

List of Supervisors and Research Fields

As of April 1, 2026

Doctoral Course

Transdisciplinary Life Science Course, Division of Life Science

Fields	Supervisors		Research Topics
Bioinformation and Molecular Science	Professor	OSE Toyoyuki	Protein, nucleic acid, enzyme, signal transduction, infection regulation, disease related factor, X-ray/neutron structural biology, cryo-EM, NMR, quantum biology, protein crystallography, computer science, protein science, biophysics https://altair.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/g6new/
	Associate Professor	UEHARA Ryota	Cell division, ploidy dynamics, chromosome abnormality, cytoskeleton, cancer, microscope, photocontrol, cell culture, zebrafish https://altair.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/uehara_lab/
	Professor	NAKAOKA Shinji	mathematical biology, systems biology, bioinformatics, microbial ecology, precision medicine, multi-omics, mathematical modeling, machine learning, big data analysis https://altair.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/infmcb/index-e.html
Biomaterials Science	Professor Associate Professor Specially Appointed Associate Professor	MONDE Kenji TANIGUCHI Tohru YUYAMA Kohei	Chemical Biology, Chirality, Organic Synthesis, Inhibitors, Vibrational Circular Dichroism, Helix, Lipid Mediator, Glycoconjugate, Medicinal Chemistry, Organic Probe Synthesis, Deep Tissue Imaging, Extracellular vesicle https://altair.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/infchb/
	Professor	FUJIWARA Koichi	Machine Learning, Biosignal Processing, Medical Device and Medical AI Development https://life.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/en/tl/lab/biomedical-data-science

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Functional Cellular Science	Professor	NAKAMURA Kiminori	innate immunity, antimicrobial peptide, mucosal immunity, intestinal epithelial cell, Paneth cell, alpha-defensin, stem cell, intestinal microbiota, intestinal environment, inflammatory bowel disease, lifestyle diseases, mental health, aging, cancer, allergy, food and medicine, preventive medicine, therapeutics https://altair.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/infsig/english/
	Associate Professor	KITAMURA Akira	Proteostasis, Molecular Chaperones, Protein aggregation, Protein folding, Fluorescence measurement, Bioimaging, Fluorescence Correlation Spectroscopy, Biomolecular Interaction, C. elegans https://altair.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/infmcd/English/top_eng.html
	Associate Professor	ADACHI Hiroaki	Plant-microbe interaction, Plant pathology, Plant immunity, Pathogen infection, Immune receptor, Effector, Signaling, Genome, Genetics, Protein-protein interaction, Biochemistry, Cell biology, Molecular biology, Plant physiology, Cell development, Live cell imaging, Structural biology, Structure modeling, Gene editing https://life.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/en/fa/lab/plant-immunity
Functional and Regulatory Life Science	Professor	HINOUE Hiroshi	Chemical biology, Medicinal chemistry, Glycomedicine, Automated glycosynthesis, Glycoblotting, Glycomics, Glycotyping, Glycobiology, Biomarker discovery, Dynamic epitope, Glycopeptide, Antibody drug, Glycoconjugates probe, Microarray, Glycoionization, Mass Spectrometry https://altair.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/g4/index.html
Biomolecular Adaptation Science (Inter-field Cooperation with AIST)	Visiting Professor	KOMATSU Yasuo	Biotechnology, Structural biology, Nucleic acid engineering, Electrochemistry Molecular structure, Protein, Cell, Antifreeze protein, Functional DNA/RNA, microRNA (miRNA), Regulation of gene expression, Oligonucleotide therapeutics, Scanning electrochemical microscopy, Cell evaluation, Cryobiology, Biosensor https://altair.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/g_renkei/English/index.html
	Visiting Professor	KONDO Hidemasa	
	Visiting Professor	HIRANO Yu	
	Visiting Associate Professor	MIYAFUSA Takamitsu	
Frontier Biomaterials Science Inter-Field Cooperation with National Institute for Material Science (NIMS)	Visiting Associate Professor	YAMAZAKI Tomohiko	Nanomedicine, nanobiotechnology, protein engineering, nucleic acid-based drug, adjuvant, DNA aptamer, biosensor, immune system, nanoparticle, DNA delivery, Living radical polymerization, polymer brush, nanofiber, biointerface, biomaterials https://life.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/en/tl/lab/frontier-biomaterials-science https://www.nims.go.jp/group/frontierbiomaterials/en/ https://www.nims.go.jp/hokudai/en/
	Visiting Associate Professor	YOSHIKAWA Chiaki	

