

Job Description

The Faculty of Letters at Okayama University (Okayama, Japan) invites applications for a permanent position in English Literature, beginning April 1, 2017 at the rank of Associate Professor or Full-Time Lecturer. Applicants with diverse academic interests, especially those whose research interests cover English (especially British) literatures, or comparative literatures/culture, are strongly encouraged to apply.

This position carries teaching loads of various courses, mostly in English literatures at both undergraduate and graduate levels, as well as courses in the English language. The courses are to be conducted in English. The position-holder must carry out administrative duties within the university, participate in research activities, and live in Okayama city or its suburb.

The city of Okayama lies approximately three hours and half to the west of Tokyo, or fifty minutes to the west of Osaka, by the bullet train. With the population of 720 thousands, the city is the 19th largest in Japan. Okayama University is one of the national universities in Japan, and has more than ten thousands undergraduate students and approximately three thousands graduate students. The Faculty of Letters encompasses various sub-field of humanities, including aesthetics, anthropology, archaeology, ethics, history, history of art, linguistics, philosophy, sociology, and various languages, and currently has more than fifty faculty members.

Applicants must have a PhD in the relevant fields in hand by the time of appointment, have native or near-native fluency in the English language, have working knowledge of the Japanese language sufficient to conduct administrative duties, and are willing to participate in various research projects within the university/internationally, and contribute to promote exchange agreements with oversea universities at both research and education levels.

Application Materials

- i) Curriculum Vitae, including a list of the past teaching/research experiences, educational backgrounds, academic publications and presentations, grants awarded to the applicant, and field works conducted by the applicant. The publication list should be sectioned into books, peer-reviewed journal papers, and others. Circle three publications that best represent candidate's academic works.
- ii) Three copies of each three publication circled (stated above). The copies should not be stapled, but clipped together.
- iii) Teaching philosophy, stating teaching in the past and the future, in less than 800 English words and 1000 Japanese letters.
- iv) Names and contact addresses (email) of two referees.

Application Address

General Affairs, Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Okayama University 3-1-1 Tsushima-naka, Kita-ku, Okayama 700-8530 Japan

Application Deadline

August 19, 2016

Contact Information

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Others

Salary will commensurate with the qualification and be based on Okayama University salary scale.

<http://www.okayama-u.ac.jp/tp/profile/kisoku.html>

http://www.okayama-u.ac.jp/up_load_files/soumu-pdf/shokisoku/40H26kisoku17.pdf

Job interviews and teaching demonstrations by the applicant may be carried out on campus or through Skype. The candidate is responsible for the cost of travel incurred by the visit to the university.

Application materials will not be returned to the candidate unless otherwise specified by the applicant. The applicant is responsible for the shipping fee.

Applicants may be asked to submit additional materials in the process of the search.

Okayama University is an equal opportunity employer, and encourages applications from female candidates.