

Research position
at Suzuki Lab, Center for Cancer Immunotherapy and Immunobiology (CCII)
Kyoto University

April 20, 2026

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| Job title | Program-Specific Researcher (Fixed-Term) |
| Number of position | 1 |
| Location | Center for Cancer Immunotherapy and Immunobiology (CCII), Graduate School of Medicine, Kyoto University (Location: Bristol Myers Squibb (BMS) Building, Yoshida Konoe-cho, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto, Japan) In case telecommuting is permitted or ordered by the university, home or other locations. |
| Job description | <p>About the Role</p> <p>The Suzuki Lab at CCII is seeking a highly motivated and talented Postdoctoral Fellow to join our team. Our research focuses on bridging the gap between fundamental cancer immunology and clinical application. We leverage cutting-edge mouse models and human clinical samples to tackle one of the most important challenges in oncology: overcoming resistance to anti-PD-1 therapy.</p> <p>Research Focus & Vision</p> <p>Our laboratory's core mission is to understand why certain patients (non-responders) fail to benefit from immunotherapy. We specifically focus on how the immune microenvironment varies across cancer subtypes and the mechanisms by which tumours evade immune surveillance. By integrating sophisticated mouse models with high-dimensional analysis of human specimens—facilitated by our close partnership with Kyoto University Hospital—we aim to identify novel therapeutic interventions that can sensitize non-responsive tumours to treatment.</p> <p>Technological Environment</p> |

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| | <p>As a member of CCII, a world-leading hub for cancer immunology research, you will have access to state-of-the-art facilities and a collaborative network of world-leading scientists. You will employ a multi-disciplinary approach, utilizing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced In Vivo Models: Genetically engineered mouse models (GEMMs), orthotopic transplantation, and drug efficacy evaluation in preclinical mouse models. • High-Resolution Analysis: Flow cytometry/cell sorting, single-cell RNA sequencing (scRNA-seq), and metabolomics. • Next-Generation Tools: CRISPR/Cas9 genome editing, organoid/T-cell co-culture systems, and spatial transcriptomics. • Data Science: Advanced bioinformatics analysis using R. <p>Mentorship and Career Development</p> <p>We are deeply committed to the professional growth of our team members. The PI has a proven track record of international mentorship, having successfully guided over 15 Master's and PhD students from diverse backgrounds, many of whom have pursued careers in academia. We provide a supportive, high-energy environment designed to help you achieve your career goals.</p> <p>For further details, please visit the Suzuki Lab page on the CCII website:</p> <p>https://www.cci.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/research/divisions-labs/juniorpi-suzukilab/</p> |
| Qualifications required | <p>We are looking for an ambitious and collaborative scientist who meets the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Background: A PhD (or equivalent doctoral degree) in Cancer Biology, Immunology, Molecular Biology, or a related field in Life Sciences/Medicine. Candidates nearing the completion of their PhD are also |

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| | <p>strongly encouraged to apply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Expertise: A minimum of three years of research experience in life sciences, demonstrating a solid foundation in experimental design and execution. • Collaborative Skills & Teamwork: As our research is highly interdisciplinary, we place a high value on individuals who thrive in a team-oriented environment. We are specifically looking for candidates with experience of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Supporting the research activities of colleagues and contributing to a positive lab culture. ○ Mentoring or supervising junior students (Master's or PhD level). ○ Active participation in collaborative research projects across different disciplines. • Communication: Strong organizational and interpersonal skills, with the ability to work effectively as part of a diverse, international research team. |
| Contract term | The initial appointment will be from the earliest possible date until March 31, 2027, with the possibility of annual renewal thereafter. However, the maximum term is until March 31, 2031. Renewal of the contract will be determined based on the workload, work performance, attitude, ability, progress of the work engaged in, management situation, acceptance of external funds under the employment, and other factors at the time of expiration of the contract period. |
| Probation period | Yes (6 months: based on the University's employment regulations for faculty and staff) |
| Working hours | <p>Discretionary work system for specialized work (equivalent to 38 hours and 45 minutes per week, 7 hours and 45 minutes per day)</p> <p>Holidays: Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, year-end and New Year's holidays, anniversary of the founding of the university (June 18)</p> |

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| Salary and allowances | Determined by ability and experience based on the University's payment standards (annual salary system) (No allowances, bonuses, retirement allowances, etc. are provided.) |
| Social insurance | (1) Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Mutual Aid Association (2) Employee's pension insurance (3) Employment insurance (4) Workers' compensation insurance |
| How to Apply Where to Submit Contact for inquiries | Please send the following (1) to (3) in PDF format as attachments to suzuki.toshiyasu.8w * kyoto-u.ac.jp (replace * with @) with " <u>Application for the position of Researcher, Suzuki Lab</u> " in the subject line. (1) Curriculum vitae, including: 1. Personal Information {Full name, Current affiliation and position, Email address, ORCID, LinkedIn, Photo (optional)} 2. Education (Thesis, University, year and month) 3. Research experience 4. Fellowships 5. Fundings 6. Publications 7. Presentations 8. Honor and awards 9. Supervision & Mentoring experience 10. Techniques & Skills 11. Professional activity 12. Other Activities that you want to appeal (2) Cover letter (3) Contact information (Names, affiliations, job titles, and their relationship to the applicant) for three references For international applicants: please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns regarding relocating to or living |

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| | <p>in Japan. We are happy to provide support and information.</p> <p>For inquiries, please contact suzuki.toshiyasu.8w * kyoto-u.ac.jp (replace * with @).</p> |
| Application Deadline | Applications will be closed as soon as a suitable candidate is selected. |
| Selection process | <p>Selection Process</p> <p>1. Document Screening Initial screening will be conducted based on the submitted application materials.</p> <p>2. Informal Online Chat Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an informal online meeting. This is an opportunity for you to learn more about the PI's vision and the specific responsibilities of the role, while allowing us to assess your suitability for the position.</p> <p>3. Formal Interview Candidates who pass the informal stage will proceed to a formal interview.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For international applicants, interviews are typically conducted online. • Detailed information regarding the interview format and schedule will be sent individually to the selected candidates. <p>Should any travel or accommodation expenses be incurred for the interview, please understand that these will be the responsibility of the applicant.</p> |
| Other | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We will not be able to answer any questions regarding the selection process or reasons for rejection. - Application documents will be used only for the purpose of employment screening. We will not disclose, transfer, or lend your application documents to any third party without a valid reason. - Application documents will not be returned. - Kyoto University promotes gender equality. Kyoto University is promoting gender equality, and we expect many female researchers to actively apply. - Applications will be reviewed after giving due consideration to the content and duration of any period of interruption in |

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| | <p>research due to childbirth, childcare, nursing care, or other reasons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On all campuses, Kyoto University is working to prevent passive smoking by prohibiting smoking indoors and outdoors, except in designated smoking areas. |
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