

## HR TRAINING AND EDUCATION SECTION PRESENTS LINKEDIN LEARNING

Based on feedback from this year's Staff Engagement Survey, I know you would like to see OIST provide more training opportunities. **To meet this need, on Monday, November 9, the HR Training and Education Section will begin providing LinkedIn Learning premium accounts for all regular employees and students.**

LinkedIn Learning is an online training library with over 16,000 courses taught by experts in their fields. The breadth of content is impressive. Our graduate students can learn about interview and CV-writing techniques, while our administrative staff can hone their critical thinking and leadership skills—or even delve into finally learning Agile methodology. These courses help you to enhance your current professional expertise, while inspiring you to bring completely new skills to your work here at OIST. If you don't know which course to choose first, this service provides personalized content recommendations on any device you already use to access LinkedIn.

LinkedIn Learning is part of a larger push that my team and I are championing at OIST. **We want OIST to be a learning organization across the campus in all divisions and sections.** COVID-19 has pushed us to expand our training portfolio to include more online options. With support from your manager, you are still encouraged to aim for 1 hour per week of professional development, and LinkedIn Learning can help you meet this goal so you can continue to prioritize and develop your talents. Become the master of your craft, or if your job description has evolved recently, learn the skills you need to feel proficient in your new role.

The success of OIST is based on the success of our staff members, and effective training is a critical part of any professional achievement. If you work in administration, keep an eye on your inbox next week for your invitation to join LinkedIn Learning. If you are a researcher or student and would like to use LinkedIn Learning, please use [this request form](#).

To learn more, please visit our groups website.

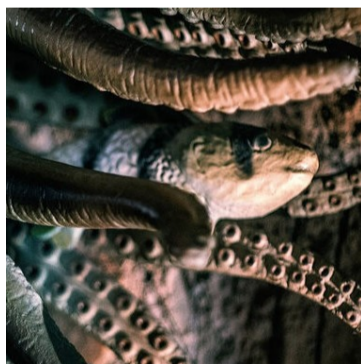
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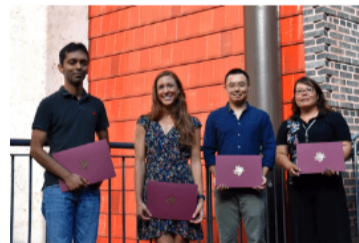
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### Publication Alert: Do Octopuses' Arms Have a Mind of Their Own?

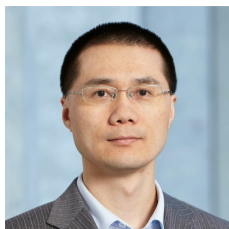
Dr. Tamar Gutnick, an octopus researcher formerly at the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University, has recently published a paper in Current Biology. "This study makes it clear that octopus's arms don't behave totally independently from the centralized brain – there's information flow between the peripheral and central nervous system," said Dr. Gutnick. "Rather than talking about an octopus with nine brains, we're actually talking about an octopus with one brain and eight very clever arms." [Read more.](#)



### Now Accepting Nominations for the Student Council Awards for Excellence

These awards recognize administrative and research staff who have gone above-and-beyond their regular or expected responsibilities to support students, interns, and/or media fellows. They also recognize students who have exceeded expectations either in their research accomplishments or in their community efforts. Nominations are accepted until this Friday, November 6. [Make your nomination today.](#)

## Essential Events



### Fighting the Invisible Enemy – Technologies for Airborne Pollutants

Mon., Nov. 2, 4pm

Zoom

Prof. Jing Wang will deliver a virtual seminar on methods his group at ETH Zurich/Empa have developed to fight SARS-CoV-2, including a localized surface plasmon resonance biosensor for quantitative total bioaerosol detection and antibacterial strategies such as using chemically and electrically functionalized nanofiber membranes.



### PhD Thesis Presentation - Christina Ripken

Thurs., Nov. 5, 5pm

Zoom

Micro- and Nanoplastic in Okinawa: Potential impacts on planktonic microalgae and coral endosymbionts



FORUM

### Faculty Discussion Forum - Good Teaching Practice

Fri., Nov. 6, 4pm

B700 & Zoom

The Grad School Teaching Support Network will host the next Faculty Discussion Forum on the topic Good Teaching Practice. Kicking the discussion off will be our panelists Pinaki Chakraborty and Sile Nic Chormaic. A recording of the meeting will be available afterward for those who are not able to make it.

[More Events](#)

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**OIST at Work** @OISTatWork · Oct 27  
 Do you have any friends or family members who has entrepreneurial idea and want to start business in Okinawa?  
 OIST TDIC is looking for the talented entrepreneurs for our Startup Accelerator Program 2021. Learn more: [i2.oist.jp/accelerator](https://i2.oist.jp/accelerator)



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**OIST at Work** @OISTatWork · Oct 23  
 An OIST staff member reported a positive COVID-19 test on the evening of Wed October 21. This staff member was last on campus Fri October 16. Primary contacts took an OIST PCR test today and will remain at home until a negative result is confirmed.



**Communications Updates**  
 This is an archive of past emailed updates from the OIST Executive. Please visit the home page for the most up-to-date information from OIST. ...  
[oist.jp](https://oist.jp)

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**OIST at Work** @OISTatWork · Oct 27  
 The OIST staff member who received a COVID-19 diagnosis last week is feeling better after treatment. All their contacts on campus, who were PCR tested at OIST on Fri October 23, received a negative test result.

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**OIST at Work** @OISTatWork · Oct 26  
 Here's the Yun-Taku menu for this week (26-30 October):

-WEEKLY MENU-		Yun-Taku OIST RESTAURANT				
Open 11:30-14:00	26-Oct MON	27-Oct TUE	28-Oct WED	29-Oct THU	30-Oct FRI	
<b>Lunch</b> ¥500	Oiled chicken with lemon sauce	Pork curry	Oiled chicken with mushroom sauce	Herbed shredded pork and green pepper	Pork ribs and oiled meat grain	
<b>Lunch</b> ¥500	Deep-fried fish with green onion sauce	Mixed soy meat bowl	Steamed eggplant in Okinawa hot sauce	Ste-fried soy meat with ginger sauce	Pork ribs and soy with olive oil	
<b>Lunch</b> ¥650	Deep-fried chicken with sunny pepper	Deep-fried white fish with sauce	Oiled salmon with garlic and butter	Deep-fried white fish with spicy sauce	Oiled salmon with ponzu and olive	
<b>Ramen</b> ラーメン ¥500	Miso Ramen noodle	Steamed Okinawa (Shochu) noodle	Soft Ramen noodle	Steamed Okinawa (Shochu) noodle	Pork bone broth noodle	
<b>Udon</b> うどん ¥500	Flaked plum and radish seasoned udon		Kalapa lobster vegetable tempura udon		Kilauwa Udon-fried half udon	



COVID-19 Guidance for Staff and Students

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