

Full-time, Tenure-Track Position in English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Program
Faculty of International Liberal Arts
Akita International University

Akita International University (AIU), located in Akita, Japan, is currently seeking a qualified applicant to teach in our English for Academic Purposes (EAP) program. The individual hired will be appointed at the lecturer, assistant/associate professor, or full professor level. The position is tenure-track. Expected start date is April 1, 2022 (negotiable).

AIU opened in 2004 as the first public ‘university corporation’ in Japan and, in recent years, it has been receiving growing attention from leading companies, other higher educational institutions and the mass media, for its unique education policy. The University is committed to the provision of a full international liberal arts curriculum and all the undergraduate teaching is conducted entirely in English (with the exception of the Japanese language program). All students are also required to spend a minimum of one year studying abroad at one of our approximately 200 overseas exchange partners. Normally, there are about 800 Japan-based undergraduate students and 200 short-term international exchange students from all over the world enrolled in the university. There are also approximately 60 Japanese and international students enrolled in AIU’s professional graduate school. For more information, please refer to <https://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/>.

English courses clearly play a fundamental role in the students’ education at AIU from their freshman year until they graduate. All incoming freshmen (with the exception of a few native/near-native students who have received a significant portion of their prior education in English) take preparatory academic courses in speaking and listening, reading, and writing and stay in the intensive English for Academic Purposes (EAP) program until they have sufficient mastery of the language to move on to take various liberal arts courses in the Core Liberal Arts. And, even after completing the EAP program, students are required to take Academic Reading across Disciplines as well as Composition I and Composition II – Introduction to Research Writing. Other undergraduate English courses available for students at AIU include Speech Communication, Introduction to English Studies, English Literature, Sociolinguistics, Linguistics, and Applied Linguistics.

AIU is looking for a vibrant candidate with a passion for, and record of achievement in, classroom teaching and research. To this end, it welcomes applications from candidates who have an earned doctorate in a relevant field, e.g., SLA, TESOL, linguistics or Applied Linguistics.

Qualifications for the position:

Essential

- Doctorate in SLA, TESOL, linguistics or Applied Linguistics with clear evidence of coursework and relevant thesis or dissertation.
- A record of excellent teaching in EFL or ESL programs and skills in using modern teaching technology.
- Excellent communication skills.

Desirable

- A track record of academic presentations, publication and grant capture.
- Prior experience of living or working in a multi-cultural environment, and knowledge of Japanese language and/or culture.

Responsibilities:

- Teach undergraduate courses in EAP and contribute to other English courses in other programs.
- Provide academic advising to individual students.
- Engage in scholarly activity at an international level.
- Participate in service to the University, program and community.
- Collaborate with colleagues on program development.
- Work effectively and collegiately in a multicultural learning environment.
- The possibility of teaching courses in the Teacher License Program or other programs at AIU.

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.

1. A letter of application,
2. Curriculum Vitae,
3. A statement of teaching philosophy,
4. A brief description of research interests,
5. A list of courses previously taught,
6. Contact information for three current references,
7. Unofficial transcripts of all graduate school coursework,
8. A lesson plan in EFL speaking and listening, reading, or writing development at the college level that you would be willing to demonstrate.

AIU Jobs and Vacancies: <https://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/category/employment/>

Screening of applicants will begin immediately and applications will be accepted until the position has been filled. After the initial screening, some candidates may be contacted via Skype or Zoom. Short-listed candidates will be invited to give a class demonstration lesson and interview. This demonstration will be conducted via Zoom.

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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