Call for Postdoctoral Fellow (Fixed-term Project Researcher) (Kiyoto Kasai Laboratory)
at IRCN, The University of Tokyo

IRCN is conducting a team science project to investigate the brain pathophysiology of psychiatric disorders, primarily schizophrenia, using multiscale data—including MRI and omics data—from humans and animal models. We are seeking highly motivated postdoctoral fellows (Project Researchers) who are eager to contribute to the field of translational psychiatry.

1	Title / Number of positions	Project Researcher / One
2	Employment period	From April 1 2027 to March 31, 2028. Starting date is negotiable
3	Renewable	The contract may be renewed. If renewed, it shall be on an annual basis. Renewal will be judged based on the budgetary situation, the progress of the work engaged in, remaining work at the end of the contract period, work performance, work attitude, health situation, and other factors. If renewed, the final date of the employment is March 31, 2030, or three years from the date of hire, whichever comes first.
4	Probationary period	14 days from the date of hiring.
5	Place of work	Kiyoto Kasai Lab, International Research Center for Neurointelligence, The University of Tokyo Institutes for Advanced Study (7-3-1 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113-0033, JAPAN) Scope of change: In principle, within the same center.
6	Job Description	Management of human peripheral blood samples, planning and conducting sample analyses, and writing scientific papers. In addition, analysis of human multi-layered data, or planning, conducting and analyzing translational studies using animal models. Scope of change: The University may order employees to be reassigned to different positions, or order them to take up additional positions or to work on an external assignment.
7	Working Hours	Under the discretionary work system for specialized work, the employee is considered to work 7 hours and 45 minutes per day.
8	Holidays	Saturdays and Sundays; Statutory public holidays of Japan; Year-end and New Year holidays(December 29 through January 3)
9	Paid Leaves	Annual paid leaves, refreshment leave, congratulatory or condolence leave, etc
10	Salary & Benefits	● Salary: Annual salary system in accordance with the University of Tokyo Regulations, with a monthly salary of around ¥400,000 - ¥500,000 including Merit Based Allowances. (Salary is to be determined according to qualifications, ability, experience, etc.) ● Commuter allowance: If conditions apply, up to JPY55,000 per month ● No retirement benefits or bonuses
11	Available insurances	Eligible for MEXT Mutual Aid Association (health insurance and pension insurance), employment insurance, and workers' accident compensation insurance in accordance with laws and regulations. *MEXT: Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
12	Qualifications	(Required) - PhD in molecular biology or a related field (or expected to obtain one) - Ability to communicate in English - Ability to conduct research in a cooperative manner (Preferred) - Experience in bioinformatics analysis, MRI data acquisition or analysis, or research related to psychiatric disorders

13	Application documents	(1) Cover letter in English or Japanese (2) Curriculum vitae in English Please download and use the University of Tokyo Standard Resume Format. (https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/about/jobs.html) (3) Publication list (4) Two letters of recommendation in English
14	Submission	Interested applicants should send application materials to: kasaik-office#umin.ac.jp with the email title "Application for the Postdoctoral Fellow Position at IRCN". Please replace # with @ before using this email address.
15	Application Deadline and Selection Process	November 30, 2026, 17:00 (JST). Once a suitable candidate has been selected, the recruitment process will be closed. All applications will be screened, and only those qualified will be scheduled for an interview (on-site or via video). If your application passes the screening, you will be contacted by email for an interview.
16	Inquiries	Kasai Lab, International Research Center for Neurointelligence Attn: Kaoru Nakajima e-mail: kasaik-office#umin.ac.jp *Please replace # with @ before using this email address.
17	Recruiter Name	The University of Tokyo
18	Status of measures to prevent passive smoking	Smoking is prohibited on the premises (smoking areas are located outside)
19	Notices	(1) Submitted documents will not be returned. Personal information is handled carefully according to the Privacy Policy of the University of Tokyo, and will be used only for the job selection process. (2) Travel cost will not be paid in screening process. (3) For details on work conditions, please see the University of Tokyo Regulations on Conditions of Employment of Fixed-term Project Academic and Administrative Staff. (https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/about/rules_main.html) (4) The University of Tokyo promotes gender equality and actively encourages women to apply. (5) If you are personally under contract with foreign governmental bodies, corporations or universities, or if you receive substantial benefits (financial or otherwise) from foreign governmental bodies during the period of your employment, the provisions of the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (FEFTA) may prohibit or restrict the sharing of technologies that are designated as controlled technologies, possibly making it difficult for you to fulfill your duties as a member of the University's academic or administrative staff of the university as a result. Therefore, in such cases it is necessary to keep such contracts/benefits within the scope where it does not hinder the sharing of technologies necessary for your duties by the university.