

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

One Associate (*junkyōju* 准教授) or Assistant Professor (*kōshi* 講師) position with tenure in Japanese Premodern Literatures and Languages, Kyushu University, Faculty of Humanities and Graduate School of Humanities.

Description

The Faculty of Humanities and Graduate School of Humanities at Kyushu University (Fukuoka, Japan) opens a position in the field of Japanese Premodern Literatures and Languages. We seek a scholar with expertise in a premodern field such as Japanese literature, poetry, theater or other literatures, including those in religion, history, geography, and other humanities areas.

The tenured appointment (i.e., immediate tenure) may be made at either the Associate Professor (in the UK, equivalent to Lecturer) or Assistant Professor level with promotion to follow at subsequent appropriate stages.

The home department for the successful candidate will be the International Master's Program (IMAP) in Japanese Humanities and the recently established International Doctorate (IDOC) in Japanese Humanities, both of which are situated within the Graduate School of Humanities. More information on the Programs in Japanese Humanities can be found at <https://www.imapkyudai.net/>
On the School of Letters, Faculty of Humanities, and Graduate School of Humanities see <http://www2.lit.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/>

The successful candidate is expected to conduct and publish original research; participate in departmental and university committees and advisory bodies; and to compete for research opportunities at Kyushu University, and grants at the national and international level. There are many available resources for research at Kyushu University, both competitive and assigned, including support for books, collaborative research, fieldwork, travel to conferences, etc.

The successful candidate will teach and advise graduate students at IMAP and IDOC, as relevant. Concurrently, they will also teach undergraduate courses and conduct select supervising at the School of Interdisciplinary Science and Innovation (*kyōsō gakubu* 共創学部). See <https://kyoso.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/>

All teaching is in English.

Basic Qualifications

- A PhD degree in hand at the time of the application
- Teaching experience (ideally, experience other than as a Teaching Assistant)
- Native or near-native fluency in English
- Excellent, near-native, or native fluency in Japanese
- Ability to teach *kanbun* and/or *bungo* (*kobun* 古文, *kogo* 古語, etc.)
- Expertise in other East Asian literatures is desirable
- Ability to teach one course per year in global performance theory at the undergraduate level

Materials to be Submitted

The following items should be submitted as PDFs by the applicant in one email (if over 15 MB please use a file-sharing platform)

- A curriculum vitae with your academic and related background and including a photo of the applicant (small size, headshot), date of birth, and the names and email addresses of two recommenders (PDF 1)

- A letter of application, including a description of your teaching experience and viewpoints and methodologies regarding graduate and undergraduate teaching (PDF 2)
- A statement describing your recent and projected research (PDF 3)
- Up to five representative publications including a dissertation excerpt (the latter totaling no more than 40 pages) (PDF 4)

To be sent separately

- Two recommendation letters, sent by the recommender, as a PDF (by email) or by postal mail by the applicant submission deadline

Employment period

Start date will be June 1, 2021 or as soon as possible thereafter (the last possible start date is October 1, 2021)

Remuneration:

Salary shall be paid in accordance with the Annual Salary System (published April 1, 2020). The annual salary is determined by the relevant rules of the university and consists of a base salary based on age and experience, a performance bonus, and various supplements and/or benefits.

Working hours are calculated as 7 hours and 45 minutes per day according to the System for Flexible Working Time Regulation in Specialized Professions.

Regular off days are Saturdays, Sundays, public holidays and the period between December 29 and January 3.

Benefits include health insurance, pension insurance, mutual retirement pension programs of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology / Mutual Aid Association, and employment insurance of the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare. Employment will be in the name of Kazuhiro SHIMIZU, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, Kyushu University.

Deadline and Submission of Application Materials

All applicant materials should be sent as individual PDFs in a single email to kokusai19@lit.kyushu-u.ac.jp by December 11, 2020, 23:59 Japan standard time.

Letters of recommendation should be sent by the recommender to the email address or the postal address given below. We will confirm receipt when your application is complete.

The subject line on all submission emails must be “九州大学人文科学研究院准教授・講師(文学)公募書類” and the same on recommendation letters.

Interviews and Schedule

Interviews, if requested, will be by online meeting, phone, and/or in person during January, 2021. The selected candidate will be notified by the middle of March, 2021.

Other

In compliance with the Personal Information Protection Law in Japan, the personal information we obtain will be used only for the determination of this position.

Kyushu University particularly welcomes applications from female researchers and makes every effort to provide a comfortable work environment for them. Kyushu University will also select a candidate following the principles of the Basic Act for Gender-Equal Society (Act No.78 of 1999). For more details, please refer to the website of the Office for Promotion of Gender Equality, Kyushu University:

<http://danjyo.kyushu-u.ac.jp/>

Kyushu University will select a candidate based on the principles of the Basic Act for Persons with Disabilities (Act No.84 of May 21, 1970), the Act on Employment Promotion etc. of Persons with Disabilities (Act No.123 of 1960) and the Act for Eliminating Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities (Act No.65 of June 26, 2013).

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