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Information for Job Application

1. Job Type: Associate Professor (Junkyōju) or Senior Assistant Professor (Kōshi)
2. Area of expertise: Film studies, media studies, literature
3. Subjects to teach: Graduate courses in Cultural Area Studies, graduate courses in the department (lectures and seminars), and courses in general education for undergraduate students
4. Qualifications
 - (1) Applicants must have a PhD degree, with at least three years of educational experience at the university level as an associate professor, senior assistant professor, assistant professor or assistant (for Associate Professor) or at least one year of educational experience at the university level as a senior assistant professor, assistant professor, or assistant (for Senior Assistant Professor). The specified number of years may be shortened for those who are outstandingly superior in other conditions.
 - (2) Applicants must specialize in research fields related to film studies, media studies, and/or literature and must have sufficient academic production in these fields. Additionally, applicants must be capable of conducting international comparative studies in film studies, media studies, and/or literature of Japan. Desirable qualifications include research achievements from a gender perspective or a willingness to conduct research that incorporates a gender perspective.
 - (3) As an associate professor or senior assistant professor in the Department of Contemporary Japanese Media and Gender Studies at the GSICS, applicants must teach graduate lectures in the area of Cultural Area Studies, graduate courses in the department (lectures and seminars), and undergraduate general education courses.
 - (4) Applicants must be capable of delivering lectures and supervising graduate students in Japanese. Applicants that can teach classes in English are preferred. Applicants of any nationality can apply for this position.

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, or as soon as possible thereafter

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) ①Statement of the applicant's previous and current research projects and ②statement 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: Friday, December 19, 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. Send applications to:

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 Contemporary Japanese Media and Gender Studies)"

※All application materials will not be returned.

11. Contact: Administration Section, Graduate School of International Cultural Studies,
Tohoku University
Tel: +81 22 795 7541
Fax: +81 22 795 7583
Email: int-som*grp.tohoku.ac.jp (replace "*" with "@")
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.