

Full-time, Tenure-Track Position in International Cooperation and Development
International Liberal Arts Faculty, Akita International University

The Akita International University (AIU) Faculty of International Liberal Arts invites applications for a tenure-track position in international cooperation and development at the Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor level, starting on April 1, 2025.

Akita International University was founded in 2004 as the first public university corporation in Japan. The university offers an all-English-medium education in international liberal arts designed to prepare its students for responsible leadership in a globalized age. In 2023, Times Higher Education (THE) ranking of Japanese Universities, out of more than 800 universities, AIU was ranked 15th overall and 2nd for its student engagement. We are proud of this recognition of the quality of our programs, and we seek an individual who can contribute to ongoing excellence in education at AIU.

Located in Akita, Japan, the school operates on a semester calendar with an intensive winter program between semesters. All AIU students must spend one full academic year studying abroad, and each year, roughly one quarter of its students are from one of the school's 200 exchange partner institutions. This means that our classes typically have a wide international mix of students who study alongside our traditional degree-seeking Japanese students. In all, the university serves about 900 undergraduates and approximately 60 graduate students. For more details about the school, visit the website at <https://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/about/>.

As a Liberal Arts College, AIU offers an undergraduate curriculum leading to degrees in Global Business, Global Connectivity, and Global Studies, and our principal endeavor is helping students develop critical thinking skills. We seek candidates who possess the ability to foster disciplined inquiry and discussion among a very diverse student body. Additionally, as a small international liberal arts college that stresses the necessity of interdisciplinary work, we seek individuals who welcome close collaboration with colleagues across the range of the university's programs.

The Global Studies Program is searching for a liberally educated individual with a passion for classroom teaching and scholarly research, who can deliver coursework in international cooperation and development. The successful applicant will teach approximately 18 credits (6 courses) per year. Please note that all courses are taught in English at AIU.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- MA or Ph.D. in a field related to international cooperation and development.
- Demonstrated ability to teach courses related to Japan's international cooperation and development, as well as subjects related to geopolitics
- Excellent oral, written, and interpersonal communication skills

- Ability to teach at a high level in English
- Scholarly promise
- A commitment to liberal arts education and the AIU Mission Statement

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Experience in international cooperation at government agencies, international organizations, etc.
- Teaching experience at the university level
- Scholarly achievement
- Experience working in multicultural and inclusive environments
- Experience living or working in Japan and familiarity with Japanese culture

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Teach undergraduate courses related to the above-noted fields, which will be determined in consideration of the successful candidate's specific areas of expertise.
- Advise individual undergraduate students
- Engage in scholarly activities leading to presentation and publication
- Participate in service to the university, program, and community
- Collaborate with faculty and staff on program development

APPOINTMENT:

The initial appointment is based on a three-year, fixed-term contract. The contract is renewable up to two times, and tenure is possible. Salary is competitive within Japan and commensurate with qualifications and experience. Generous benefits are also included as part of the remuneration, including partial housing allowance, health insurance, and a research fund allowance.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

To be considered for the position, please complete the online application form and upload the following documents through the URL below.

- Letter of application
- Curriculum Vitae
- PDF copies of up to three recent publications
- Statements of
 - Teaching philosophy and teaching interests
 - Research interests
- Syllabi for two courses that you do or could teach in the areas indicated in the list above
- Names and email contact information for three current references.

Application Form: <https://forms.gle/v13nzRG35Rgsukjf9>

Screening of applicants will begin immediately and applications will be accepted until the position has been filled. After the initial screening, a number of candidates will be invited to participate in Zoom interviews. Finalists for the position will then be invited to AIU for an interview, a research presentation, a teaching demonstration, and a chance to see the campus and the community.

AIU believes strongly in the importance of diversity within its community and strongly encourages applications from all under-represented groups, including women.

Documents submitted in support of your application will only be used for the purpose of making a selection decision. Unfortunately, we are unable to return documents submitted as part of this process.

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