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Education and Professional Appointments

- 2021 – *Laboratory Head*, Center for Excellence in Brain Science and Intelligence Technology,
Institute of Neuroscience, Chinese Academy of Sciences
- 2015 – 2021 *Postdoctoral Fellow*, New York University
Advisor: Roozbeh Kiani
- 2013 – 2015 *Postdoctoral Fellow*, National Institute for Physiological Sciences, Japan
Advisor: Hidehiko Komatsu
- 2008 – 2013 *Ph.D., Neuroscience*, The Graduate University for Advanced Studies, Japan
Advisor: Hidehiko Komatsu
March 22, 2013, Ph.D. awarded
- 2004 – 2008 *B.A.*, Kyoto University, Japan
Advisor: Shintaro Funahashi

Grants and Fellowships

- 2025 – 2026 Research Fund for International Scientists, National Natural Science Foundation of China
- 2023 – 2028 Mianshang Program, National Natural Science Foundation of China
- 2023 – 2025 Excellent Young Scientists Program, National Natural Science Foundation of China
- 2022 – 2024 Laboratory Startup Program, Chinese Academy of Sciences
- 2021 – 2026 National Science and Technology Innovation 2030 Major Program, China
- 2017 – 2020 The Charles H. Revson Senior Fellowship in Biomedical Science
- 2015 – 2017 Postdoctoral Fellowship for Research Abroad, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
- 2011 – 2013 Research Fellowship for Young Scientists, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science

Bibliography

Preprint

1. **Okazawa G**, Kiani R (2025) Anterior inferotemporal cortex represents decision formation and termination without ramps. *bioRxiv* <https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.64898/2025.12.24.696440v2>
2. Zhang H, Zheng Z, Hu J, Wang Q, Xu M, Zhou Z, Li Z, **Okazawa G** (2026) A battery of image classification challenges reveals shared and distinct object categorization behavior across monkeys, humans, and deep networks. *eLife* 111725.1 (reviewed preprint; assessment: fundamental, compelling)

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15. Namima T, Yasuda M, Banno T, **Okazawa G**, Komatsu H. (2014) Effects of luminance contrast on the color selectivity of neurons in the macaque area v4 and inferior temporal cortex. *Journal of*

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22. **Okazawa G**, Koida K, Komatsu H. (2011) Categorical properties of the color term "GOLD". **Journal of Vision** 11(8), 1-19.

Honors and Awards

2021	Selected as a speaker in a talk session at Cosyne 2021 (30 among 645 submissions)
2020	The 29th Most Liked Title of the Talk (29/1409), The 43 rd Annual Meeting of the Japan Neuroscience Society
2016	Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Summer Course "Computational Neuroscience: Vision" Attendee
2010	Best presentation award, Comprehensive Brain Science Network, Japan
2009	Best presentation award, The Graduate University for Advanced Studies

Invited talks

2025/11	China Cognitive Science Society Consciousness Science Branch 2025 Annual Academic Conference, Hefei, China
2025/7	48 th Annual Meeting of the Japan Neuroscience Society, Niigata, Japan [symposium speaker/organizer]
2025/2	Shanghai Jiaotong University, Shanghai, China
2024/10	Yanqi Youth Forum for Brain Science Frontiers, Shanghai, China
2024/9	CHAIN seminar, Hokkaido University, Hokkaido, Japan
2024/9	34 th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Neural Network Society, Hokkaido, Japan

	[symposium speaker]
2023/6	Zhejiang University, Hanzhou, China
2023/3	The 8 th CiNet Conference "Beyond Motor Control: Bridging the gap between action and perception", Osaka, Japan
2023/2	The 4 th Conference on New Technology of Primate Neuroscience, Tokyo, Japan
2022/12	The 52nd NIPS International Symposium on "Frontiers in Primate Systems Neuroscience", Okazaki, Japan
2022/10	Neuron@noon seminar, CNIR, SungKyunKwan University, Korea
2022/9	The 25 th Vision Science Forum, Okazaki, Japan
2021/9	Barccsyn Webinar, Barcelona, Spain
2021/9	The 15 th Motor Control Meeting, The Japanese Society for Motor Control, Japan
2020/8	Center for Information and Neural Networks, Osaka, Japan
2018/12	University of Washington, Seattle, WA
2018/12	Columbia University, New York, NY
2018/7	RIKEN Center for Brain Science, Wako, Japan
2018/3	Center for Information and Neural Networks, Osaka, Japan
2018/3	Tamagawa University, Tokyo, Japan
2018/3	RIKEN Center for Brain Science, Wako, Japan
2014/3	New York University, New York, NY

Journal peer review

Attention Perception & Psychophysics, Behavioral Research Methods, Cell Reports, Color Research & Application, Cognitive Computation, Current Biology, eNeuro, Frontiers in Human Neuroscience, *i-*Perception, iScience, Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience, Journal of Neuroscience, Journal of Perceptual Imaging, PLoS Biology, PLoS Computational Biology, PNAS, Progress in Neurobiology, Nature, Nature Communications, Nature Human Behaviour, Nature Neuroscience, Neuron, Neuroscience Bulletin, Science, Science Advances, Scientific Reports, Trends in Cognitive Sciences

Service/Organizer experience

2024 – 2026	COSYNE program committee
2022 – Present	Seminar series committee, Institute of Neuroscience
2020 – 2021	Postdoc organizer, The Simons Collaboration on the Global Brain (SCGB), NY-area postdoc/student meeting
2014 – 2015	Committee member, Society for Young researchers on Neuroscience, Japan
2012	Committee member, Life Science Retreat, National Institute for Physiological Sciences, Japan

Teaching

2025/10	Advanced Systems Neuroscience, University of Chinese Academy of Sciences
2025/4	Fourth Sino-Danish Center Neuroscience Challenge PhD-symposium
2024/4	Principles of Neuroscience course, University of Chinese Academy of Sciences
2023/4	Principles of Neuroscience course, University of Chinese Academy of Sciences
2022/4	Systems Neuroscience course, University of Chinese Academy of Sciences
2020/7	Mentor in an online neuroscience summer school (Neuromatch Academy)
2009-14	Teaching Assistant, Summer Training Course for undergraduate and graduate students, National Institute for Physiological Sciences, Japan
2010/12	Teaching Assistant, Vision science class for junior high school students, Aichi, Japan

Mentoring/Trainees

Postdoctoral fellow

2022 – Jiahao Wu

Graduate student

2022 – Tianlin Luo

2022 – Jiaqi Hu

2023 – Han Zhang

2023 – Zixuan Li

2025 – Sijie Wei

2024 – Qiao Wang

Master's student

2019 – 2021 Yuki Minai

Research assistant

2026 – Shiyu Liu

2024 – 2026 Zhaojiayi (Valeria) Zhou

2021 – 2024 Zhihao Zheng

2021 – Mengya Xu

Outreach

2019 Wrote news for the public: Okazawa G (2019) "How can we infer neural mechanisms from correlations between sensory inputs and behaviors?" *In Neuroscience News*, vol.217, The Japan Neuroscience Society

- 2017/4 Introductory lecture of systems neuroscience at a public class, New York, NY
- 2016 Wrote news for the public: Okazawa G (2016) "Interview with JSPS fellow in the U.S."
JSPS SF Newsletter vol. 39.

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