

NAOJ Project Assistant Professor Stationed at Kyushu University

Job Description:

The NAOJ (National Astronomical Observatory of Japan) ALMA Project invites applications for a Project Assistant Professor for ALMA Joint Scientific Research Program to conduct the research project “Clarifying the early stage of star formation with ALMA” using ALMA data (including archival data). The successful candidate will spend 100% of their time for this project in collaboration with Associate Professor Masahiro Machida at Kyushu University (Fukuoka, Japan). The successful candidate is required (1) to publish two first-author papers per year, and (2) to submit two ALMA proposal per year. The successful candidate may supervise students for the purpose of carrying out this project.

See below for further information.

- The ALMA Joint Scientific Research Program:
https://researchers.alma-telescope.jp/e/support_programs/alma_joint_scientific_research_program
- The research project:
https://researchers.alma-telescope.jp/j/files/almagrant_2022_machida_en.pdf

The successful candidate will be employed by NAOJ, and will be stationed at Kyushu University. In case the PI of the project (Associate Professor Machida) moves to another university or institute, the successful candidate is expected to accompany the PI. However, if the PI of the project moves to the NAOJ or other institutions where the successful candidate cannot follow the PI, the successful candidate will be relocated to NAOJ in Mitaka and continue the proposed research project. In this case, the employment is terminated at the end of the employment contract at that time without extension.

Vacant Post: Project Assistant Professor, one position

Term of Appointment:

In principle, the term is for two years from the starting date, and the probation period of six months is included. The starting date is April 1, 2022 or October 1, 2022. NAOJ will conduct reviews based on the mid-term performance report submitted by the PI 1.5 years (first review) and 3.5 years (second review) from the start of the project. Depending on the review results, the term may be extended. The extension shall be for two or one year(s) based on the results of the first and second reviews, respectively. For a researcher who was employed by

NINS (NINS, or the National Institutes of Natural Sciences, is an executive institute that manages NAOJ) after April 1, 2013, their term will be set so that the total employment period from April 1, 2013 will be less than 10 years. Please contact us for details.

Qualifications:

The applicant must have a PhD degree or equivalent in a relevant field.

Submission:

Applicants should prepare the documents in English, convert them to PDF (max 10MB per e-mail) and send them to the e-mail address with a subject line “Application for ‘NAOJ Project Assistant Professor in Kyushu University’”. Please contact us if you do not receive a reply within two working days.

Required Application Materials:

- (1) Cover letter with the title of the research project
- (2) Curriculum vitae (3) Publication list (Separate refereed papers from others. State your role for co-authored papers)
- (4) PDF files of up to three relevant papers
- (5) Statement describing your commitment and plans for the job
- (6) Two or more reference letters (must be sent by the reference persons themselves directly to submission e-mail address before the deadline)
- (7) Your e-mail address and phone number for prompt contact.

Application Deadline:

The application deadline is 2nd November, 2021, 15:00 (JST)

Contacts:

Inquiries about application process

JobRegister-contact-10_atmark_nao.ac.jp (replace _atmark_ with @)

Inquiries about research project

machida.masahiro.018_atmark_m.kyushu-u.ac.jp (replace _atmark_ with @)

Submission and general inquiries

alma-grant_atmark_alma.mtk.nao.ac.jp (replace _atmark_ with @)

Selection Process:

Qualified candidates who will proceed into the final selection may be interviewed by the

selection committee either via the internet or in person. The expense for the interview will not be covered by NAOJ.

The NAOJ Advisory Committee for Research and Management will make the final decision for the appointment.

Remarks:

This position is a full time position. The fellow will receive a monthly salary of 550,000 JPY plus compensation for commuting expenses up to 55,000 JPY each month. Social insurance, such as national health insurance, employee's pension insurance, employment insurance, and industrial accident compensation insurance will be enrolled. Bonus and retirement allowances are not provided. The working hours and holidays will be in accordance with Kyushu University's regulations:

- Work days: 5 days per week (from Monday to Friday);
- Work type: Discretionary work (standard work hours: 8:30-17:15 with an hour intermission);
- Holidays: Saturday, Sundays, National Holidays, New Year Holidays (December 29 - January 3);
- Paid Leave: shall be provided (annual paid leave);
- Special Leave: shall be provided (summer holidays);
- Smoking is prohibited on the premises.

It is possible to continue receiving external funds such as Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (KAKENHI) that have been approved prior to the employment, or apply for your own research funding after the employment, but the NAOJ ALMA Project will have to confirm whether the funding application conforms to this ALMA Joint Scientific Research Program.

Policy for Equal Employment Opportunity: Abiding by the Equal Employment Opportunity Act for Men and Women, NAOJ is committed to the realization of a society with gender equality.

- If two candidates are deemed equal in their performance evaluation, NAOJ will take positive action to employ women.
- If you have taken a leave(s) such as for maternity, child care, and/or family care, please indicate it in your curriculum vitae. We will consider it when assessing your performance.

For further information about NAOJ's efforts to achieve gender equal society, see

<https://www2.nao.ac.jp/~open-info/danjokyodo/index.html>

Information submitted in your application documents will not be used for any purpose other than the selection process and for contacting you with necessary notices in connection with the selection. Once the selection process is complete, we will securely dispose of all application documents and personal information, except for those submitted by the successful candidate.

Name of Recruiter:

Inter-University Research Institute Corporation, National Institutes of Natural Sciences,
National Astronomical Observatory of Japan