

Faculty Position in SANKEN, The University of Osaka

Outline	Prof. Komatani Laboratory (Department of Knowledge Science), SANKEN, the University of Osaka, conducts research on various aspects of dialogue systems, ranging from fundamental studies to the development of applied systems. The laboratory is seeking an Assistant Professor who has a flexible approach and can contribute to advancing and leveraging the laboratory's research strengths. The successful candidate will be responsible for conducting research, managing the laboratory, and educating both undergraduate and graduate students. Inquiries about the research focus and policies are welcome.
1. Position	Assistant Professor
2. Number of Positions	1 (One)
3. Affiliation	SANKEN (Department of Knowledge Science (Komatani Laboratory))
4. Work Location	Suita Campus (8-1 Mihogaoka, Ibaraki-City, Osaka, Japan)
5. Specialized Field	Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Dialogue Systems, Speech Information Processing, Natural language Processing
6. Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research in the areas mentioned above. • Educational activities for undergraduate and graduate students. • Administrative duties in the laboratory.
7. Qualifications	<p>[Essential]</p> <p>Applicants must have the following qualifications:</p> <p>(1) Possession of a Ph.D. at the time of appointment.</p> <p>(2) Sufficient research achievements in one of the above specialized fields.</p> <p>(3) Ability to conduct research independently through programming and experimentation.</p> <p>(4) Proficiency in both Japanese and English, at a level sufficient for performing duties effectively.</p>
8. Starting Date	April 1, 2026 (or as soon as possible thereafter) (Negotiable)
9. Term of Employment	<p>The term is 5 years from the starting date.</p> <p>*After the completion of the term, the contract may be extended, subject to the continuity of work and performance evaluation.</p> <p>*The maximum cumulative contract term is 10 years from the starting date, based on the "Regulations Pertaining to Contract Period of National University Corporation Osaka University Fixed-term Staff, etc."</p>
10. Probationary Period	6 months
11. Employment Form	<p>Based on "38. Regulations Pertaining to Working Hours, Holidays and Leave for National University Corporation Osaka University Limited Term Staff"</p> <p>https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/information/joho/kitei_shugyou.html</p> <p>*The Discretionary Labor System, Special Work Type will be applied with the applicant's consent. (deemed working hours: 8 hours a day)</p>
12. Salary and Benefits	<p>Based on "47. Salary Regulations for National University Corporation Osaka University Limited Term Staff Subject to New Annual Salary System"</p> <p>https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/information/joho/kitei_shugyou.html</p> <p>Retirement allowance will not be paid but special bonuses may be paid in accordance with "21. Special Regulations Pertaining to the Salary and Retirement Allowance for Special Case Staff of National University Corporation Osaka University"</p>

13. Insurance	Medical insurance and employee's pension insurance of the Federation of National Public Service Personnel Mutual Aid Associations, Employment Insurance and Industrial Accident Compensation Insurance
14. Application Documents	<p>Applications must be written in English or Japanese and include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Curriculum Vitae (CV) *Please use the university form for educational/research positions available at the following website. https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/news/employ/links 2. A list of research achievements (Please classify publications into the following categories and number them: A. Journal papers, B. Review/tutorial papers, C. International conferences (with full paper review), D. International conferences (others), E. Domestic conferences, F. Books, G. Patents, H. Awards, I. Invited talks, J. Grants, K. Academic service, and L. Miscellaneous.) 3. An outline of research achievements (within two A4 pages) 4. A research plan and educational aspirations (within two A4 pages) 5. The name, affiliation, and contact information of two professional referees who are willing to be contacted regarding the applicant 6. PDF files of major papers (up to 3) 7. Copies of English proficiency certificates such as TOEFL, IELTS, or TOEIC scores, a description of periods of residency outside Japan that demonstrate your English ability, or English related job experiences <p>*Personal information in the application documents will only be used for the purpose of screening and hiring procedures and will not be disclosed to any third party.</p>
15. Sending Address and Contact Information	<p>Please submit your application by e-mail to: komatani@sanken.osaka-u.ac.jp</p> <p>*Please write "Application for the assistant professor position in Komatani Laboratory" in the subject line.</p> <p>*Please attach the application documents in PDF format (with full security countermeasures applied).</p> <p>We will send a receipt confirmation email upon arrival. If you do not receive any communication within three days, please contact us by phone.</p> <p>Contact Person: Professor Kazunori Komatani Tel: +81-6-6879-8415 E-mail: komatani@sanken.osaka-u.ac.jp</p>
16. Application Deadline	October 31, 2025 (Japan Standard Time) or until the position is filled
17. Selection Process	<p>Document screening will be followed by interviews. Only applicants who pass the document screening will be notified about the interview.</p> <p>*Travel and accommodation fees necessary for interviews are to be covered by the applicant. For applicants residing overseas, the applicant may request an online interview.</p> <p>*Please note that unsuccessful applicants will not be contacted.</p>
18. Additional Information	<p>Concerning work conditions other than the above-mentioned, please refer to "36. Work Regulations for National University Corporation Osaka University Limited Term Staff" and/or related regulations. https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/information/joho/kitei_shugyou.html</p> <p>Please note the above-mentioned work conditions are as of the day this employment offer is posted, and subject to change.</p> <p>In principle, there will be no changes to the affiliation, work location, or responsibilities after employment.</p> <p>"Deemed exports" related to security export control are based on "Regulations Pertaining to Security Export Control".</p> <p>We also particularly encourage applications from female candidates.</p>

	<p>*The University of Osaka is committed to promoting gender equality and providing various supports for female academic staff members. http://www.di.osaka-u.ac.jp/en_lp/</p> <p>*The University of Osaka campuses and related facilities are smoke-free, except for designated areas.</p> <p>*National University Corporation Osaka University is the same as the University of Osaka</p>
19. Recruiter	The University of Osaka