

OTARU UNIVERSITY OF COMMERCE

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Announcement of a full-time tenured faculty position in English Linguistics

Applicants are invited for the post of Associate Professorship tenable from April 1, 2019 at the Center for Language Studies, Otaru University of Commerce. The Center has a long history of being one of Hokkaido's top academic research organizations and language educational institutions. We are seeking an exceptional academic who can support our ambitions to enhance our teaching and research reputation. Prospective applicants should refer to the following:

Position:

Full-time tenured Associate Professor of English Linguistics at the Center for Language Studies.

Field:

Candidates should possess a doctorate in English Linguistics, with an expertise in one or more of the following five areas:

Phonetics, Phonology, Morphology, Syntax, Semantics.

Qualifications:

1. Applicants are expected to have a completed PhD in English linguistics or allied discipline by April 1, 2019 Applicants without a Ph.D. should otherwise have equivalent qualifications including track record of academic publications.
2. Applicants should have adequate ability to teach English in English.
3. Applicants should possess a sufficient command of the Japanese language to pursue administrative duties, such as producing documents, participating in faculty meetings, and coordinating teaching practicums; the selection process does not exclude applicants on the basis of nationality or their first language.
4. Applicants should have relevant teaching experience (preferably at college and/or university level).

Responsibilities:

1. Academic staff are normally allocated classes in both daytime and evening courses. The appointee will be expected to teach the following courses.
 - Undergraduate: English I · II; courses related to English language and linguistics.
 - Graduate: Any of the following: 'English linguistics for English Language Education', Japanese and English contrastive linguistics', 'Academic English I · II'
 - English linguistics on our undergraduate teacher training program and

on our master's program in intercultural understanding and communication.

2. The successful candidate should commit to professional and program development, the teachers training course, the international student exchange program, and various administrative duties not only of an English academic but also to the Center for Language Studies and the University. A high level of proficiency in written and spoken Japanese is therefore required.

Period of Appointment:

The successful applicant is expected to assume the post on April 1, 2019.

Application Materials:

1. One curriculum vitae in Japanese.
 2. A list of education and research achievements.
 3. A copy of the candidate's three most important research publications and their summaries. At least one of the three publications should be written in English.
NOTE: Japanese summaries are required for each publication (about 250 characters) and English summaries are required for each Japanese publication (about 300 words).
 4. Copies of undergraduate and graduate school degree certificates and official transcripts.
- * On preparing the (1) Japanese CV and (2) list of education and research achievements, please use the prescribed, downloadable form (available from our Website URL listed below).
 - * With regard to (1), (2), and (3), PDF digital versions (contained in a CD, DVD, or USB flash drive) should also be included.

Please write (in red) "Application for Gengo Center (English)" on the envelope in which you send your materials. Send the documents by recorded delivery or by registered mail to:

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Website URL: <http://www.otaru-uc.ac.jp/info/koubo/post-13.html>

Please note that an applicant may be requested to submit a research plan, an essay about English education, a (couple of) letter of recommendation, and/or other additional documentation if we consider it necessary.

Selection Process:

After an initial evaluation of the submitted materials, a number of candidates will be requested to attend an interview both in Japanese and English. It will consist of three parts:

- An English mock class/model lesson in English.
- An interview in English and Japanese about the candidates' previous experiences and future plans with regard to their research and teaching.
- Question and answer session for the candidate to evaluate whether they have sufficient command of the Japanese language to be able to pursue administrative duties, such as producing documents, participating in faculty meetings, and coordinating the teaching practicum. This session will include an assessment of the candidate's ability to read and summarize administrative documents written in Japanese and answer questions about those documents.

Salary and Benefits:

The successful candidate will be paid in line with the pay scale of Otaru University of Commerce with pension and insurance benefits equal to those afforded tenured members of the faculty.

Closing Date:

Applications should be received by 17:00 on Thursday, November 1, 2018.

- * We abide by the Equal Employment Opportunity Law for Men and Women. A shorter working hours system for childcare support is available to workers in our university.
- * In addition to the conventional salary system, an annual salary system has been introduced in our university since 2014.
- * In principle, submitted materials will not be returned to the applicants. However, if you would like your submissions to be returned after the application process, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope in your packet. Applicants' privacy will be respected and submitted materials will not be used for any other purposes.