

Full-time Academic Staff Opening

Specially Appointed Assistant Professor (Full-time)

Graduate School of Human Sciences, The University of Osaka

Outline	We are seeking to fill the position of Specially Appointed Assistant Professor (Full-time) (Tokunin-Jokyō in Japanese) to join the core team delivering the Human Sciences International Undergraduate Degree Program (IUDP). See the following website for further details of the program. https://iudp.hus.osaka-u.ac.jp/	
1. Position	Specially Appointed Assistant Professor (Full-time)	
2. Number of Positions	1 (One)	
3. Affiliation	Graduate School of Human Sciences, The University of Osaka	
4. Work Location	Suita Campus (1-2 Yamadaoka, Suita-City, Osaka, Japan)	
5. Specialized Field	Human Sciences (able to contribute to the focus areas of Diversity & Inclusion or Japan Studies). We are looking for someone with a strong background in Japan Studies and Sociology.	
6. Job Description	The position involves teaching four courses per semester as well as contributing to the undergraduate dissertation-related seminars. One course equals teaching one 90-minutes class per week for 15 weeks. In addition, the position involves contributing to the running of the program, both administratively and also in terms of student supervision. 1) As part of their teaching duties, the successful candidate should be able to teach several of the following courses: • Introduction to Sociology • Introduction to International Education • Qualitative Research Methods • Academic Writing • Sociology of Migration • Media Sociology • Seminar in Studies of Multicultural Societies *Additional courses will be assigned to the successful candidate based on their field of expertise and the needs of this program, for a total of 4 courses per semester. All courses are taught in English. *While the successful candidate's work will be based in Suita Campus, some courses will be taught at the Toyonaka Campus. 2) Administrative duties: The successful candidate will play an active role in running the program. Duties include participating in monthly faculty meetings, supporting the yearly student admission process, and serve on specific committees. 3) Research activities: While this is not a research post, all professors working on this program are expected to actively engage in research activities related to the above academic areas.	



7. Qualifications	The successful candidate will have: 1) Experience of teaching higher education courses in English in the above specialized field(s). 2) A PhD in Sociology, Education, Japan Studies, or a related field. 3) At least three publications in internationally recognized peer reviewed journals 4) Ability to work competently and effectively in English and Japanese to support the running of the Program.
8. Starting Date	September 1, 2025 or as soon as possible thereafter
9. Term of Employment	Initial appointment of 1 year* *Following completion of the term, the contract may be extended subject to continuity of work and performance evaluation. *The maximum cumulative contract term is 10 years from the starting date, based on "Regulations Pertaining to Contract Period of National University Corporation the University of Osaka Fixed-term Staff, etc."
10. Probationary Period	6 months
11. Employment Form	Based on "38. Regulations Pertaining to Working Hours, Holidays and Leave for National University Corporation the University of Osaka Limited Term Staff" https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/information/joho/kitei_shugyou.html *The Discretionary Labor System, Special Work Type will be applied with the applicant's consent. (deemed working hours: 8 hours a day)
12. Salary and Benefits	Based on "48. Salary Regulations for National University Corporation the University of Osaka Limited Term Staff (Specially Appointed Staff, etc.) Subject to Annual Salary System" https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/information/joho/kitei_shugyou.html Remuneration: 5,916,000 JPY per annum (monthly payments of one-twelfth of annual salary), on the basis of responsibilities assigned (described in "6. Job Description") and depending on the candidate's qualifications and experience. Commuting allowance is provided. Please note that a housing allowance, dependent allowance, retirement allowance and bonus are included in the above-mentioned annual salary and will not be provided.
13. Insurance	Medical insurance and employee's pension insurance of the Federation of National Public Service Personnel Mutual Aid Associations, Employment Insurance and Industrial Accident Compensation Insurance
14. Application Documents	All documents must be written in English. 1) Letter of application that includes an outline of why you are interested in this position and what you think you can contribute 2) Curriculum vitae 3) List of publications (please list by type of publication and indicate peer reviewed publications) 4) List of courses taught, including the target students of the courses 5) Examples of two syllabi that you have created 6) Copies of three representative publications 7) One academic reference and contact details of two additional referees



15. Sending Address and Contact Information	Please submit all documentation in PDF through JREC-IN Portal Web application: https://jrecin.jst.go.jp/seek/SeekJorDetail?id=D125050199&ln=1 Contact information: Human Science International Undergraduate Degree Program, The University of Osaka englishprogram@hus.osaka-u.ac.jp
16. Application Deadline	All application materials must arrive by 23:59 on June 5, 2025 (Japan Standard Time).
17. Selection Process	Applicants will be notified within a few days that the application has been received and is complete. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an interview between late June and early July 2025. Shortlisted candidates will be asked to attend a face-to-face interview if in Japan or an on-line interview if overseas. Please note that we are not able to reimburse shortlisted candidates for travel or accommodation expenses.
18. Additional Information	Concerning work conditions other than above-mentioned, please refer to "36.Work Regulations for National University Corporation the University of Osaka Limited Term Staff" and/or related regulations. https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/information/joho/kitei_shugyou.html Please note the above-mentioned work conditions are as of the day this employment offer is posted, and subject to change. In principle, there will be no changes to the affiliation, work location, or responsibilities after employment. "Deemed exports" related to security export control are based on "Regulations Pertaining to Security Export Control". Osaka University Security Export Control Regulations .pdf We also particularly encourage applications from female candidates. The University of Osaka is committed to promoting gender equality and providing various supports for female academic staff members. http://www.di.osaka-u.ac.jp/en_lp/ *The University of Osaka campuses and related facilities are smoke-free, except for designated areas.
19. Recruiter	National University Corporation the University of Osaka