

Job Posting

(for Specially Appointed Faculty, Researchers, etc.)

Affiliation	Department of Computer Science, School of Computing
Position title	Specially Appointed Assistant Professor
Number of Openings	1
Area of Specialization	Molecular Robotics, DNA Nanotechnology
Job Description	The successful candidate will conduct research in molecular robotics together with Prof. Hamada, contributing to the Molecular Robot Explorers project (MEXT Grant-in-Aid for Transformative Research Areas (A)) and other ongoing projects in the Hamada lab. The lab works on DNA nanotechnology, DNA hydrogels, and hybrid molecular systems, within an internationally connected research environment and active collaborations in the US, UK, and across Japan. The position offers access to well-equipped facilities and the freedom to develop an independent line of research.
Qualifications	Applicants should hold (or be close to completing) a PhD or equivalent degree in a relevant field, with appropriate laboratory research experience. We welcome colleagues who are curious, collaborative, and eager to drive their own research directions. Experience in molecular robotics, DNA nanotechnology, microfluidics, soft matter, or related areas is an advantage but not a prerequisite. We value candidates with strong potential and a willingness to grow into the field. Japanese language ability is not required. We are committed to providing an English-speaking research environment for international members: group meetings and discussions with Prof. Hamada will be held in English. While Japanese proficiency is not required, we encourage and support members who wish to develop their Japanese language skills during their time in the group.
Location	Yokohama Campus Nearest station: Suzukakedai
Working Hours	De facto working hours* under the discretionary labor system: 7 hours 45 minutes per day (38 hours 45 minutes per week) *Hours considered as working hours

Term	The contract will end on March 31, 2027. The contract may be extended. However, it may not be extended beyond March 31, 2031. The employment period is subject to Article 7 of the Institute's Employment Regulations for Fixed-Term Staff.
Probationary Period	14 days (The probationary period is subject to Article 12 of the Institute's Employment Regulations for Fixed-Term Staff.)
Salary	Annual salary (annual base salary) The applicant's salary will be determined in accordance with the Institute's Employment Regulations for Fixed-Term Staff.
Social insurance and other benefits	Employees' pension, MEXT Mutual Aid Association short term benefits (health insurance), employment insurance, worker's compensation insurance
Employer	President and Chief Executive Officer of National University Corporation Institute of Science Tokyo
Proposed Start Date	November 1, 2026, or the earliest possible date; the exact start date is negotiable to accommodate relocation and visa procedures.
Closing Date for Application	Applications must be received by September 6, 2026 (23:59 JST).
Selection Process	Selection will be based on a comprehensive review of applications and interviews (online).
Required Documents	- Curriculum vitae or résumé in any standard international format. The suggested template is optional and provided only for convenience. Please include your educational and professional history, honors and awards, and email address. (Items such as schooling history from high school onward or disciplinary records, requested under Japanese convention, may be included where applicable but are not required for international applicants.) - Accomplishment statement, including: - Refereed journal papers - Refereed conference proceedings and non-refereed conference proceedings - Commentaries - Books

	e. Patents, etc. Please include details for each category. For lectures, state if it was a keynote or invited lecture. For items a. and b., include the number of citations, h-index, and name of database* used. *Google Scholar Citations, Scopus, or Inspire - Up to three reprints or copies of major publications (one copy for each publication) - Acquired research grants and external funds. Include fund names of the funds, project titles, amounts, periods of research, roles, and allocated amounts (if not the principal researcher) - Research statement with a summary of research accomplishments and details of the future direction and plan for the applicant's work (no set format, up to two pages (A4 format)) - Community engagement record, including that as a member of international and academic committees - Two references with names, affiliations, and contact details - Applicant Information Summary form: (Important) Please fill in the Applicant Information Summary sheet (Excel file)
How to Submit an Application	Submit the documents via JREC-IN Portal Web
Contacts	Prof. Shogo Hamada Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track) Department of Computer Science, Institute of Science Tokyo Email: hamada@comp.isct.ac.jp Tel.: +81- 45-924-5643 Informal inquiries about the position and the lab are warmly welcomed before applying.
Other	- Application documents will not be returned. The personal information provided in the submitted documents will be used solely for recruitment and not for any other purpose, pursuant to the Institute's applicable rules and regulations. - Job descriptions and work locations may be subject to change due to organizational restructuring, within the scope defined by the Institute.

	3. The Institute, in order to ensure a diverse workforce, guarantees equal opportunities for all individuals regardless of nationality, gender, age, disability, or background. The Institute provides English-language information and resources to assist with life in Japan. https://www.isct.ac.jp/en/001/about/organizations/international-support-center 4. Smoking is prohibited on campus except in designated areas. 5. As a standard compliance step applied to all applicants, the Institute may confirm applicability of the "Specific Categories" under the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act. This is a routine administrative check and does not exclude applicants on the basis of nationality. 6. For more information, please refer to the following link. https://www.jinji2.jim.titech.ac.jp/koubo/en/ https://www.tmd.ac.jp/english/employment
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