

Call for Applications: Project Researcher, Graduate School of Engineering, Chiba University

Position Title	Project Researcher
Number of Positions	1
Affiliation	Department of General Engineering, Graduate School of Engineering
Field of Expertise	Theoretical condensed matter physics of magnetism/correlated materials
Ideal Candidate Profile	(1) We focus on the nature of rare-earth compounds and their applications to quantum memory. In the project, we will analyze the electronic and magnetic states of several rare-earth systems, unravel their decoherence processes, and propose methods to control these states efficiently. We will closely collaborate with an experimental group led by Jian-Rui Soh (A*STAR, Singapore).
	(2) The candidate will conduct research with Dr. Iwahara. Prior knowledge of the theory of rare-earth materials is not required.
	(3) Ability to write and publish articles.
Duties	Research work in the above-mentioned field
Courses	Undergraduate - Graduate -
Start Date	From April 2026. Flexible but as soon as possible.
Qualification	PhD degree in Physics, Materials Science, Chemistry, or a related field, or expected completion by March 2026.

Salary	Will be provided in accordance with the university's annual salary regulations. Gross monthly salary: approximately 500,000 JPY.
Working Hours	In principle, 8:30-17:15. The discretionary labor system will be applied.
Holidays	Weekly holidays (Saturday and Sunday), national holidays, and December 29 to January 3. (Work may be required on weekly holidays and national holidays.)
Leave	Annual paid leave, special leave (maternity leave, bereavement leave, etc.), sick leave, childcare leave, etc.
Mandatory Retirement Age	The end of the fiscal year in which the employee turns 65.
Initial Term	From date of employment until the end of March 2027.
Benefits	Enrollment in workers' compensation insurance, employment insurance, and the Mutual Aid Association of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (pension and health insurance).

Application Documents

- (1) Detailed CV [Contact information, education, employment history, expertise]
- (2) List of publications (both peer-reviewed and preprints)
- (3) PDF files of the most important articles (up to 3 articles)
- (4) Summary of your achievements and motivation (about 1 page)
- (5) Contact details of at least 2 academic references

Submission Deadline	Friday, February 20, 2026
Submission email address	Combine all the application documents into one PDF file, and send it to "naoya.iwahara@chiba-u.jp". Within 3 working days, I will reply to you. If not, let me know.
Important information	<p>① Application documents will be used only for the selection process and will not be returned in principle. They will be responsibly disposed of after the selection.</p> <p>② Paper screening and online interview. As soon as we receive the applications, we begin the selection process. The recruitment will close once a suitable candidate is found; otherwise, the deadline may be extended.</p> <p>③ If educational and research achievements are equivalent, women and non-Japanese applicants will be given positive consideration.</p>
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