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Higher Order Cellular Functions	Professor	FUJITA Tomomichi	plant, evolutionary development, stem cell, cell polarity, cell cycle, cell proliferation and differentiation, environmental stress, mechanical stress, abscisic acid, moss, space utilization science, applications to lunar and Martian terraforming, Physcomitrium patens, Arabidopsis thaliana https://keitai1.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/en.html/
	Associate Professor	NARAMOTO Satoshi	(1) Molecular mechanisms of polar auxin transport, (2) Evolutionary process of polar auxin transport, (3) Roles of auxin in the morphological diversification of land plants, (4) Adaptation to environmental stress, (5) Evolution of symbiosis and leaf morphology https://keitai1.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/en.html/
	Associate Professor	WATAHIKI Masaaki	auxin, feedback gene regulation, live imaging, plant morphogenesis http://www.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/watahiki/mkwhp/index.html
Environmental Life Science	Professor	NAKANO Ryohei Thomas	Plant and Microbial Molecular Ecology. Plant microbiota, plant-microbe interactions, growth-defense tradeoff. Plant and microbial molecular genetics, biochemistry, microbiota profiling, metagenomics, Arabidopsis thaliana, multi-omics, advanced bioinformatics. https://rtnakanolab.com/
	Associate Professor	ITO Hidetaka	plants, epigenetics, transposon, environmental stress https://sgd.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/
	Professor	CHIBA Yukako	mRNA stability, stress response, arabidopsis https://chibalab.main.jp/lab/
	Associate Professor	SATO Takeo	environmental adaptation, ubiquitin signal, nutrient metabolism, signal transduction, nutrient stress, plant immunity, proteomics https://biol.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/en/

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Fields	Supervisors		Research Topics
Animal Behavior and System Control	Professor	OGAWA Hiroto	brain, neuroscience, electrophysiology, imaging, information processing, neural circuit, coding, sensorimotor integration, insect https://ogawalab.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/English/
	Professor	WADA Kazuhiro	vocal learning, critical period, epigenetics, neural activated gene, songbird, neuroethology, genome, behaviour, DNA methylation, stuttering, dreaming, sleeping, genetically engineered mice http://www.wada-lab.org/
	Professor	SOMA Masayo	behavior, cognition, communication, bird song, learning, life history http://www.lfsci.hokudai.ac.jp/search/system/soma.html
	Associate Professor	TAKEUCHI Yuichi	Laterality, Intraspecific polymorphism, Learning, Phenotypic plasticity, Neural circuits, Development of behavior, Evolution, Gene expression https://neuroecology.web-ac.jp/ http://www.neuroecology-takeuchi.com/english.html
	Associate Professor	TANAKA Nobuaki	sensory processing, neuroendocrine system, Drosophila genetics, pygmy squid https://sites.google.com/view/nktanakalab
	Associate Professor	TUNEMATSU Tomomi	seDream, sleep, genetically engineered mice, electrophysiology, optical imaging, optogenetics and programming. https://www2.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/faculty/en/researcher/tomomi-tsunematsu
Reproductive and Developmental Sciences	Professor	KATSU Yoshinao	endocrinology, steroid hormone, nuclear receptor, evolution, endocrine disruptor https://www.repdev-katsu.jp/index.html
	Professor	KUROIWA Asato	sex determination, sex chromosome, X chromosome inactivation, evolution, the spiny rat, mouse, chicken, emu https://sites.google.com/site/kuroiwegroup/home
	Professor	KIMURA Atsushi	transcription, epigenetics, gene regulation, long noncoding RNA, multifunctional genome, reproduction, spermatogenesis, protease, model animals, human diseases, genome modification, gene function, mouse, rat https://apkimuralab.com/ https://www2.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/dept/bio/teacher/kitada-kazuhiro
	Associate Professor	KITADA Kazuhiro	
	Associate Professor	KOTANI Tomoya	oocyte, embryonic development, maternal factor, real-time imaging, zebrafish, mouse
	Associate Professor	OGIWARA Katsueki	ovary, ovulation, follicle selection, endocrine regulation, mouse, zebrafish, medaka https://sites.google.com/view/hokudai-ogiwara-eng/home
Associate Professor	MIZUSHIMA Shusei	birds, early development, fertilization, molecular biology, primordial germ cell	

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Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Science Course, Division of Science

