

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of Rodney Berry's proposed residency with our laboratory in 2014.

Nara Institute of Science and Technology is a rare kind of university that only takes graduate students, so it is highly research-focussed. It is located in the countryside about 20km from Osaka in a research district.

The Interactive Media Design Lab is part of the Graduate School of Information Science and is part of a lively and highly-networked international community.

[http://imd.naist.jp/index\\_e.html](http://imd.naist.jp/index_e.html)

Interactive Media is one of the key technologies that make the ubiquitous computing environment usable and comfortable. Our laboratory is studying about not only future interactive media itself but also media technologies, human-computer interaction and data engineering which are needed to create innovative interactive media. Especially our researches focus on computer vision, computer graphics, augmented reality, XML database and next generation information retrieval technologies.

NAIST does not have an Art, Design or Music School so our students are not so easily exposed to creative practice in relation to technology.

Rodney, and his work, is well known to us from his time as an artist/researcher at ATR in Japan and at The Mixed Reality Lab in Singapore so it will be a pleasure to host him at our lab in 2014.

We can provide the following in-kind support for the project:

- a workspace and internet access in our laboratory
- reasonably-priced accommodation on campus with internet access
- access to students and research staff for exchange of ideas and technical knowledge

In return, we would ask Rodney to:

- give presentations about his work
- engage and involve the students wherever possible
- make efforts to participate in lab activities and attend student presentations

I hope you are able to support his proposal.

regards,

Prof. Hirokazu Kato, Vice Dean of the Graduate School of Information Science

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