Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology

(Postdoc position available/ Neuronal mechanism for critical period Unit)

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Position summary:

We seek postdocs who will work in the Neuronal mechanism for critical period Unit (Principal Investigator: Yoko Yazaki-Sugiyama). Our research unit works on the brain mechanism for bird song learning. Postdocs are expected to work on one of the following projects:

1) Identifying brain mechanism of auditory information processing for song learning in zebra finch. (ref: Araki et al, Science 2016, 354: 1282-1287)

2) Revealing neuronal mechanism for regulation of song memory formation by social interaction.

(ref: Yanagihara & Yazaki-Sugiyama 2018, Behav Process, 10.1016/j.beproc.2018.04.003; 2016, Nat. Commun, doi: 10.1038/NCOMMS11946) However, other projects are also welcome with discussions.

Position:

Postdoctoral Scholar

Neuronal mechanism for critical period Unit (Principal Investigator: Yoko Yazaki-Sugiyama)

Working Location:

1919-1 Tancha, Onna-son, Okinawa, Japan 904-0495

Qualifications:

1. Ph. D. degree and communication skills in English or Japanese are required
2. Experience in neurobiology or neuroscience filed is required.
3. Experiences in electrophysiology is advanced

Report to:

Professor Yoko Yazaki-Sugiyama / Neuronal mechanism for critical period Unit

Starting Date:

As early as possible (negotiable)

Term & Working hours:

Term: Full-time, fixed term appointment for 3 years.
Working hours: 9:00-17:30 (Discretionary)

Compensation & Benefits:

Compensation in accordance with the OIST Employee Compensation Regulations

Benefits:

- Relocation, housing and commuting allowances
- Annual paid leave and summer holidays
- Health insurance (Private School Mutual Aid http://www.shigakukyosai.jp/)
- Welfare pension insurance (kousei-nenkin)
- Worker's accident compensation insurance (roudousha-saigai-hoshou-hoken)

How to Apply:

Apply by emailing your Submission Documents to:
yazaki-sugiyama[at] oist.jp
(Please replace [at] with @ before using this email address)

Submission Documents:

- Curriculum vita in English (and Japanese if available)
- Cover letter in English (and Japanese if available)
- Names and contact information of 3~5 referees, one of which should be a previous employer

* Please be sure to indicate where you first saw the job advertisement.

Application Due Date:

Applications deadline will continue until the position is filled.
(Applications will be screened upon arrival)

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* Information provided by applicants or references will be kept confidential, documents will not be returned. All applicants will be notified regarding the status of their applications.
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* Further details about the University can be viewed on our website (www.oist.jp).