

## **Akita International University (AIU)**

### **Full-time Faculty Position International Liberal Arts, English for Academic Purposes**

Akita International University (AIU), located in Akita, Japan, is currently seeking a qualified applicant to teach in our English for Academic Purposes (EAP) program.

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 169 overseas exchange partners. Currently there are about 830 undergraduate students and about 200 short-term international exchange students from all over the world enrolled in the university. There are also 60 Japanese and international students enrolled in the professional graduate school. For more information please refer to <http://www.aiu.ac.jp>.

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 Basic Education program. 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 a record of achievement in, classroom teaching and research, at the Lecturer, Assistant or Associate Professor rank. To this end, it welcomes applications from candidates who have an M.A. or doctorate in a relevant field, e.g., SLA, TESOL, linguistics or Applied Linguistics.

As with all our positions, the appointment will be made on an initial three-year contract, renewable by mutual agreement. Salary is competitive, 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.

### **Qualifications for the position:**

#### **Essential**

- M.A. or doctorate in SLA, TESOL, linguistics or Applied Linguistics with clear evidence of coursework and relevant capstone, 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 Basic Education.
- 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.
- Possibly teach courses in the Teacher License Program or other programs at AIU.

### **Application Procedures:**

Application deadline will be **January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015, but application will be accepted until the position has been filled.** Expected start date is April 1, 2015 (negotiable).

Qualified applicants should submit the following documents to the address below. E-mail submissions are acceptable. Please specify "EAP Faculty Application" in the subject line of the E-mail.

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 reading or writing development at the college level that you would be willing to demonstrate.

After screening, some candidates may be contacted via Skype. Short-listed candidates will be invited to AIU to give a class demonstration lesson and interview. AIU will make travel arrangements and cover all travel expenses.

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Please be advised that we will not return your application documents and those documents will be used for selecting a qualified candidate only.