

Faculty Positions  
The Institute for Solid State Physics, The University of Tokyo

1. Job title  
One Project Research Associate position.
2. Affiliation  
Functional Materials Group
3. The Institute for Solid State Physics (ISSP), The University of Tokyo (UTokyo).
4. Place of work  
ISSP (5-1-5 Kashiwanoha, Kashiwa-shi, Chiba 277-8581, Japan).
5. Job description and responsibilities  
Inoue Group at Functional Materials Group conducting the MEXT Promotion of Development of a Joint Usage/Research System Project: Coalition of Universities for Research Excellence Program (CURE) ‘Multi-scale Quantum–Classical Life Interface Research Consortium’ focusing on elucidating the reaction mechanisms of photoreceptive proteins, developing novel light-responsive molecular tools, and medical applications such as visual regeneration. With this announcement, we are seeking young researchers to collaborate with Prof. Inoue in advancing the research of this program. It is desirable for applicants to have prior research experience in protein science, spectroscopic measurements, physical chemistry experiments, and biochemical experiments. Additionally, a keen interest in specialized education for graduate students is preferred.
6. Qualifications and requirements  
The candidate must hold a Ph.D. or an equivalent degree, or be on track to earn one before the start date.
7. Contract period  
From the earliest possible date after the offer of employment until March 31, 2028
8. Duration of appointment renewal or not  
There is a possibility of renewal of this position. That decision is made based on progress of the work, workload at the end of the contract term, work performance, work attitude, health situation, and other factors. The renewal shall be limited to once, and its term must not exceed March 31, 2033.
9. Probation period  
Fourteen days from the start date of employment (as defined in article 8 of UTokyo’s “Rules on Employment Conditions”).
10. Application deadline  
All documents must be received on or before Thursday, November 30th, 2023 (Japan Time).
11. Application documents
  - (i) By general application:
    - Curriculum Vitae: UTokyo’s official format must be used, which can be downloaded at <https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/about/jobs.html>
    - List of achievements (mark your particularly important publications with a circle)
    - Reprints of significant publications (three publications; copies are acceptable)
    - A brief summary of your previous research and major accomplishments (kept within a few A4 or Letter-size pages)
    - Research plan at ISSP (kept within a few A4 or Letter-size pages)
    - A single reference’s letter of recommendation or description of the candidate. By the application deadline, the candidate must arrange for one professional reference to be submitted independently by the referee to the office ([issp-jinji@issp.u-tokyo.ac.jp](mailto:issp-jinji@issp.u-tokyo.ac.jp))
  - (ii) By recommendation:
    - A letter of recommendation
    - Curriculum Vitae: UTokyo’s official format must be used, which can be downloaded at <https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/about/jobs.html>
    - List of achievements (mark your particularly important publications with a circle)
    - Reprints of significant publications (three publications; copies are acceptable)

- A brief summary of your previous research and major accomplishments (kept within a few A4 or Letter-size pages)
- Research plan at ISSP (kept within a few A4 or Letter-size pages)

12. How to submit

All application materials must be received via post or email.

- By post:

Send application materials via simplified registered mail or another trackable delivery service to:

General Affairs Office, The Institute for Solid State Physics, The University of Tokyo, 5-1-5 Kashiwanoha, Kashiwa, Chiba, 277-8581. (Email: [issp-jinji@issp.u-tokyo.ac.jp](mailto:issp-jinji@issp.u-tokyo.ac.jp) / Telephone: +81-4-7136-3207)

The following must be typed in red on the envelope, “Application documents for a Project Research Associate Position in Functional Materials Group (Inoue Group) enclosed” or “Recommendation documents for a Project Research Associate Position in Functional Materials Group (Inoue Group) enclosed”.

- By email:

To obtain a URL for uploading application documents, send an email to ISSP General Affairs Office ([issp-jinji@issp.u-tokyo.ac.jp](mailto:issp-jinji@issp.u-tokyo.ac.jp)) with the subject line “Application for a Project Research Associate Position in Functional Materials Group (Inoue Group)”. Then, use the URL provided to upload all of your application documents (For general application, the letter of recommendation or description of the candidate should be submitted directly from the referee to the office). Please get in touch with the office if you do not receive a response to your application documents within three business days of sending them.

13. Inquiries

Functional Materials Group, ISSP, UTokyo

Associate Professor Keiichi Inoue

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14. Employers name

The University of Tokyo.

15. Working hours

Based on the discretionary work system for professional work, working hours are deemed to be 7 hours and 45 minutes per day.

16. Days off

Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, and end-of-year holidays (December 29<sup>th</sup> to January 3<sup>rd</sup>).

17. Paid leave

Annual paid leave; special paid leave, etc.

18. Salary

The basic salary will be decided after considering the successful candidate’s academic and professional background. Commuting allowance (up to 55,000 yen per month), and other allowances and a system for regular wage raises are provided following the related regulations of UTokyo.

19. Insurance

Enrollment in the insurance scheme provided by the Mutual Aid Association of MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) and employment insurance.

20. Others

- The successful candidate will be determined following the ISSP faculty meeting’s deliberations. The position will remain vacant if no suitable candidates are identified.
- UTokyo is committed to gender equality in employment and encourages female applicants.
- According to the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (FEFTA) and other regulations, if you hold a concurrent position with an overseas organization or receive a substantial amount of income from a foreign government or other sources that restrict the sharing of your research skills and outcomes at UTokyo, you may have difficulty fulfilling your responsibilities as a member of the UTokyo faculty. Any subsequent dual employment and others after assuming the position should be limited to the extent that it does not interfere with the sharing of research skills and outcomes at UTokyo.
- The submitted materials used to fill out the application will not be returned. Your CV will be used solely for the purposes of this application, and your personal information will not be disclosed, transferred, or rented to

any third party without your permission.

- The status of measures to prevent second-hand smoke is indoor smoking cessation (establishment of smoking areas).

October 24, 2023

ISSP Director

Zenji HIROI