

National University Corporation Tohoku University
Graduate School of Arts and Letters
Call for Applicants

1. Number of positions and job title: We are seeking one associate professor(female)
2. Affiliation: National University Corporation Tohoku University Graduate School of Arts and Letters, Department of Eastern and Japanese Art History
3. Duties: Successful candidate will be engaged in research and education related to Eastern and Japanese Art History from Ancient times to Early modern times, and other duties within the University.
Specifically, the candidate will
 - conduct empirical research on Buddhist art specifically in any period from Ancient times to Early modern times, and its international dissemination.
 - be in charge of teaching undergraduate and graduate courses and supervising students' dissertations.
 - serve as a member of various committees including admissions within the university.
4. Required Qualifications and Conditions:
Candidates must possess or be expected to possess a doctoral degree and have distinguished achievements in the one of above-mentioned field.
Candidates must possess a curatorial qualification and be able to provide guidance to students regarding obtaining qualifications and finding employment in a museum or art museum.
It is preferable that the candidate has work experience (full-time position) in a museum or art museum.
5. The main areas for which the successful candidate will be responsible:
At Graduate School level
 - Aesthetics and History of Eastern and Japanese Fine Arts (Advanced Seminar)
 - Aesthetics and History of Eastern and Japanese Fine Arts (Advanced Lecture)
At Undergraduate level
 - Aesthetics and History of Eastern and Japanese Fine Arts (Seminar)
 - Aesthetics and History of Eastern and Japanese Fine Arts (General Lecture)
 - Aesthetics and History of Eastern and Japanese Fine Arts (Special Lecture)
 - Aesthetics and History of Eastern and Japanese Fine Arts (Laboratory Work)
6. Start Date: April 1st, 2026
7. Salary and Benefits
 - (1) Salary: to be determined in accordance with Tohoku University's employment regulations.

Allowances for transport, housing, and dependents may be provided depending on circumstances.

Estimated annual income: from 5,000,000JPY to 8,000,000JPY.

(2) Employment status: Full Time

(3) Term of office: Tenured (Depending on research achievements and teaching experience, may be hired as tenure-track associate professor)

(4) Retirement age: 65 years old

(5) Hours:

The discretionary labor system for professional work shall apply.

Flexible Work Hours: The standard working hours are 8:30 to 17:15, but the actual working hours are at the discretion of each employee.

(6) Holidays: Saturdays, Sundays, National Holidays, New Year's Holidays (Dec. 29 - Jan. 3)

(7) Insurance:

Admission into the MEXT Mutual Aid Association; provision of unemployment insurance and worker's accident insurance; Other regulations based on the National University Corporation Tohoku University employee employment regulations

8. Application materials

- (1) Curriculum Vitae (with photograph attached)
- (2) List of research achievements (research papers, patents, books, reviews, awards)
- (3) List of your educational achievements (the subjects you taught, the number of hours taught for each subject, and the grades that were taught)
- (4) Three major research papers (either the originals, offprints, or copies are acceptable)
- (5) Summary of research activities (of around 1000 words)
- (6) Summary of your aspirations regarding what you want to achieve in research and education (of around 1000 words)

9. Application Deadline

Application documents must arrive by 17:00 (JST) on 16 September, 2025

10. Address to which applications should be sent

By post:

Applicants should submit their application, together with the above documents, to the following address:

Yoshihisa SUGIMOTO

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11. Contact Details

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Graduate School of Arts and Letters, Tohoku University

12. Selection process

After screening based on documents, final selection process may involve a face-to-face or online interview. Travel expenses for interviews will be at your own expense.

13 How to notify the result

The applicants will be informed about the outcome of the selection process as soon as the decision is made by E-mail.

Remarks

- 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 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 on Seiryō Campus. 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.

Tohoku University Center for Gender Equality Promotion website:

<https://www.tnc.tohoku.ac.jp/online-opencampus/2022/tumug/>

Human Resources and Planning Department website:

<https://c.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/jinji-top/external/a-4-kosodate/>