Laboratory	Supervisors		Research Topics
Biochemistry	Professor Lecturer	KIHARA Akio NAGANUMA Tatsuro	lipid, barrier function, ceramide, metabolism https://www.pharm.hokudai.ac.jp/seika/en/
RNA Biology	Professor Associate Professor	NAKAGAWA Shinichi MAITA Hiroshi	noncoding RNA, epigenetics, nuclear structures, RNA processing https://sites.google.com/rnabiol.com/home
Immunology	Professor	KIMURA Shunsuke	Epithelial cells, Mucosal immunology, immunity, inflammation, infection, oncogenesis, signal transduction
Biomolecular Science	Professor Professor Associate Professor	MAENAKA Katsumi KUROKI Kimiko KITA Shunsuke	immunology, infectious disease, cell surface receptor, X-ray crystallography, cryo electron microscopy, protein engineering, biologics, drug discovery, chemical library screening, in silico screening, virology, microbiology https://convallaria.pharm.hokudai.ac.jp/bunshi/en/index.php
Natural Products Chemistry	Professor Associate Professor	WAKIMOTO Toshiyuki MATSUDA Kenichi	bioactive natural products, isolation, structure elucidation, stereochemistry, structure-activity relationship, molecular targets, biosynthesis, drug leads, bioprobes https://www.pharm.hokudai.ac.jp/tennen/en/
Fine Synthetic Chemistry	Professor Associate Professor	SATO Yoshihiro OONISHI Yoshihiro	organic synthesis, organometallic chemistry, transition-metal-catalysis, asymmetric catalysis, natural product synthesis, utilization of gaseous molecules, green chemistry https://hokudaigouka.main.jp/engl/
Synthetic Natural Products Chemistry	Professor Associate Professor	NAGATOMO Masanori WATANABE Mizuki	total synthesis, functional analysis, biologically active natural products, synthetic chemistry, organic synthesis, organic chemistry, structure-activity relationship, ion channel, anticancer, antimicrobial, densely functionalized molecules, drug leads, computational chemistry, flow reaction, radical reaction https://www.pharm.hokudai.ac.jp/tengo_105/home-en/

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Laboratory	Supervisors		Research Topics
Molecular Catalysis	Professor Associate Professor	URAGUCHI Daisuke ASANO Keisuke	Molecular Catalysis, Organic Synthesis, Mechanistic Analysis
Pharmacology	Professor Associate Professor Associate Professor	MINAMI Masabumi AMANO Taiju KIMURA Iku	neuropharmacology, electrophysiology, emotion, pain, addiction, BBB https://www.pharm.hokudai.ac.jp/yakuri/
Molecular Design of Pharmaceutics	(Professor) Associate Professor	(YAMADA Yuma)※ SATO Yusuke	drug delivery system, organelle-targeting, nanomedicine, gene delivery, siRNA delivery, intracellular trafficking, imaging, vaccine, cancer therapy https://www.pharm.hokudai.ac.jp/yakusetu/en
(Innovative Nanomedicine)	Specially Appointed Professor	HARASHIMA Hideyoshi	vascular-targeted drug delivery, nanomedicine, active targeting, tumor, liver, adipose tissue, specific ligand https://www.pharm.hokudai.ac.jp/mirai/
Molecular Imaging	(Professor) Associate Professor	(OGAWA Mikako)※ IEDA Naoya	molecular imaging, imaging probe, PET, optical imaging, MRI https://www.pharm.hokudai.ac.jp/bunseki/en/index.html
Center for Research and Education on Drug Discovery (Synthetic Drug Discovery)	Professor Lecturer	ICHIKAWA Satoshi KATSUYAMA Akira	organic synthesis, natural products, drug discovery, chemical library screening, in silico screening, intractable disease, chemical biology https://www.pharm.hokudai.ac.jp/gouseiyaku/en/index.php
Center for Research and Education on Drug Discovery (Biologics and Drug Development)	Professor Associate Professor Specially Appointed Lecturer	MAENAKA Katsumi TARU Hidenori NOMURA Takao	biologics, middle molecules, drug discovery, chemical library screening, cryo electron microscopy, disease models, in silico screening, intractable disease, https://www.pharm.hokudai.ac.jp/soyaku/en/laboratory_o2.html

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Laboratory	Supervisors		Research Topics
Genome Biology	Associate Professor	OHTA Shinya	genome, chromatin, aging, cellular senescence, cancer, human, yeast model, genomics, proteomics, microscopy, biochemistry https://www.igm.hokudai.ac.jp/3dgenome/en/index.html
Microbial Oncology	Associate Professor	KAMIYA Naoko	<i>Helicobacter pylori</i> , <i>cagA</i> , gastric carcinogenesis
Molecular Cell Biology	Associate Professor	OKAZAKI Tomohiko	Our research goal is to understand how cells integrate numerous external and internal signals into meaningful biological outputs by focusing on (1) post-translational modifications and logistics of proteins, or (2) inter-organelle communications. In addition, we are also studying (3) the interactions between immune and nervous systems and (4) neuroethology using <i>Drosophila</i> . Through these studies, we wish to discover the sophisticated (crazy cool) systems of living organisms for surviving in a complex world. https://www.igm.hokudai.ac.jp/molcell/en/

