

Akita International University (AIU)
International Liberal Arts

English for Academic Purposes
Full-time, Tenure-Track Faculty Position

The Faculty of International Liberal Arts invites applications for a teaching position in English for Academic Purpose (EAP) Program at the Lecturer, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor or Professor level, beginning April 1, 2016.

Akita International University was founded in 2004 as the first public university corporation in Japan. The university offers an all English-medium education in international liberal arts designed to prepare its students for responsible leadership in a globalized age. Located in Akita, Japan, the school operates on a semester calendar with an intensive winter program between semesters. All AIU students must spend one full academic year studying abroad, and each year, roughly one quarter of its students are from one of the university's 174 exchange partner institutions. In all, AIU serves about 900 undergraduates and approximately 60 graduate students. For more details about the school, visit the website at <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, Composition II, and 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.

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.

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.

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 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 submit the following documents to the AIU EAP Faculty Search Committee. Note that email applications are strongly encouraged. Please indicate in the subject line of the e-mail submission that the application is for the "EAP Position."

- Letter of application
- Curriculum Vitae
- PDF copies of up to three recent publications
- Statements of
 - Teaching philosophy
 - Research interests
- Names and contact information of three current references.

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Screening of applicants will begin on **July 21, 2015**, but applications will be accepted until the position has been filled. After the initial screening, selected candidates will be asked to participate in a short Skype interview. Finalists for the position will then be invited to AIU for a more extensive interview, a teaching demonstration, and a chance to see the campus and the community.

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.