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Information for Job Application

1. Job Type: Associate Professor (Junkyōju) or Senior Assistant Professor (Kōshi)
2. Area of expertise: Linguistics, Language Sciences (Language Research based on Cognitive Psychology)
3. Courses to teach:
Graduate school: Lectures and seminars on linguistics and language sciences, and common graduate classes in Division of Language Studies and in Department of Theoretical Linguistics
Undergraduate course: English
4. Qualifications
 - 1) To be considered for the position of associate professor, applicants must hold a PhD and have at least three years of teaching experience at the university level as an associate professor, senior assistant professor, or assistant professor. For the position of senior assistant professor, applicants must hold a PhD and have at least one year of teaching experience at the university level as a senior assistant professor or an assistant professor. The specified number of years may be reduced for exceptionally qualified candidates meeting other criteria.
 - 2) Applicants must specialize in research fields related to language research from the perspective of cognitive psychology, with an emphasis on psycholinguistics. Ideal candidates will have a strong record of research achievements and performance, including, but not limited to, publications in internationally renowned academic journals. Although we do not specify a particular language of focus, preference will be given to applicants whose expertise centers on the Japanese language processing.
 - 3) As an associate professor or senior assistant professor in the Department of Theoretical Linguistics at the GSICS, the applicant will be responsible for teaching (a) lectures on psycholinguistics, Japanese linguistics, or language sciences research, (b) common courses designed for graduate students in Division of Language Studies and Department of Theoretical Linguistics, and (c) undergraduate English courses in General Education. Additionally, candidates will take part in the International Graduate Program in Language Sciences (IGPLS). IGPLS provides education and research supervision in English.
 - 4) Applicants of any nationality can apply for this position, but they must be able to teach and research in Japanese and English.
 - 5) This is a tenure track position. The term of employment for tenure track positions is four years. A tenure review will be conducted in the second year of employment, which upon successfully passing, the applicant will be granted tenure. For details regarding the tenure-track system, please contact the Administration Office. If the applicant is highly qualified, he/she may be granted tenure from the start of the appointment.

5. Employment Conditions

- 1) Tohoku University's discretionary labor system applies to this position.
- 2) In principle, this is a four-year tenure-track appointment. A tenure review will be conducted by the end of the second year. Exceptionally qualified candidates may be granted tenure at the time of appointment. For details, please contact the Administration Office.

6. Starting date: **April 1, 2026**

7. Application materials

- 1) A copy of the applicant's CV with a photograph. (use the official university form, downloadable from the GSICS website <https://www.intcul.tohoku.ac.jp/english/positions-available/>).
 - 2) A list of academic publications (e.g., books, papers, presentations, or other reports, indicating with or without peer review). For each item, indicate whether each publication was peer-reviewed, and if applicable, provide quantitative indicators such as citation counts, journal impact factors, or Field-Weighted Citation Impact (FWCI).
 - 3) All academic publications.
 - 4) Three major academic publications must be marked with an asterisk on the list, and for each, a summary written in Japanese within 1,000 characters must be attached.
 - 5) I) Statement of the applicant's previous and current research projects and II) statement of applicant's teaching experience, including course descriptions, experience of supervising students, designing courses, and cooperation with community. Each statement should be on approximately one A4 size page in Japanese.
 - 6) A lecture plan on the expertise for 15 sessions (within one A4 page)
 - 7) List of acquired research funds in the past 5 years.
 - 8) Applicants are also allowed to submit a letter of recommendation.
8. Deadline for application: **Monday, September 22, 2025**. All application materials must arrive by this date.
9. Selection process: After the initial screening of application materials, selected candidates will be invited for an interview and asked to teach a mock lecture on your expertise. Transportation expenses will not be provided.
10. The application materials must be submitted by e-mail.

[E-mail Address] int-som*grp.tohoku.ac.jp (replace "*" with "@")

※Send the complete set of submitted documents as PDF files (individually or in batches) with passwords sent to the email address above. The password must be provided by a separate email.

※The subject of the email should be "Application Documents (Department of Theoretical Linguistics)"

※All application materials will not be returned

11. Contact: Administration Section, Graduate School of International Cultural Studies,
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The school website: <https://www.intcul.tohoku.ac.jp/>

12. Notes

※Tohoku University promotes activities to increase Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) and encourages people of varied talents from all backgrounds to apply for positions at the university. Tohoku University's website about the DEI Declaration is here:

<https://dei.tohoku.ac.jp/en/vision/about/>

※Pursuant to Article 8 of the Act on Securing, Etc. of Equal Opportunity and Treatment between Men and Women in Employment, Tohoku University shall, as a measure for increasing the presence of women among the academic staff, prioritize the hiring of women deemed qualified for each job opening, based on impartial evaluation.

※Tohoku University has published 'Tohoku University - Live as Who You Are - Guidelines for Gender and Sexual Diversity' to provide explanations and details of how those at the university should respond with respect to diverse sexuality. The purpose of the guidelines is to create an environment in which all students, faculty, and staff respect diverse sexuality in their academic, research, and professional activities.

Please see the Center for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Tohoku University website:

https://dei.tohoku.ac.jp/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/EN_GuideLine.pdf

※Tohoku University has the largest on-campus childcare system of all Japanese national universities. This network comprises three nurseries: Kawauchi Keyaki Nursery school (capacity: 22) and Aobayama Midori Nursery school (116), both open to all university employees, as well as Hoshinoko Nursery school (120), which is open to employees working at Tohoku University Hospital. In addition, Tohoku University Hospital runs a childcare room for mildly ill and convalescent children which is available to all university employees.

※See the following website for information on these and other programs that Tohoku University runs to assist work-life balance, to support researchers, and to advance gender equality, including measures to promote childcare leave among male employees.

Center for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Tohoku University website:

https://dei.tohoku.ac.jp/en/vision/consulting/for_family/

Human Resources and Planning Department website:

<https://c.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/jinji-top/external/a-4-kosodate/>

※In cases where the person hired for this position takes childcare leave, the term of employment may be extended by up to the number of days taken off for that leave, if such an extension is deemed necessary for educational and/or research purposes.