※ Specialized Professor of Division of Clinical Pharmacy

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Division of Soft Matter, Graduate School of Life Science

Fields	Supervisors		Research Topics
Soft Matter Materials Science	Professor Associate Professor Associate Professor	GONG Jian Ping NAKAJIMA Tasuku INDEI Tsutomu	Creation of gels, Polymer gels, Gel mechanics, Gel structural analysis, Soft & wet matter, Artificial metabolism, Self-growing gel, Self-healing gel, Gel mechanochemistry, Gel morphogenesis, Double-network gel, Underwater adhesives, Bio-hybrids https://altair.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/g2/en/
	Associate Professor Specially Appointed Associate Professor	NONOYAMA Takayuki KADOYA Ken	Polymer Materials Science, Field Materials Science, Hydrogels, Elastomers, Natural Polymers, Inorganic Compounds, Composite Materials, Stimuli-Responsive Materials, Biomedical Materials, Industrial Materials, Food Texture/Properties, Development of Real-Space Observation Techniques for Polymers https://sites.google.com/elms.hokudai.ac.jp/nonoyama-lab
	Professor	KUROKAWA Takayuki	Polymer gel, Double network gel, Friction of gel, Artificial cartilage, Cell culture substrate, Soft composite material, Adsorption and adhesion, Donnan potential https://altair.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/tsl/en/
	Professor Specially Appointed Associate Professor	LI Xiang NAKAGAWA Shintaro	Polymer solution, polymer gel, rubber, nanostructure, molecular dynamics, light scattering, X-ray scattering, neutron scattering, Raman spectroscopy, rheology, polymer synthesis, polymer physics https://www.xiangli-lab.com/en/
Biomolecular Soft Matter	Associate Professor	KIKUKAWA Takashi	Photoactive proteins, photobiology, rhodopsin, optogenetics, directed molecular evolution, membrane protein, ion pump, membrane transport, transporter https://altair.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/infana/
	Professor	AIZAWA Tomoyasu	protein science, structural biology, protein engineering, nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR), metabolome, biomarker research, gut microbiota, biological defense, innate immunity, antimicrobial peptides, allergen, cytokines, microbiological control https://altair.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/g5/english.php

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Fields	Supervisors		Research Topics
Soft Matter Biophysics	Professor	HAGA Hisashi	Cell Mechanics, Collective Cell Behavior, 3D Morphogenesis, Cancer Invasion, Atomic Force Microscopy https://altair.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/g3/
	Professor Associate Professor	NAKAGAKI Toshiyuki NISHIGAMI Yukinori	ciliate, amoeba, slime mold, protozoa, nematode, live cell imaging, field work, evolutionary ecology, biomechanics, locomotion, memory and learning, mathematical modeling, computer simulation, nonlinear dynamics, active soft matter, Belousov-Zhabotinski reaction, pattern formation, scaling theory, network of biochemical reactions https://pel.es.hokudai.ac.jp/
Soft Matter Medical Science	Associate Professor	TSUDA Masumi	biomaterial, cancer stem cell, molecular targeted therapy, regenerative medicine, cartilage regeneration, neuroregeneration http://patho2.med.hokudai.ac.jp
	Associate Professor	ONODERA Tomohiro	Orthopaedic Surgery, Joint Surgery, Regenerative Medicine, Musculoskeletal System, Animal Model, Scaffold, Cartilage, Bone, Meniscus, Biomaterials, Soft Matter, Clinical Application, Translational Research http://www.hokudaiseikei.jp/
Functional Soft Matter Inter-Field Cooperation with National Institute for Materials Science (NIMS)	Visiting Professor Visiting Associate Professor	NAKANISHI Takashi UEKI Takeshi	molecular liquid, ionic liquid, polymer gel, block copolymer, stimuli-responsive materials, optoelectronic function, self-assembly, dynamic biomimetics, sensor, actuator https://life.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/en/sm/lab/functional-soft-matter https://www.nims.go.jp/funct_mol_g/en/index.html https://life.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/en/sm/staff/ueki-takeshi

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