

Hiroshima University (HU) herewith makes an open international job offer and seeks to appoint Associate Professor with tenure; Associate Professor/Assistant Professor on Tenure Track System in the research area of Chinese Thoughts and Culture. This position is based on the 'Policy for recruiting/cultivating excellent faculty members'. The university introduced this policy to create a secure environment in which junior-positioned faculty members can concentrate on their research/education.

The post above has been newly created at HU to enable the promotion of the applicant to the senior position of Associate Professor on the condition that he/she passes the tenure-track review before the tenure-track period expires. Such a system assumes that the recruited person will settle down in one place so that he/she can dedicate himself/herself to research and education in accordance with his/her proposed research.

Therefore, when processing an application for recruitment, we evaluate not only each applicant's performance on research/education, but also the contents and the scope of his/her research plan. Thus, we assess whether or not the applicant's research plan is mid-to-long term (i.e. about 10 years) in scope, exceeding the tenure-track period. At the time of the review for the tenured promotion, we comprehensively evaluate the applicant's achievements during his/her term at HU and the future prospect of his/her research.

HU provides startup support money for assistant professors. By assigning a mentor to each newly-recruited faculty member on tenure track, HU continues to develop an environment where such faculty member can engage himself/herself in research activities independently. In case the recruited member does not secure tenure, he/she will be able to extend his/her term of employment for up to one year as a specially appointed faculty member. The special appointment starts on the day following the end date of the existing employment contract for the tenure-track position.

We are looking forward to welcoming those who are prepared to go along with the principles, long-term vision and medium-term target of HU (<https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/about>), and who are motivated and can play key roles by committing themselves to research and education at HU.

Mitsuo Ochi, President of Hiroshima University

Please refer to the following URL for details about personnel system reform of Hiroshima University.

<https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/employment/kyoinkobo>

Date: December 23, 2024

Faculty Open Position(s)

1. Affiliation (Appointment)

Academy of Hiroshima University (Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences)

2. Work location

Higashi-Hiroshima Campus 1-2-3 Higashi-Hiroshimashi Kagamiyama

Other places of work designated by the University.

3. Position(s) and the number of opening(s)

Associate Professor or Assistant Professor, one (1)

(Depending on the result of the performance reviews of the applicant at the time of employment, he/she may be decided on any of the following titles: Associate Professor with tenure; Associate Professor/Assistant Professor on Tenure Track System)

4. Commencing date of employment

As early as possible after April 1, 2025

5. Terms of employment

Tenure-track position(s) Period of employment

- x 7 years (in case that tenure-track Associate Professor gets promoted to tenured Associate Professor)
- x 5 years (in case that tenure-track Assistant Professor gets promoted to tenured Associate Professor)

- (1) Tenure-track faculty members will undergo a tenure review at least six (6) months or more in advance of the expiration date of appointment, and those who have successfully passed the review process will be granted tenure along with promotion either to associate professor.
- (2) Granting a candidate for tenure is subject to two reviewing process: an intermediate and final review. If a candidate is not granted tenure in final review, he/she will be dismissed from the university upon completion of the term of appointment.
- (3) If a candidate has taken a leave because of some life events such as delivering a baby, child-raising and caregiving, he/she may extend the term of appointment up to certain period according to the length of such leave.

6. Field of specialization

Chinese Thoughts and Culture

7. Teaching responsibilities

- (1) Undergraduate level (general education courses): Asian Thoughts, Introductory Seminar for First Year Students etc.
- (2) Undergraduate level (discipline specific courses): Introduction to Chinese Thoughts and Culture, Basic Analysis of Chinese Classics, Seminar on Ancient and Medieval Chinese Classics of the thoughts, Special Seminar on Chinese Thoughts and Culture, etc.
- (3) Graduate level (master's programs): Study of Chinese Cultural Literature, Study of Special Topics in Chinese Culture, etc.
- (4) Graduate level (doctoral programs): Special Research, etc.
- (5) In addition to the courses listed above, he or she may be asked to teach other general education courses and/or discipline specific courses in other department(s) and graduate school(s).

8. Qualifications

Applicants must satisfy all of the following requirements:

- (1) Hold a doctorate or an equivalent degree by the time the appointment begins
- (2) In the case of Associate Professor, hold at least one book (single-authored) or 10 papers (including at least three peer-reviewed papers)

In the case of

five major publications or presentations.)

- (3) Five major publications or presentations (Reprints, photocopies, or books)
- (4) Major educational activities and teaching experience
- (5) Major social contributions

12:00 to 12:45.

- (2) Workdays are from Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) in principle.
- (3) Holidays are Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays in principle.

14. Salary, etc.

- (1) The annual salary system (II) which was enforced in October 2021 will be applied to the successful candidates.
- (2) Successful candidates may be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred for the trip from their home or former place of work to the new place of work to assume their post in accordance with the relevant regulations of Hiroshima University. For more information, please contact us.

Hiroshima University has introduced a system whereby researchers' personnel expenses are paid out of direct expenses such as competitive research grants and joint research grants, and the obtained research financial resources can be used to improve the treatment of researchers themselves (additional Salary) and to improve the research environment.

15. Evaluation

We conduct individual performance evaluations for all Hiroshima University faculty members after their employment, numerically rate their performance, and salary and benefits are commensurate with performance indicators.

16. Employer

Hiroshima University

17. Miscellaneous

- (1) Probationary employment period: six (6) months
- (2) Personal information obtained from application documents will not be used or provided to any third party for purposes other than the necessary procedures related to personnel affairs, salary, and welfare. Application documents of applicants whom we have decided not to employ will be returned to those applicants in an appropriate manner, after the completion of relevant selection processes.
- (3) The retirement age is 65 years old.
- (4) All the faculty members of Hiroshima University belong to the "Academy", which is the single university-wide faculty organization, and each faculty as a member of the Academy of the University is appointed to educational and/or research organizations such as an individual undergraduate school, graduate school, research center and institute.

- (5) Faculty members may also be assigned to teaching and/or research activities in other organizations of Hiroshima University and university-wide