

Full-time, tenure-track, position announcement

Soka University, Graduate School of Letters / World Language Center (Hachioji, Tokyo) Full-time faculty position, tenure-track (Graduate and undergraduate level responsibilities)

Begin date: April 2020

INTERVIEWS TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

Announcement:

Announcement of the availability of a full-time, tenure-track position in the International Language Education: TESOL Graduate Program through the Graduate School of Letters with shared responsibility in the World Language Center (undergraduate communicative language programs) beginning April 2020.

Background:

The International Language Education: TESOL Master's Program is a two-year graduate level program that prepares teachers for diverse educational contexts. The program enrolls both Japanese and international students twice yearly (April and September) with 6-7 members in each cohort. The medium of instruction for all courses is English.

For more information, see <<http://daigakuin.soka.ac.jp/tesol/>>

The World Language Center (WLC) is the communicative English course provider for the university, including classes in general English communication for lower levels, and EAP, ESP, test preparation and content-based courses for intermediate and advanced levels. Many of our courses are developed in collaboration with content faculty members, and are designed to meet the specific needs of students in different fields.

For more information, see <<https://www.soka.ac.jp/en/wlc>>

Position description:

The responsibilities of the position include the following:

- Teaching a combination of graduate courses in the Master's in TESOL Program and undergraduate WLC communicative English language courses
- Administrative responsibilities as appropriate
- Active involvement in research activities resulting in publications as well as presentations at national / regional / international conferences

A successful applicant would have a strong combination of a number of the following qualifications, abilities, and experiences:

- PhD in language education related field preferred; Master's degree and significant experience will be considered
- Research history as demonstrated by a strong publication record in national / regional / international publications
- Ability and interest in teaching a number of graduate-level TESOL courses, for example Second Language Acquisition, Writing Skills for Graduate Students, Pragmatics, Philosophy of Education, Testing & Assessment, Technology in Language Education or Pedagogical English Grammar
- Extensive classroom-based experience in teaching EFL / ESL in various contexts
- Ability to supervise / co-teach a teaching practicum with one or more graduate students in an elementary level communicative English language course
- Ability to supervise research and curriculum development theses
- Native or near native English language proficiency

In addition, the ability to collaborate with other faculty and students in all aspects of both the graduate and undergraduate programs is essential.

Please note that being a native English speaker is not a required qualification: Our university and graduate program welcome qualified applicants who represent a variety of Global Englishes.

Contract stipulations:

Tenure-track: Initial three-year contracted position within the World Language Center, possibly to renew for two additional one-year extensions, for a total of five years. Tenure will not be offered immediately, and will not be guaranteed. Further employment beyond the initial three years, including tenure or contract extensions, will be determined during each 3, 1 and 1 year contract renewal period. All contract extensions and considerations will be dependent on recommendations by relevant graduate and undergraduate level administrative committees, the performance of the faculty member, and the needs of the university at the time of any contract renewal. More details of the process can be provided to applicants during the interview.

Salary will be commensurate with university standard policies taking into consideration the highest degree attained and teaching experience.

Selection process:

Interested applicants should provide:

- Updated resume and a cover letter
- Minimum two letters of recommendation
- Samples of publications

These materials should be submitted electronically via email as attachments to Richmond Stroupe, International Language Education: TESOL Program Chair at <richmond@soka.ac.jp> no later than September 4, 2019.

Mailed application materials and supporting materials will not be accepted.

Scheduled dates:

- Application materials to be received by September 4, 2019.
- Short-listed candidates will be informed between September 11 and 19, 2019.
- Interviews will be scheduled on September 22, 2019.
- Interviews will be held on the Soka University campus in Hachioji, Tokyo (travel expenses are not reimbursed). Video conference based interviews can be arranged for international applicants or applicants residing outside the Kanto region.
- Short-listed candidates will be informed of their specific interview time and campus location on or before September 19, 2019.
- The successful candidate will be informed by late October / early November 2019.

If you have any questions about the position or the selection / interviewing process, please do not hesitate to contact:

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