

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

### **Graduate School of Global Communication and Language English Language Teaching Practices Full-time, Tenure-Track Faculty Position**

The Graduate School of Global Communication and Language invites applications for a position in English Language Teaching Practices at the Lecturer, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, or full Professor level, beginning April 1 or September 1, 2016.

AIU opened in 2004 as the first public 'University Corporation' in Japan and in 2008 it opened the Graduate School of Global Communication and Language, a distinctive and necessary professional graduate school for these globalized times. AIU's graduate school consists of three programs: English Language Teaching Practices (ELT), Japanese Language Teaching Practices (JLT), and Global Communication Practices (GCP). These programs provide specialized courses to support the acquisition of knowledge and practice, in order to train highly specialized professionals who can play an active role in today's internationalized community. Currently, there are 60 Japanese and international students enrolled in the graduate program. For more information, please refer to <http://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/>.

ELT is searching for a vibrant candidate with a passion for, and record of achievement in, classroom teaching and research. The graduate program offers SLA- and TESOL-related coursework aimed at the practical preparation of elementary, junior high or senior high school teachers within Japan, as well as candidates who will teach English elsewhere. AIU is a small university and collaboration across programs is encouraged. To this end, the successful candidate may be asked to teach undergraduate Teaching License Program (TLP) courses, undergraduate composition and academic reading courses, and/or EAP (English for Academic Purposes) courses as part of the annual teaching load.

The University operates on a semester system consisting of two 15-week spring and fall semesters, and a 7.5-week winter program in January-February. Faculty members are expected to teach 6 courses (18 credits) per year.

Applicants must have a doctorate (Ph.D. or Ed.D.) in a relevant field: SLA, TESOL, linguistics, or literacy studies. They must have completed coursework and written a dissertation in one or more of the following program areas: pedagogy (methods), SLA research, reading, writing, listening and/or speaking, research methods, assessment, or self-directed language learning. Because the principal aim of the ELT is to prepare teachers for work in Japanese primary and secondary schools, applicants must have teaching and/or research experience at the K-12 level in Japanese school settings. All ELT courses are taught in English, but fluency in Japanese language is a plus.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION:**

- A doctorate in SLA, TESOL, Applied Linguistics, Language & Literacy or other appropriate discipline.
- Teaching and/or research experience at K-12 schools in Japan
- A minimum of three years of teaching experience in university EFL, ESL, or Teacher Training programs.
- Demonstrated excellence in teaching at the undergraduate and/or graduate level

- Scholarly achievement as evidenced in conference presentations and peer-reviewed publications.
- Excellent oral, written, and interpersonal communication skills.
- Ability to teach graduate level courses in English.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Teach graduate courses in areas indicated above.
- Teach undergraduate courses in TLP, EAP, composition, and/or academic reading.
- Advise individual graduate students.
- Direct graduate student practicum.
- Engage in scholarly activity leading to presentation and publication.
- Participate in service to the university, program, and community.

#### **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 complete the on-line application form and upload the following documents through the URL below.

AIU Jobs and Vacancies: <http://web.aiu.ac.jp/global/elt2016>

- Letter of application
- Curriculum Vitae
- A statement of
  - ✓ teaching philosophy and interests
  - ✓ research interests
- Names and contact information of three current references.

Screening of applicants will begin on **October 1, 2015**, but applications will be accepted until the position has been filled. After the initial screening, some candidates may be contacted via Skype. Short-listed candidates will then be invited to AIU for an 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.

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