National University Corporation Tohoku University

Graduate School of Information Sciences

Call for Applicants

Position: Associate Professor (Tenured), 1 position

Affiliation: The laboratory of Philosophy of Human Information, Department of Human and Social Information Sciences, Graduate School of Information Sciences, Tohoku University (Location: 6-3-09 Aramaki-Aza-Aoba, Aoba-ku, Sendai, Miyagi)

Start Date: (the earliest possible date after) October 1, 2027

Field of Specialization: Philosophy and Logic. Candidates should possess strong expertise in philosophy and be able to bridge it effectively with logic. We expect candidates to explore new frontiers in contemporary philosophy by collaborating with diverse areas of information sciences—such as sociology, psychology, linguistics, media studies, and artificial intelligence. Based on the integration of the humanities and sciences, the candidate will contribute to building logic suitable for today's digital society.

Teaching Responsibilities: Specialized and related courses in the Master's and Doctoral programs of the Graduate School of Information Sciences related to the field of specialization, as well as general undergraduate education courses.

Salary: Annual salary system (in accordance with Tohoku University's employment regulations). Other terms also follow the Tohoku University Employment Regulations.

Working Hours: Discretionary Labor System for Professional Work (deemed to have worked 7 hours and 45 minutes per day).

Holidays: Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, and New Year’s Holidays (December 29 – January 3).

Social Insurance: Admission into the MEXT Mutual Aid Association; provision of unemployment insurance and worker's accident insurance.

Qualifications:

1. Hold a Ph.D. degree.
2. Have internationally outstanding research achievements and vision in the field of specialization.
3. Possess a strong passion for research and education in the field of specialization.
4. Any nationality is welcome, provided the applicant can communicate in either English or Japanese.

Application Documents [Free format]:

1. Curriculum Vitae (CV)

2. List of research achievements (categorized into books, articles, presentations, and indicate whether it is peer-reviewed, and invited).
3. Five major research achievements
4. Abstracts of the 5 major research achievements (approx. 2 pages in total on A4 paper)
5. List of other notable achievements (awards, competitive funding secured, academic/social activities, etc.)
6. Current research theme(s) and overview, along with statement of purpose for education and research (approx. 1 page each on A4 paper)

Application documents will be used solely for selection purposes and will not be returned.

Application Deadline: January 31, 2027 (JST)

Selection Process: Document screening, followed by an interview if necessary (travel expenses for the interview are to be borne by the applicant). Interviews may be conducted online. Additional documents or electronic data may be requested during the selection process.

Submission Address: Please send materials via email to [is-kobo[at]grp[dot]tohoku[dot]ac[dot]jp] following these instructions: Convert documents (1) through (6) into individual PDF files. Use only single-byte alphanumeric characters for file names to prevent garbled text. Compress all files into a single ZIP archive and attach it to the email. If the file size exceeds 25 MB, please consult in advance. For books, if a full-text PDF is difficult to provide, a PDF covering the cover page through the table of contents is acceptable. A confirmation email will be sent by the department upon receipt. If you do not receive confirmation within approximately 48 hours of sending, please be sure to inquire.

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Other Information:

- 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/en/vision/about/
- Pursuant to Article 8 of the Act on 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 websites 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/en/support_program/consulting/for_family/
    - Human Resources and Planning Department website: https://c.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/jinji-top/external/a-4-kosodate/