
7. Qualifications	<p>[Essential]</p> <p>Applicants must have:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) A doctoral degree. (2) Working experience in the Virology, Molecular biology or Vector biology. (3) Sufficient knowledge/experience to lead research projects independently. (4) A strong interest in arthropod-borne viruses. (5) Excellent communication skills in English (6) An ability to work collaboratively as part of a research team
	<p>[Preferred]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Working experience in BSL3. (2) Experience in maintaining insect colonies. (3) Experience in conducting mouse experiments.
8. Starting Date	August 1, 2026 (or as soon as possible thereafter)
9. Term of Employment	<p>From the starting date to March 31, 2027</p> <p>* The contract may be renewed following an assessment of the continuation of duties and performance evaluation upon expiry of the current contract period.</p>

	<p>* However, the maximum contract period for this position is until 31 March 2031.</p> <p>* The total contract period at this university is determined in accordance with “73. Regulations Pertaining to Contract Period of National University Corporation Osaka University Fixed-term Staff, etc.”</p> <p>https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/information/joho/kitei_shugyou.html</p>
10. Probationary Period	6 months
11. Employment Type	<p>Based on “38. Regulations Pertaining to Working Hours, Holidays and Leave for National University Corporation the University of Osaka Limited Term Staff”</p> <p>https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/information/joho/kitei_shugyou.html</p> <p>* The Discretionary Labor System, Special Work Type will be applied with the applicant’s consent. (deemed working hours: 8 hours a day)</p>
12. Salary and Benefits	<p>Remuneration: 5,469,900 JPY~ per annum. (Monthly payments of one-twelfth of annual salary)</p> <p>* It will be decided according to the responsibilities assigned based on the applicant’s qualifications.</p> <p>Commuting allowance</p> <p>* The annual salary already includes bonuses and allowances for housing, dependents, and retirement, so these will not be provided separately.</p> <p>Based on “48. Salary Regulations for National University Corporation the University of Osaka Limited Term Staff (Specially Appointed Staff etc.) Subject to Annual Salary System”</p> <p>https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/information/joho/kitei_shugyou.html</p>
13. Insurance	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
14. Application Documents	<p>Applications must be written in English or Japanese and include the followings.</p> <p>(1) A Curriculum Vitae [university form] * 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> <p>(2) Cover letter with research aspiration (one A4 pages)</p> <p>(3) Overview of past research activities (within two A4 pages)</p> <p>(4) A Curriculum Vitae [free form]</p> <p>A. A list of research achievements (original papers, review papers, books, patents, presentations at international conferences, invited lectures etc.) [A. is Required]</p> <p>B. A list of research fundings and fellowships</p> <p>C. A list and an outline of awards and prizes</p> <p>D. Mentoring experiences</p> <p>E. Other research activities</p> <p>F. Contact details of two references (we may request letters of recommendation) [F. is Required]</p> <p>G. If you have an ORCID account with the above research achievements, please share it with us.</p> <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>Submission instructions</p> <p>By Email:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Email: kansensyo-soumu [at]office.osaka-u.ac.jp (Please replace [at] with @) ▪ Subject Line: Please write "Application for Specially Appointed Researcher (Full-

	<p>time) in IVAVunit."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Attachments: Include all application documents in PDF format (with full security countermeasures). <p>By Postal Service (if email submission is difficult):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Address: Center for Infectious Disease Education and Research, The University of Osaka, The University of Osaka and The Nippon Foundation Center for Infectious Diseases, 1-10 Yamadaoka, Suita-city, Osaka 565-0871 JAPAN ▪ Please write "Application for Specially Appointed Researcher (Full-time) in IVAVunit" on the envelope. ▪ Applications should be sent by registered mail. ▪ Note: Submitted application documents will not be returned. <p>Contact for inquiries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ General Affairs Section: kansensyo-soumu [at]office.osaka-u.ac.jp (Please replace [at] with @)
16. Application Deadline	Must arrive by 17 : 00, May 29, 2026 (Japan Standard Time)
17. Selection Process	<p>After reviewing the documents, we will proceed with interviews. Only candidates who pass the document review will be notified with the interview details.</p>
18. Additional Information	<p>Concerning work conditions other than above-mentioned, please refer to “36. Work Regulations for National University Corporation the University of Osaka Limited Term Staff” and/or related regulations. https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/information/joho/kitei_shugyou.html</p> <p>Please note that the work conditions outlined above 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. "Deemed exports" related to security export control are based on “Regulations Pertaining to Security Export Control”. Rules and Regulations — The University of Osaka</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. 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>
19. Recruiter	The University of Osaka