Application Guidelines for Specially Appointed Assistant Professor in Neuropathology, Niigata University

Niigata University has been promoting advanced brain science research as a leading national and international hub for research on neurological disorders. Under the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) initiative “J-PEAKS (Program for Forming Japan’s Peak Research Universities),” the university is strengthening research capabilities in the priority field “Brain and Life” designated as a presidential strategic area.

We are seeking a core project member who will engage in pathological diagnosis and pathophysiological research on neurological diseases. Details are as follows:

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1. Affiliation

Center for Human Brain Resource Initiative, Niigata University

2. Field of Expertise

Human Brain Pathology

3. Position and Number

Specially Appointed Assistant Professor, one position

4. Start Date

As early as possible on or after January 1, 2027

5. Salary and Benefits

- Annual salary system: JPY 5 million – 8 million
  (Determined based on experience and qualifications, in accordance with Niigata University regulations)
- Allowance: Commuting allowance (subject to university regulations)
- Insurance: National Public Service Personnel Mutual Aid Association, Employment Insurance, Workers' Compensation Insurance

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6. Duties and Requirements

(1) Responsibilities

- Engage in pathological diagnosis and pathophysiological research on a wide range of neurological diseases, including pathological autopsies
- Promote collaborative research with domestic and international institutions
- Perform other duties related to this project

(2) Requirements / Selection Criteria

- Motivation to conduct neuropathological diagnosis and research based on neuropathology
- *Prior experience in neuropathological diagnosis or research is not required*
- *Upon request, guidance will be provided to support the acquisition of certification as a Certified Neuropathologist by the Japanese Society of Neuropathology.*

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7. Term of Appointment

- Until March 31, 2027

- The contract may be renewed annually based on evaluation, within the duration of the project (maximum of 10 years, including any previous employment at Niigata University unless interrupted by more than six months)
- The current project is scheduled to continue through the end of FY2029 (March 31, 2030)

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8. Working Conditions

- Discretionary labor system for professional work
  (deemed working hours: 7 hours 45 minutes per day)
- Alternatively, fixed working hours system:
  38 hours 45 minutes per week (8:30–17:15,including a lunch break from 12:00 to 13:00)
- The system will be chosen in consultation at the time of appointment
- Holidays: Weekends, national holidays, year-end and New Year holidays

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9. Qualifications

- Must hold a valid medical license in their home country.
- Must be able to commute to the Asahimachi Campus of Niigata University after employment

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10. Application Documents *(one copy each; email submission accepted)*

1. **Curriculum Vitae (CV)** (free format / English versions may be submitted.)
   Include:
   - Name, current address, phone number, email

- Education (from university onward), employment history, degrees
- Academic/social activities, licenses, awards and disciplinary history
- Attach a photo and signature

Important:

- The “awards and disciplinary history” section must include not only awards and criminal penalties but also any past disciplinary actions related to harassment or misconduct involving students, including details
- False statements may result in cancellation of appointment or disciplinary measures

2. **References** (free format / English versions may be submitted.)
    - Applicants are requested to provide the names and contact information of two referees (affiliation, position/title, telephone number, and e-mail address). The University reserves the right to contact the referees during the selection process to obtain additional information regarding the applicant's research accomplishments, educational activities, professional experience, and suitability for the position.
3. **Submission Method**
    - Postal: Mark envelope in red “Application Documents (Pathological Diagnosis)” and send by registered mail
    - Email: Submit all documents as PDF attachments with subject “Application Documents (Neuropathology)”
        - If total size exceeds 10MB, use a file transfer service

Notes:

- Application materials will not be returned
- Personal information will be handled in accordance with applicable data protection laws

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11. Application Deadline

December 28, 2026 (Monday, 17:00 (JST)
Applications will be closed once the position is filled

12. Selection Process

- Screening based on application documents
- Final selection via interview (travel expenses not covered)
- Interviews will be held at the Asahimachi Campus（or an online interview）
- Details will be provided to shortlisted candidates

13. Contact and Submission Address

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