Faculty Position in research of advanced cognitive and affective brain functions using macaques

The RIKEN Center for Brain Science (CBS) was launched in April 2018 following the strong 20-year foundation of its predecessor, the Brain Science Institute (BSI). CBS aims to meet society’s ever-growing expectations for brain research.

Now, as a part of the third-round faculty recruitment at CBS, we are seeking an outstanding scientist for a Team Leader position in the field of macaque research. The candidate should plan to use macaques to elucidate mechanisms of advanced cognitive and affective brain functions, with the aim to link those to the human mind. Since researchers from various fields in neuroscience are collaborating at CBS, cross-disciplinary joint research is also encouraged after employment.

At RIKEN CBS, Team Leaders have full intellectual independence, generous internal funds including a highly competitive start-up package and access to ample communal facilities in a collaborative environment. Each Team Leader will hold a research management position, and as the head of a laboratory, s/he will provide leadership and guidance to laboratory members to conduct research. The successful candidate for the Team Leader position must have demonstrated the ability to develop an original, independent and internationally competitive research program.

We will prioritize the recruitment of a junior researcher in the hope of significant future development. The successful junior candidate will start in a definite-term position (equivalent to US assistant or associate professor, 10 years at maximum depending on evaluation) but have an opportunity to obtain an indefinite-term position in RIKEN after evaluation. However, we will also consider established investigators who have already made outstanding achievements.

[For details, please refer to the CBS website. (https://cbs.riken.jp/career-primate/?utm_source=display&utm_medium=other)]
Applications should be submitted by the end of November 2020.

Applicants should submit the electronic files of a cover letter with a brief summary of their research program and plan, curriculum vitae, list of research achievements and publications, list of acquired research funding, current research and achievements to date, future research plans, reprints of five major publications maximum, and necessary details (name, e-mail address, and relation with the applicant) about each of three referees, through the application form below. One of the three referees should be the current supervisor, if available. Please ask the three referees to follow the instruction e-mail that will be automatically sent to them to provide a recommendation letter. The letters should be signed by the person writing the letter and addressed to Dr. Hiroshi Matsumoto, the President of RIKEN. All files and recommendation letters should be written in English.


RIKEN CBS is located just outside of the international metropolis of Tokyo. English is the primary language used in activities at CBS, including seminars and administration. Institutional support is available to help non-Japanese speaking scientists, whom we particularly encourage to apply. RIKEN Center for Brain Science is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Women are strongly encouraged to apply.

For further inquiries please contact the RIKEN CBS Search Committee.

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