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Information for Applicants

1. Position:

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

2. Area of expertise:

Sustainability Science (including environmental impact assessment, environmental policy, resource circulation, decarbonization, etc.)

3. Courses to teach:

Graduate school: Lectures, seminars, and other courses related to the Department of International Politics and Economy, including Introduction to Statistics (Japanese/English), Risk Management, Sustainable Society (Japanese/English), and related courses.

University-wide general education: Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Program and related courses.

4. Qualifications

- 1) Applicants must have a PhD and be recognized as qualified to engage in education and research at GSICS. Applicants must have at least three years 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 specialize in Sustainability Science (including environmental impact assessment, environmental policy, resource circulation, decarbonization, etc.) and have a strong record of achievement in interdisciplinary research (including AI for Science, social surveys, social experiments, environmental impact assessment, etc.) and international collaborative research. Applicants must also be motivated to conduct research as independent scholars. Applicants are expected to contribute to the Graduate Program in Global Governance and Sustainable Development (G2SD), GSICS collaborative activities (including industry-academia collaboration, collaboration with regional society, and collaboration with other departments at Tohoku University), and international exchange activities.
- 3) As an Associate Professor or Senior Assistant Professor in the Department of International Politics and Economy at GSICS, applicants must be able to teach graduate-level courses, including lectures and seminars, and undertake duties related to the Tohoku University SDGs Program, industry-academia-government collaborative projects, workshops, endowed lectures, SDGs outreach classes, and the planning and administration of these activities.
- 4) Applicants of any nationality are welcome, but they must be able to teach courses and supervise students 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) Curriculum Vitae (CV) (one copy; use the official university form).

- 2) List of Research Achievements (one copy), categorized into books, journal articles, research notes, conference proceedings papers, doctoral dissertation, and other achievements. For each item, indicate whether it was peer-reviewed and, where applicable, provide the journal Impact Factor and CiteScore. Also indicate the applicant's corresponding-author publications and any FWCI Top 10% papers (top 10% cited papers).
- 3) Three major academic publications (an excerpt copy or duplicate copy is accepted). Additional materials might be requested during the screening process.
- 4) A summary of one academic publication out of the above three, approximately 1,000 Japanese characters or an equivalent length in English.
- 5) A statement of achievements and aspirations in research and education, industry-academia and social collaboration, and international collaborative research (approximately 1–2 A4 pages, written in Japanese or English).
- 6) A lecture plan for “Sustainable Society” and “Introduction to Statistics.” For each lecture, submit a 15-session syllabus in both Japanese and English. Each syllabus must be no more than one A4 page and must include content related to AI for Science.
- 7) List of acquired research funds for the past 5 years.
- 8) Additional materials, such as letters of recommendation, may be requested if necessary.

8. Deadline for Application: Monday, August 31, 2026 (applications must be received by this date)

9. Selection process

After screening application materials, short-listed applicants will be invited for an interview and required to give mock lectures in Japanese and English. The topic of the mock lecture will be announced separately. Travel expenses for the interview will not be covered. Interviews may be conducted online.

10. Submission

[By postal mail]

Attn: Dean, Graduate School of International Cultural Studies, Tohoku University
41 Kawauchi, Aoba-ku, Sendai, Miyagi 980-8576, Japan

- Write clearly “Application Documents Enclosed for the Department of International Politics and Economy” in red on the envelope, and send by registered mail.
- Application materials will not be returned in principle.

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's discretionary labor system applies to this position.
- 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/>
- 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 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 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.
 - 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/>