

Open position of Associate Professor at the Institute of Multidisciplinary Research for Advanced Materials, Tohoku University

Recruitment:

A fixed-term (5 years) associate professor at the Institute of Multidisciplinary Research for Advanced Materials

Summary:

Position:	Associate Professor
Number of Positions	1
Job type:	Fixed term (5 years from April 1, 2026)
Location:	Institute of Multidisciplinary Research for Advanced Materials 2-1-1, Katahira, Sendai, Miyagi, Japan
Qualifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doctoral degree upon taking up the post• Distinguished research achievements• Native or near-native proficiency in English
Submission:	<u>Google Form</u> https://forms.gle/kbCxyWi1wr9V5ors8
Application Deadline:	November 28, 2025, JST 5:00pm
Starting Employment:	At the earliest date after April 1 st , 2026

For questions contact

Administrative questions:

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Please add "Tohoku University Inquiry" to the title and send all inquiries in English.

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Overview

The Institute of Multidisciplinary Research for Advanced Materials (IMRAM), Tohoku University, is seeking qualified candidates for the position of associate professor. The selected individual will engage in research activities focused on protein design in close collaboration with Distinguished Prof. William DeGrado at Tohoku University and other members of IMRAM. The qualified candidate would have broad interests in protein design, and a background in biophysics, organic chemistry, chemical biology or structural biology. Experience in protein design is desirable but not required. The candidate would work on peptide and protein design, defined broadly to include one or more of the following topics: membrane transport, catalysis, materials, pharmaceuticals, and sensor design.

The position aims to establish an internationally recognized research hub for next-generation proteins through these collaborations. This recruitment is part of a project associated with the "University for International Research Excellence" initiative, for which Tohoku University was the first institution to be certified in Japan.

Qualifications & Submissions

Due to the nature of the position, candidates must have a doctoral degree upon taking up the post and have native or near-native proficiency in English. Distinguished research achievements will be evaluated by the selection committee.

Please submit documents 1 to 6 listed below as a combined PDF file to Google Form (<https://forms.gle/kbCxvWi1wr9V5ors8>) by November 28, 2025, JST 5:00pm (total size 10 MB max).

Please use your name for the file name (ex. "Lastname_Firstname.pdf") and confirm that all files have been merged into one pdf file.

Application documents should be prepared in English.

1. CV with photo ([the prescribed Tohoku University template](#))
2. List of research achievements (original papers, proceedings, books/reviews, domestic and international conference presentations, and patents, etc.)
3. List of research funds received

4. Summary of past research activities (2 pages)
5. Statement of future research plans and aspirations upon appointment (2 pages)
6. Reference information from 3 people, including their name, contact details, and relationship with the applicant.

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Selection:

The selection committee may ask shortlisted candidates to make a presentation during the selection process. Please note, only those who are selected for an interview will be contacted.

Employment is scheduled to begin after April 1st, 2026.

Allocation, Laboratory Space & Accommodation:

Successful individuals will be allocated an office and laboratory space on Katahira campus in the IMRAM. There may also be the opportunity to move into university accommodation if there are any vacancies.

Compensation & Benefits:

The annual salary for the appointment will be determined in accordance with Tohoku University's employment regulations and will be based on the experience and performance of the candidate.

Welfare:

Successful individuals will be enrolled as a member of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Mutual Aid Association which will also provide health insurance for any dependents. Tohoku University will also provide pension insurance, employment insurance as well as industrial accident compensation insurance.

Annual Paid Leave:

Employees are entitled to twenty days annual paid leave per year. The number of days provided is reckoned as of January 1st. Each year, twenty days are added to any remaining paid leave from the previous calendar year (up to twenty days). Annual leave for the first year of employment is calculated based on the start date (e.g., a start date of April 1st would provide 15 days for the remaining nine months of the calendar year).

Remarks:

- Tohoku University has established a support system to assist the spouses of qualified faculty members in finding employment opportunities for academic and non-academic jobs within the

university. For more information, please contact the recruiting department.

- Tohoku University promotes activities to increase Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) and encourages people of varied talents from all backgrounds to apply for positions at the university. Tohoku University's website about the DEI Declaration can be found here:

<https://dei.tohoku.ac.jp/en/vision/about/>

- Pursuant to Article 8 of the Act on Securing, Etc. of Equal Opportunity and Treatment between Men and Women in Employment, Tohoku University shall, as a measure for increasing the presence of women among the academic staff, prioritize the hiring of women deemed qualified for each job opening, based on impartial evaluation.

- Tohoku University has published 'Tohoku University-Live as Who You Are-Guidelines for Gender and Sexual Diversity' to provide explanations and details of how those at the university should respond with respect to diverse sexuality. The purpose of the guidelines is to create an environment in which all students, faculty, and staff respect diverse sexuality in their academic, research, and professional activities.

Please see the Tohoku University Center for Gender Equality Promotion website:

https://dei.tohoku.ac.jp/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/EN_GuideLine.pdf

- Tohoku University has the largest on-campus childcare system of all Japanese national universities. This network comprises three nurseries: Kawauchi Keyaki Nursery school (capacity: 22) and Aobayama Midori Nursery school (116), both open to all university employees, as well as Hoshinoko Nursery school (120), which is open to employees working at Tohoku University Hospital. In addition, Tohoku University Hospital runs a childcare room for mildly ill and convalescent children which is available to all university employees

- See the following website for information on these and other programs that Tohoku University runs to assist work-life balance, to support researchers, and to advance gender equality, including measures to promote childcare leave among male employees.

Center for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Tohoku University Website:

https://dei.tohoku.ac.jp/en/vision/consulting/for_family/

Human Resources and Planning Department website (in Japanese only):

<https://c.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/jinji-top/external/a-4-kosodate/>