

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

2. Affiliation: National University Corporation Tohoku University Graduate School of Arts and Letters, Department of English Literature

3. Duties:

Successful candidates will be engaged in research and education related to English Literature. In particular, the candidate should have an outstanding record of scholarship on 19th- and/or 20th-century English novels

4. Required Qualifications and Conditions:

Applicants must satisfy all of the following requirements:

(1) hold a doctoral degree

(2) be able to teach classes, supervise students, and carry out administrative duties in the Japanese language

(3)

– have an outstanding record of scholarship on 19th- and/or 20th-century English novels

– have demonstrated expertise in English literature and its related fields, such as cultural studies and comparative literature

– be able to teach English poetry, preferably with at least one academic semester of teaching experience

(4) have a strong interest in, and/or substantial experience with, material approaches to cultural production, field-based research, and plurilingual educational practices

5. The main areas for which the successful candidate will be responsible:

At Graduate School level

Thesis Supervision, English Literature (Advanced Lecture), and other related courses

At Undergraduate level

Thesis Supervision, English Literature (General Lecture), English Literature (Seminar)I, and other related courses

6. Start Date: April 1st, 2025

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) 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.

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

(6) 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 (must include an email address)

(2) List of academic achievements (research papers, books, presentations, and other academic contributions)

(3) Three major research works (offprints or photocopies acceptable), together with summaries of approximately 400 characters in Japanese for each.

(4) A summary of the applicant's relevant experiences demonstrating that the applicant satisfies all the required qualifications and conditions, along with a statement of their aspirations for research and teaching (approximately 2,000 characters in Japanese).

9. Application Deadline

All application materials must arrive no later than 17:00 (JST), 30 September 2025.

10. Submission Address

By postal mail:

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

The Office for General Affairs
Graduate School/Faculty of Arts and Letters
Tohoku University
Aoba-ku, Kawauchi 27-1
980-8576 Sendai, Japan

*Please write the phrase "Application Materials for a Faculty Position in English Literature" clearly on the envelope, and enclose it in a red rectangle.

****Please use a traceable delivery method (e.g., registered mail or courier service) and confirm the delivery status by yourself. We will not be able to respond to individual inquiries regarding the receipt of documents.**

11. Contact Details

E-mail Address:

takashi.onuki.b8@tohoku.ac.jp

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12. Selection process

Face-to-face or online interviews may be conducted during the selection process.

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

- We may ask you to make a presentation during the selection process.
- We may request a visit to observe candidates (teaching, etc.) at their workplace as part of the selection process.
- 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 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.

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/>