

Tenure-track Faculty Search at the La Jolla Institute for Immunology

The La Jolla Institute for Immunology (LJI, San Diego, California) invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position. Emphasis is on junior faculty recruitment at the rank of Assistant Professor, but candidates at all ranks will be considered. Academic rank will be determined in accordance with the candidate's experience and productivity. We are seeking creative faculty, addressing major immunological questions, performing rigorous science, and eager to engage with our collaborative faculty. The research should have a tangible connection to immunology, but it could pertain either to a major question that is intrinsically immunological or to a broader biological question relevant in an immunological setting. LJI has a strong research focus in human health and human diseases. We are interested in applicants from any area of immunology and we particularly welcome applicants with research emphasis on autoimmunity, engineering immunity, and sex-based immunological differences.

LJI is an independent not-for-profit research institute. The institute offers a superb broad-based research environment spanning cellular immunology, autoimmunity, infectious diseases, genetics, epigenetics, molecular biology, structural biology, developmental immunology, adaptive immunity, innate immunity, and human immunology. Our faculty research diversity is one of our greatest strengths. New hires will have access to outstanding colleagues and graduate students. LJI scientific cores, including cell sorting, microscopy, and clinical core are all world-class.

LJI is run by scientists, for scientists. We have a focused research mission and streamlined administration, providing an optimal environment for faculty scientific productivity. Numerous faculty are world leaders in their scientific areas and have been recipients of national and international awards. The institute is located on the UC San Diego campus and has close interactions with many neighboring academic institutions, and the local pharmaceutical and biotechnology community. LJI was rated as the top workplace in academia by The Scientist magazine's survey of postdocs and is consistently rated as the top academic Best Workplace in San Diego.

Faculty candidates must hold a PhD, MD, or equivalent degree and must have an outstanding record of scientific ability demonstrated by a strong publication record. Applicants should electronically submit a single attachment that includes (1) a cover letter, (2) curriculum vitae, (3) a research statement including highlighted research accomplishments and proposed research program (up to 3 pages), and (4) contact information for three references. Applications are uploaded here: <https://jobs.dayforcehcm.com/en-US/lji/CANDIDATEPORTAL/jobs/1546>. Questions related to the position can be sent to facultysearch@lji.org.

Review of applications will begin Dec 15th, 2025 and will continue until the position is filled.

The La Jolla Institute for Immunology (LJI) offers a collegial work environment that emphasizes collaboration, teamwork and creativity. Full-time employment at LJI includes a competitive salary, medical/dental/vision benefits, paid sick leave, and contributions to a retirement plan (403B). For the last decade, LJI has been ranked as one of the best places to work in San Diego by the San Diego Business Journal. The Institute hosts world-renowned faculty and over 80 postdoctoral researchers with scientists from over 30 countries. LJI is located in the Science Research Park on the campus of UC San Diego, providing easy access to the San Diego life sciences community and all that the area has to offer.

LJI provides Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) to all employees and applicants for employment, and prohibits discrimination and harassment of any type, regardless of race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, marital status, disability status, genetics, medical conditions, protected veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, reproductive health decisions, or pregnancy, or any other condition protected by state and local laws. This applies to all terms and conditions of employment, including recruitment, hiring, placing, training, promotion, compensation, benefits, transfers, educational assistance, terminations, layoffs, recalls, transfers, leaves of absences, and social and recreational programs.

La Jolla Institute is committed to compensation that is externally competitive and internally equitable. We validate this commitment by conducting regular market analyses to remain competitive with organizations of similar size in the nonprofit, independent research sector. The expected hiring range for this position is \$140,000 to \$200,000 per year. Compensation decisions consider a variety of factors including experience, education, unique skill sets, organizational need, and internal equity.