

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- Project Research Fellow (Project Researcher on Annual Salary System) at Astronomy Data Center, National Astronomical Observatory of Japan (NAOJ) -

1. Job Title: Project Researcher (Project Research Fellow), one position

2. Division: Astronomy Data Center

3. Work Location: National Astronomical Observatory of Japan (NAOJ), Mitaka, Tokyo

4. Area of Expertise: Astronomical Data Archive and/or Database Astronomy

5. Job Description:

Astronomy Data Center (ADC) of the National Astronomical Observatory of Japan (NAOJ) is operating the open-use computer systems for astronomical data analysis and also providing astronomical database and archive systems for delivering observational data to support astronomical activities in the world. SMOKA (<http://smoka.nao.ac.jp/>) is one of these systems for providing raw data from various optical and infrared ground-based observatories like Subaru Telescope, Okayama Astrophysical Observatory's 188cm telescope, Kiso Schmidt Telescope of The University of Tokyo, MITSuME telescopes of Tokyo Institute of Technology, and Kanata Telescope of Hiroshima University, and is contributing very much to scientific research and educational activities.

The successful candidate spends more than 50 % of the time on their own scientific research related to the data stored in ADC and other archive systems. The remaining time should be used on the duties for promoting effective operation of SMOKA system and data quality assurance and/or calibrations of data stored in SMOKA. The successful candidate is also expected to join to works on improvement and/or optimization of SMOKA system.

6. Terms of Appointment:

The successful candidate is expected to start the job as early as reasonably possible after May 1, 2022.

The term of employment will be up to three years, including the probation period of six months.

Note:

- (1) If the successful candidate had been employed by the National Institutes of Natural Sciences (NINS, which is an executive institute that manages NAOJ) within six months retroactively from the start date, the term will be set so that the total employment period after April 1, 2013 does not exceed ten years.
- (2) If the successful candidate had been employed as an NAOJ Project Researcher, the term will be set so that the total accumulated period of employment does not exceed five years.

(3) Renewal is possible only once. The period of employment after renewal shall not exceed two years, and (2) above regarding the total period of employment shall apply as well.

(4) Annual performance review will be conducted.

7. Qualifications:

- (1) The applicant must have a PhD degree or is expected to have it by the start date.
- (2) The Applicant should have an experience of programming on UNIX based computer system using computer languages like JAVA, and hopefully have the knowledge on relational database. It is also desirable to experience research works by using archived data.

8. Labor Conditions:

(1) Work Type and Work Hours:

The Discretionary Labor System for Professional Work shall be applied. (Standard work hours: 38.75 hrs/week, from 8:30 to 17:15 with an hour intermission)

(2) Holidays:

Saturdays and Sundays, National Holidays, New Year holidays (December 29th - January 3rd), Paid days off (annual leave, summer holidays, etc.)

(3) Social Insurances:

MEXT Mutual Aid Association (health insurance), Employees' Pension Insurance, Employment Insurance, Industrial Accident Compensation Insurance

(4) Remuneration:

The project researcher will be employed under an annual salary system, and will receive a salary of 350,000 JPY per month. Commuting expenses (up to 55,000 JPY per month) will be provided. Retirement allowances are not provided.

(5) Others:

- Day-care center for children (from 57 days old). *Availability depends on the situation. Childcare staff does not provide English support.
- Smoking is prohibited on the premises excluding designated outdoor smoking areas.
- Travel and relocation costs to NAOJ will be covered, subject to the travel regulations of NINS (details must be arranged with the administration office).

9. Selection Process:

A candidate will be selected through screening of application documents and interview (face-to-face or online). The expense for the interview will not be covered by NAOJ.

10. Required Application Documents: (*To be prepared in English)

- (1) A curriculum vitae,
- (2) A summary of past research activities,

- (3) A list of publications (Separate refereed and non-refereed papers. For co-authored papers, list all the names of authors),
- (4) An outline of research plans,
- (5) PDF copy of three major publications,
- (6) One reference letter: Please ask your reference to upload the letter directly using the URL indicated in 12. before the application deadline. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that the letter is submitted before the application deadline.

11. Closing Date for Application:

The application documents will be accepted until the position is filled by periodic selections but no later than 12:00(noon) on April 28 (Thu), 2022(Japan Standard Time).

12. Submission:

Applicants are required to apply via the NAOJ Nextcloud on the web.

- (1) Please access the following URL for registration:

<https://forms.office.com/r/LzSVei5tnS>

- (2) After you submit registration form, you will receive an email showing the URLs for (a) uploading your application documents, and (b) for your reference letter.
- (3) Please ask your reference to upload the letter via the URL (2)(b).
- (4) Please upload the application documents (from 10. (1) through 10. (5) above) via the URL (2)(a). These files must be in PDF format (max 50MB each, 100MB in total, at most 10 files).

13. Contacts:

If you have any question related to the job description, please contact;

KOSUGI, George,

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E-mail: george.kosugi_AT_nao.ac.jp (replace _AT_ with @)

If you have any question related to the other items, please contact;

E-mail: apply-ADC-prf20220428_AT_nao.ac.jp (replace _AT_ with @)

14. Remarks

- 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.
- The fellow will receive annual research funds of 500,000 JPY.
- Project researchers are eligible to apply for the Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (KAKENHI).

- 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, childcare, and/or family care, please indicate it in your curriculum vitae. We will consider it when assessing your performance. For details, see <https://www2.nao.ac.jp/~open-info/gender-equality/en/>.

15. Name of recruiter

Inter-University Research Institute Corporation, National Institutes of Natural Sciences (NINS),
National Astronomical Observatory of Japan (NAOJ)