

## **Full-time non-tenured Position in TEFL/TESOL/Linguistics**

The Graduate School of International Resource Sciences, Akita University, is seeking candidates for the position of Professor/Associate Professor/Lecturer/Assistant Professor of TEFL/TESOL or Applied Linguistics. According to the open call, the successful candidate's appointment date is September 1, 2025. Details are as follows.

### **1. Position:**

Professor, Associate Professor, Lecturer, or Assistant Professor, depending on qualifications; full-time, non-tenure; five-year fixed-term appointment, renewable only once.

### **2. Treatment:**

Salary and benefits will be based on the Akita University salary scale.

Reference: Akita University Employee Salary Regulations

<https://www.akita-u.ac.jp/honbu/zyouhouteikyo/sohiki/syokuinkyuyo2024.pdf>

### **3. Research field:**

TEFL/TESOL, Linguistics, or other related fields in department of Resource Policy and Management (Literature, History, Anthropology, Geography, Management, Economy and so on) .

### **4. Content of work:**

The duties for this position include:

1. English education subjects: I-EAP (Intensive English for Academic Purposes); practical courses in debate, discussion, and presentation skills.
2. The successful candidate will assist in coordinating the faculty's English program.
3. Familiarity with CALL and learner management software, especially MOODLE, is preferred.
4. Teaching duties will amount to at least six 90-minute courses per semester, to be taught exclusively in English.
5. Guiding and assisting students in academic matters, including advising students in connection with Resource Science Fieldwork Abroad, a mandatory four-week practical program. In combination with courses taken before departing and after returning to Akita, this program prepares students for an independent graduation research project that they undertake in the fourth and final year;
6. Other university administrative duties, including entrance exam preparation and administration of various university committees, among other duties as required.
7. Conduct academic research and apply for outside funding, such as Kakenhi.

## **5. Minimum requirements:**

Candidates should possess:

1. At least an MA in TESL/TESOL, Applied Linguistics, or a related field mentioned above. Preference is given to candidates with experience in program coordination or curriculum development.
2. Sufficient teaching achievements in giving lectures in English at the university level.
3. Native or near-native fluency in English.
4. Have at least conversational Japanese ability if you are a foreign national..

## **6. Starting date:**

1<sup>st</sup> September, 2025

(※ This is subject to change depending on the progress of the selection process.)

## **7. Documents to be submitted:**

- (1) Curriculum Vitae including date of birth, e-mail address, current address, a recent photograph, and the list of teaching experience.
- (2) A list of academic achievements and research publications arranged chronologically in the following categories: books, academic papers, reports/notes, reviews, and others. Three of the most representative/relevant publications should be marked.
- (3) A copy of the Ph.D. / MA, TESL/TESOL
- (4) A list of research grants obtained, classified according to the funding source.
- (5) Copies of the three most representative publications, accompanied by abstracts, on a separate A4 sheet.
- (6) Description of achievements in teaching and research
- (7) Plans and Ideas for English Teaching at Faculty of International Resource Sciences, Akita University.
- (8) If available, copies of language proficiency certificates (English/Japanese and other languages).
- (9) Contact information for two references (names, addresses, phone, and email).

## **8. Deadline:**

All applications must arrive by (February 28, 2025).

## **9. Method of selection:**

First screening: all application documents will be carefully reviewed.

Second screening: the short-listed candidates will be asked to give an oral presentation and will be interviewed during the second screening (after mid-May 2025). The second screening is planned to

be a face-to-face interview, for which the interviewee will cover travel expenses, however, an online interview via Zoom is acceptable.

#### **10. Address where application documents should be sent:**

Documents should be sent by registered mail (kakitome, kan'i kakitome or EMS/DHL) to:

Prof. Fumiaki Inagaki, Graduate School of International Resource Sciences of Akita University, 1-1 Tegata-Gakuen-machi, Akita, Japan

Postal code 010-8502 Japan

Note: Be sure to write "ATTN: Application for TESOL" in red on the envelope.

Submitted materials and personal information are kept confidential and will be used for selection purposes only. Submitted documents will not be returned. No application by e-mail will be accepted unless there are special circumstances.

#### **11. For further information:**

Contact by e-mail:

Fumiaki Inagaki

E-mail: fumiaki.inagaki[a]gipc.akita-u.ac.jp (Please change the letter [a] to @)

Be sure to put 'Position in TESOL' in the 'subject' field. No telephone or fax inquiries will be accepted.

#### **Additional information**

1. Akita University is promoting gender-equal opportunities and encouraging young scholars to apply.
2. The University's mandatory retirement age is 65.