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**Position summary:**
Two postdoctoral positions are available immediately in the Bioinspired Soft Matter Unit. Highly motivated candidates are welcomed to join the dynamic research team studying the synthetic self-assembly systems with emphasis in biological applications.

**Position:**
Postdoctoral Scholar Position  
Bioinspired and Soft Matter Unit

**Working Location:**
1919-1 Tancha, Onna-son, Okinawa, Japan 904-0495

**Responsibilities:**
The candidate will have an opportunity to lead his/her project, develop collaborations in a mentored environment. They will be encouraged to present research findings at national/international meetings. It is expected that the individual will be involved in high-impact publications and eager for career development.
**Qualifications:**

*(Required)*

1. PhD degree in chemistry, chemical biology or related scientific disciplines with relevant lab experience in organic/inorganic synthesis/biochemistry.
2. Proficiency in written and spoken English

*(Preferred)*

Research background in tumor biology, immunology, or stem cell biology is preferred but not essential.

**Term:**

Full-time, fixed term appointment for 1 year to 2 years. Contract initially with 3-month probationary period (inclusive). This contract may be renewed.

**Working hours:**

9:00-17:30 (Discretionary)

**Compensation:**

In accordance with the OIST Employee Compensation Regulations

**Benefits:**

- Relocation, housing and commuting allowances
- Annual paid leave and summer holidays
- Health insurance (Private School Mutual Aid [http://www.shigakukyosai.jp/](http://www.shigakukyosai.jp/)), welfare pension insurance (kousei-nenkin), worker’s accident compensation insurance (roudousha-saigai-hoshou-hoken)

**Submission Documents:**

- Curriculum vita with publication list in English (and Japanese if available)
- Cover letter in English (and Japanese if available)
- Names and contact information of 2 referees, one of which should be a previous employer

*Please be sure to indicate where you first saw the job advertisement.*

**Starting Date:**

Negotiable
**Application Due Date:**
Applications deadline will continue until the position is filled.

**Application Address:**
Please submit all required application materials by email to:

ye.zhang#oist.jp

(Please replace # with @ before using this email address)

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