

## Current Vacancies at the Graduate School of Arts and Letters, Tohoku University

1. Open position: Associate Professor in East Asian History (1)
2. Affiliation: Tohoku University, Graduate School of Arts and Letters, Global Humanities, Asian Culture and History, Department of East Asian History
3. Duties: research and teaching on East Asian history
4. Required qualifications:
  - (1) A doctoral degree.
  - (2) Sufficient Japanese proficiency to teach, conduct research, and carry out administrative duties in a Japanese university.
  - (3) Deep knowledge of and accomplishments in research on Chinese history before the Tang Dynasty.
  - (4) Outstanding skills in reading Chinese classical texts and the ability to teach accurate *kanbun kundoku*, the Japanese method of reading, annotating, and translating Classical Chinese.
  - (5) Experience teaching Chinese history at a university or other educational institution.
5. General teaching expectations and additional responsibilities:
  - (1) Graduate School:  
Teaching Advanced Theories of Oriental History, Research Exercises in Oriental History, Comprehensive Course in Regional Cultural Studies; dissertation guidance, etc.
  - (2) Undergraduate level:  
Teaching Introduction to Oriental History, Basic Readings in Oriental History, Theories of Oriental History, Seminar in Oriental History, General Education Courses (History), General Studies in Humanities and Sociology; guidance on graduation theses, etc.
6. Starting date: April 1, 2024
7. Terms of contract are based on the University's employment regulations.
  - (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.
  - (2) Employment status: Full-time employee.
  - (3) Term of office: tenured (retirement age is 65).The candidate may be hired as a tenure-track associate professor, depending on their research achievements and teaching experience. Tenure-track system associate professor is subject to

a tenure review within the first five years of their employment. If found to be sufficiently qualified, they will be conferred a permanent tenure.

(4) Working hours:

We implement the discretionary work system, where the number of working hours is determined by the employee under their own discretion. Standard start and finish times are 8:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m., respectively.

(5) Holidays: Saturdays, Sundays, public holidays, and New Year holidays (29 Dec.–3 Jan.).

(6) Social securities: membership in the Mutual Aid Association of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology; unemployment insurance; workers' accident compensation insurance.

Other securities may be provided in accordance with the employment regulations of Tohoku University.

8. Application materials: all of the following must be in PDF format.

(1) Curriculum vitae (free format). Attach a photograph taken within the last 3 months. Please make sure that your e-mail address is included.

(2) List of research achievements (free format). The list should be divided into categories such as books, papers, oral presentations, etc., and ordered by date of publication or presentation. Papers in print should be clearly indicated as such.

(3) Three major research publications with a 400-word abstract for each.

(4) An essay that outlines your aspirations regarding education and research after assuming the position (approximately 2,000 words).

(5) A medical certificate may be requested at a later date.

9. Application deadline:

23:00 (JST) on Friday, September 29, 2023.

10. Address to which applications should be sent

Apply at JREC-IN

11. Contact Details

Person in charge: Ono, Koji, Professor, Graduate School of Arts and Letters

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The subject line of the email should be 'Enquiry about the public call'. We will not respond to enquiries other than by email.

12. Remarks:

- After screening based on the submitted documents, the applicant may be invited to an interview. The applicant's travel expenses are not reimbursable.
- Additional submissions may be requested to illustrate the applicant's professional performance, etc.
- The applicants will be informed about the outcome of the selection process as soon as the decision is made.
- 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:

<http://tumug.tohoku.ac.jp/dei/>

- 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:

<http://www.tumug.tohoku.ac.jp/>

Human Resources and Planning Department website:

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