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Tohoku University

Information for Job Application

1. Job type and number of positions: Associate Professor (Junkyōju) or Senior Assistant Professor (Kōshi), 1 position
2. Area of expertise: Aesthetics and art theory, comparative thought (religion), and fields related to comparative culture
3. Subjects to teach: Graduate courses related to the Department of Multiculturalism (lectures, seminars, etc.), courses of the Division of Global Coexistence Studies (“Theory of Coexistent Society”), and courses in general education for undergraduate students (foreign language courses or humanities/social science courses)
4. Qualifications
 - (1) Applicants must be recognized as qualified to engage in education and research at this Graduate School, must have a PhD degree, and must have at least three years of educational experience at the university level as an associate professor, senior assistant professor, assistant professor, or assistant (for the Associate Professor position), or at least one year of such experience as a senior assistant professor, assistant professor, or assistant (for the Senior Assistant Professor position). However, the above number of years may be shortened for applicants who are particularly outstanding in other respects.
 - (2) The applicant’s area of expertise must be aesthetics and art theory, comparative thought (religion), or a field related to comparative culture, and the applicant must be recognized as having sufficient achievements in these fields. The applicant must have experience collaborating with researchers in Japan and abroad in the relevant field, particularly through international joint research, or must be capable of pursuing such collaboration in the future.
 - (3) The applicant must be capable, as a Senior Assistant Professor or Associate Professor in the Department of Multiculturalism at the GSICS, of teaching graduate courses and handling related duties of the GSICS. The applicant must also be able to participate in the English-language international graduate education program “Global Governance and Sustainable Development Program (G2SD).”
 - (4) The applicant will teach undergraduate courses (foreign language or humanities/social science courses) as part of the university's general education courses.

5. Employment Conditions

- (1) Tohoku University's discretionary labor system applies to this position.
- (2) In principle, appointment will be made under the tenure-track system established by the GSICS.

- The term of appointment for tenure-track faculty is four years, and the review for granting tenure will be conducted no later than one year before the expiration of the term.
- Applicants who are recognized as particularly outstanding may be appointed without a fixed term, rather than under the tenure-track system.
- Please contact the General Affairs and Planning Section for further details.

6. Expected starting date: April 1, 2027

7. Application materials

- (1) One copy of CV (using the form designated by the University, with photograph attached).
The form can be downloaded from the "Faculty Recruitment" page of the GSICS website:
https://www.intcul.tohoku.ac.jp/ja/faculty_recruitment
- (2) One copy of a list of research achievements. Items should be categorized into books, papers, research notes, conference proceedings, oral presentations, dissertations, and others, with peer-review status clearly indicated for each. Please also indicate the Impact Factor and CiteScore of the journals in which the papers were published, as well as any designation as a Corresponding Author, or papers ranked in the top 10% of the Field-Weighted Citation Impact (FWCI).
- (3) Five major publications among the research achievements (offprints or copies are acceptable). These five items should be marked with a circle (○) in the list of research achievements, listed in order of importance based on the applicant's self-assessment, and accompanied by a summary of approximately 1,000 Japanese characters for each. Additional research achievements may be requested during the selection process.
- (4) Documents prepared in both Japanese and English on the following two topics. Each statement must be provided in both Japanese and English. For each topic, please limit the length to approximately one A4 page per language (resulting in a total of four pages): ①An overview of the applicant's research to date, its academic significance, and future research plans. ②The applicant's teaching experience to date, including course content, guidance provided for theses/dissertations, and experience related to the operation of educational programs and curricula.
- (5) A written statement regarding the applicant's external funding applications (as principal investigator only) and awards (as principal investigator or co-investigator) over the past five years.

(6) Additional materials may be requested as necessary.

8. Application deadline: Friday, September 4, 2026, 17:00 JST (must arrive by this date)

9. Selection process: Following document screening, an interview (including a mock lecture) will be conducted. The mock lecture should address a topic related to multiculturalism, consisting of a 30-minute lecture delivered in Japanese, followed immediately by a 10-minute summary in English. Travel expenses for the interview 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 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 Multiculturalism).”
- ※ Please ensure you receive a confirmation of receipt. If you have not received a confirmation within two business days of sending (excluding weekends and holidays), please contact us by phone to verify receipt of your application.
- ※ All application materials will not be returned.

11. Contact: General Affairs and Planning Section, Graduate School of International Cultural Studies, Tohoku University

Tel: +81 22 795 7541

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Please refer to the following website for information about the Graduate School of International Cultural Studies, Tohoku University:

<http://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/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/vision/consulting/for_minority/

- ※ Tohoku University operates the Kawauchi Keyaki Nursery (capacity 22) and Aobayama Midori Nursery (capacity 116), available to all faculty and staff, as well as the Hoshinoko Nursery (capacity 120) in the Seiryō area, providing one of the largest on-campus childcare environments among national universities in Japan. A childcare room for mildly ill and convalescent children is also available within the University Hospital, accessible to all faculty and staff.

- ※ See the following websites 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/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 within the scope of the leave period, if such an extension is deemed necessary for educational and/or research purposes.