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Information for Applicants

1. Position:

One Associate Professor (Junkyōju) or Senior Assistant Professor (Kōshi)

2. Area of expertise:

Applied Linguistics and related fields

3. Courses to teach:

1. Graduate school: Courses related to the Division of Language Studies and the Department of Applied Linguistics
2. Undergraduate course: English (General Education)

4. Qualifications

1. Applicants must have a PhD and be recognized as qualified to engage in education and research at this graduate level. For Associate Professor positions, applicants must have at least three years of university-level teaching experience as an Associate Professor, Lecturer, Assistant Professor, or Research Associate. For Lecturer positions, applicants must have at least one year of university-level teaching experience as a Lecturer, Assistant Professor, or Research Associate. The required number of years may be reduced for candidates with exceptional qualifications.
2. Applicants must have a sustained record of research achievement in internationally recognized peer-reviewed academic journals in the above field and be deemed capable of teaching and supervising research at the graduate level.
3. Applicants must be able to teach the courses listed in Section 3 and participate in the International Graduate Program in Language Sciences (IGPLS), which is conducted entirely in English.
4. Applicants of any nationality are welcome, but they must be able to engage in research and education in both Japanese and English.

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 review for the granting of tenure will be conducted no later than one year before the expiration of the appointment period. Exceptionally qualified candidates may be granted tenure at the time of appointment. For details, please contact the Administration Office.

6. Starting date: April 1, 2027

7. Application materials

1. Resume with a photograph (use the official university form, downloadable from the GSICS website: https://www.intcul.tohoku.ac.jp/en/faculty_recruitment)
2. List of Research Achievements (free format) including:
 - Journal articles, books, and 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 all academic publications (PDFs, photocopies, or offprints are acceptable)

4. Three major academic publications, marked with a circle in the list, each accompanied by a summary in Japanese (approximately 1,000 characters)
5. Statements of Research and Teaching
(Approximately 1–2 A4 pages each; to be written in Japanese)
 - *Research Vision*
Clearly describe the research themes and plans you intend to pursue in the future. Include your medium- to long-term research goals and prospects. If applicable, also mention any prior interdisciplinary initiatives or experiences in international collaborative research.
 - *Teaching Vision*
Describe your policy and goals regarding graduate-level education. Include the titles of graduate-level courses you could teach based on your area of expertise, as well as a description of your prior teaching experience (including supervision of graduate students) and teaching accomplishments.
6. Course Syllabus
An A4 one-page plan, in either Japanese or English, outlining 15 sessions of a graduate-level course described in your *Teaching Vision*
7. Additional information/materials may be requested if necessary

8. Deadline for Application: Friday, September 18, 2026, at 17:00 (applications must be received by this date)

9. 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.
- Interviews will in principle be conducted in person; however, applicants residing overseas may be interviewed online.

10. 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.

11. Contact:

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For information about the Graduate School of International Cultural Studies, please visit:

<https://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 has established the “Tohoku University Guidelines on Gender and Sexual Diversity—Everyone Has a Leading Role—,” which set out policies and specific measures to foster an environment in which students and staff respect gender and sexual diversity in their studies, research, and work.
 - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Promotion Center website:
https://dei.tohoku.ac.jp/vision/consulting/for_minority/
- 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:
 - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Promotion Center 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/>
- When an employee takes childcare leave, the term of appointment may be extended by a period within the duration of the leave if this is deemed necessary for the advancement of education and research.