



**Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology**  
**(Part-time Technician/Protein Engineering and Evolution Unit)**

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**Position summary:**

The protein engineering and evolution unit is now seeking for a part-time lab technician. Our research is focused in bioengineering and bio-catalysis.

**Position:**

Technician

The protein engineering and evolution unit (Laurino Unit) <https://groups.oist.jp/protein>

**Working Location:**

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

**Responsibilities:**

1. Routine lab work such as medium preparation, buffer preparation etc.
2. Cloning of genes in plasmid, protein expression and purification in e.coli (if you have experience also with yeast it is a plus).
3. Sometimes standardise conditions for experiments e.g. kinetics assay.

**Qualifications:**

**(Required)**

1. Master degree in biochemistry or molecular biology.
2. Hands on in most of these techniques: PCR, cloning, protein purifications, enzyme kinetics, ELISA assay, electrophoresis, SDS-PAGE, FPLC.
3. Good English knowledge.
4. Basic computer skills



5. Good communication skills, precise and well-organized person.

(Preferred)

1. Experience with site-directed mutagenesis, RNA extraction.
2. Experience with cell culture.
3. Expertise in HPLC and LC MS.
4. Experience with deep sequencing.

**Term:**

Part-time, appointment for 1 year. Contract initially with 3-month probationary period (inclusive). This contract may be renewed.

**Working hours:**

9:00-17:30 (upto 3 days per week, and/or upto 24 hours per week)

**Compensation & Benefits:**

- 1400 yen/hour
- Commuting allowance (in accordance with OIST Employee Compensation Regulation)

**Submission Documents:**

- Curriculum vitae in English
  - Cover letter in English (and Japanese if available)
  - Names and contact information of 2 referees, one of which should be a previous employer
- \* Please be sure to indicate where you first saw the job advertisement.

**Starting Date:**

Negotiable

**Application Due Date:**

Applications deadline will continue until the position is filled.

**Application Address:**

Please submit all required application materials by email to:

Paola.laurino#oist.jp

(Please replace # with @ before using this email address)



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(<https://groups.oist.jp/acd/information-disclosure/>).
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