

Call for Applicants

National University Corporation Tohoku University Graduate School of Arts and Letters (Department of Archaeology)

1. Number of positions and job title: We are seeking one assistant professor
2. Affiliation: Graduate School of Arts and Letters, Tohoku University,
Department of Japanese Studies, Japanese History Course (Archaeology Field),
Material Culture History Research Project
3. Duties: Successful candidates will be engaged in chemical analysis and research on
archaeological and cultural property materials
4. Required Qualifications and Conditions:
Candidates must possess a doctoral degree and have distinguished achievements in
the above-mentioned specialized field.
5. Course Subjects: While there is no obligation to teach, it is possible to teach some
undergraduate courses upon request.
6. Start Date: April 1, 2027
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.
 - (2) Employment status: Full Time
 - (3) Term of contract: 3 years (reappointment possible after performance evaluations)
 - (4) Work 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

8. Application materials (written in Japanese or English)

- (1) Curriculum Vitae (with photograph attached)
- (2) List of research achievements (research papers, patents, books, reviews, awards)
- (3) Lists of competitive research funds received, academic conference activities, international conference presentations
- (4) List of your teaching experiences (the subjects you taught, the number of hours taught for each subject, and the grades that were taught): however, no background in education is required for this position
- (5) Three major research papers (both printed and electronic files are acceptable)
- (6) Summary of research activities (of approximately 1000 words no more than two A4 pages)
- (7) Research plan (of approx. 1000 words or no more than two A4 pages, including personal research plans during the term of employment and future aspirations)
- (8) One letter of recommendation
(Letters should be sent directly to art-syom@grp.tohoku.ac.jp by those recommending you)
- (9) One reference contact information (can be the same person of recommender):
Name, affiliation, position, email address and/or telephone number.

9. Application Deadline

Please submit the application documents by Wednesday, September 30, 2026.

10. Submission Address:

Web application via JREC-IN (All documents must be submitted electronically. For documents that are difficult to submit as PDFs (such as publications), please send them separately by mail to the address below (please write "Application for Faculty Position in Archaeology" in red on the envelope and send by registered mail or simplified registered mail. If you wish to have them returned, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope (postage borne by the applicant).

27-1 Kawauchi, Aoba-ku, Sendai, Miyagi 980-8576, Japan

Tohoku University, Faculty of Letters/Graduate School of Arts and Letters, General Affairs and Planning Section

11. Contact Details

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12. Remarks

- An interview may be required during 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 Tohoku University Center for Gender Equality Promotion website:

https://dei.tohoku.ac.jp/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/EN_GuideLine.pdf

- 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/>