

IFReC Kishimoto Foundation Fellowship

The WPI Immunology Frontier Research Center (IFReC), Osaka University, has launched a fellowship program supported by the Kishimoto Foundation, for researchers in various fields of immunology. The program is designed to support overseas researchers in order to promote and develop immunological research and international exchanges at IFReC.

The fellowships are open to postdoctoral researchers of non-Japanese nationality who seek to collaborate with IFReC immunology researchers. The salary is approximately ¥4,400,000 per year before tax. The initial employment contract is for one year. There is a possibility of renewal for the maximum up to three years. Detailed conditions are in accordance with working regulations of National University Corporation Osaka University.

Applicants should submit a CV, publication list, summary of research proposals (approx. 1000 words), a list of any grants acquired in the last five years, and three letters of recommendation by email to the General Affairs Section, IFReC. Applicants are also required to choose one or more research groups where they would like to work from immunology laboratories listed on our website.

Please inquire into the availability of the positions ahead of application because we have a limit to the number of staff at each laboratory and budget.

The Kishimoto Foundation was established in 2008 in honor of Dr Tadimitsu Kishimoto, who, during the 1980s and 90s, elucidated the function of interleukin - 6 (IL6), a key molecule for stimulating immune responses. He later developed the anti - IL6 receptor - based therapy tocilizumab to treat immune disorders such as Castleman's disease, rheumatoid arthritis and juvenile idiopathic arthritis. The Foundation supports research and innovation in biomedicine at Osaka University, where Dr Kishimoto was formerly the President (Nature 17 September, 2009;

<http://www.nature.com/naturejobs/2009/090924/full/nj0260.html>).

For more information about IFReC, please visit our website.

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