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### **Information for Applicants**

#### **1. Position:**

One Assistant Professor

#### **2. Area of expertise:**

Experimental language research from a cognitive perspective

#### **3. Qualifications**

1. Applicants must hold a doctoral degree and be recognized as qualified to engage in education and research at this graduate school. In principle, they should also have at least one year of research experience at a university or research institution as an assistant professor, research associate, or research fellow. However, this requirement may be waived for candidates with exceptional qualifications.
2. Applicants must have a strong record of interdisciplinary research involving fields such as psychology or neuroscience, including experience in collecting and analyzing psychological or neuroscientific data, as well as participation in international collaborations. They should be capable of conducting independent research and actively contributing to cognitively oriented language research and related interdisciplinary projects within the Graduate School.
3. The successful candidate will be affiliated with the Department of Applied Linguistics within the Division of International Cultural Studies and will be responsible for supporting university-wide initiatives. These include assisting with projects related to the University for International Research Excellence and collaborative research involving Distinguished Professors affiliated with this initiative.
4. Applicants of any nationality are welcome, but they must be capable of performing the above responsibilities in both Japanese and English.

#### **4. Employment Conditions**

1. Tohoku University's discretionary labor system applies to this position.
2. The initial term of appointment is three years and may be renewed annually, based on excellent research performance, for up to two additional years. The total term shall not exceed five years.

#### **5. Starting date:** October 1, 2025 (negotiable)

#### **6. Application materials**

1. Resume with a photograph (use the official university form, downloadable from the GSICS website: <https://www.intcul.tohoku.ac.jp/english/positions-available/> ).
2. List of Research Achievements (free format) including:
  - Journal articles, books, international conference proceedings
  - Conference presentations (indicate domestic/international and regular/invited)
  - Awards, patents, community engagement, competitive research grants, collaborative projects, and other notable achievements
  - 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. Copies of academic publications (in PDF format)
4. Statements of Research Vision (approximately 1-2 A4 pages).
5. Additional information/materials may be requested if necessary

#### **7. Deadline for Application: Wednesday, July 30, 2025**

*All materials must arrive by 11:59 p.m. (Japan Standard Time) on the above date.*

## 8. Selection process

After screening of application materials, short-listed applicants will be invited for an interview.

- Travel expenses for the interview will not be covered.
- Applicants living abroad may be interviewed online.

## 9. Submission

[By E-mail]

int-som\*grp.tohoku.ac.jp (replace "\*" with "@")

- Send all documents as PDF files (individually or bundled) with password protection.
- Send the password in a separate email.
- Use the subject line: "**Application Documents (Applied Linguistics)**"
- Please make sure to check the confirmation of receipt. If you do not receive the confirmation within two business days (excluding weekends, holidays, and other non-working days) after the submission date, be sure to call and confirm whether your application documents have been received.
- Application materials will not be returned.

## 10. Contact:

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## 11. School website

<http://www.intcul.tohoku.ac.jp/>

## 12. Notes

- Tohoku University promotes **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)** and welcomes applications from individuals of diverse backgrounds.
  - DEI Declaration page: <https://dei.tohoku.ac.jp/en/vision/about/>
- In accordance with Article 8 of the Act on Securing Equal Opportunity and Treatment between Men and Women in Employment, Tohoku University may give preference to qualified female applicants based on fair evaluation, as part of efforts to increase the number of women in academic positions.
- Tohoku University operates one of the largest on-campus childcare networks among Japanese national universities. This includes:
  - *Kawauchi Keyaki Nursery* (22 children)
  - *Aobayama Midori Nursery* (116 children)
  - *Hoshinoko Nursery* (120 children) on the Seiryō Campus
  - A sick-child care room operated by the university hospital
- For more information on childcare support, work-life balance, research assistance, and gender equity initiatives:
  - Center for Gender Equality Promotion:  
<https://dei.tohoku.ac.jp/en/about/policy/>
  - Work-Life Balance Support:  
[https://dei.tohoku.ac.jp/en/vision/consulting/for\\_family/](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/>