

Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa (ILCAA)
Tokyo University of Foreign Studies
Call for Applications (Linguistics)

1. Positions: 1 full-time faculty staff
2. Rank: Applications are invited for a position at either of the following ranks:
 - a) Associate Professor with tenure
 - b) Assistant Professor with a five-year limited term appointment (Note that this is a tenure-track position. The appointee is eligible to apply for a tenured Associate Professor position after three years of service.)
3. Qualifications:
 - (a) Applicants must demonstrate expertise in descriptive studies or documentation of understudied language(s) spoken in sub-Saharan Africa based on his/her original fieldwork. Applicants must be able “to contribute to the accurate understanding of the languages of Asia and Africa and the documentation of linguistic diversity” and “to disseminate research findings internationally”, which are missions of ILCAA.
 - (b) Applicants must already have received, or will have received a doctorate by the date of appointment.
 - (c) Applicants must be able to demonstrate that his/her research has strong connection with local academic institutions and speech communities in Africa.
 - (d) Applicants must have an excellent research program and a demonstrated ability to plan and lead creative, cutting-edge international joint research projects on language documentation and language revitalization.
 - (e) Applicants, if he/she applies for the rank of Associate Professor, are required to teach in the Graduate School of Tokyo University of Foreign Studies.
 - (f) Applicants must have sufficient proficiency in Japanese for administrative duties.
4. Appointment to begin: April 1, 2016.

The appointment, however, may be deferred to a later date if there are reasonable grounds.
5. Documents required for application:
 - * Applicants must specify the position they are applying for in their application. They may apply for both ranks (i.e., Assistant Professor and Associate Professor).
 - * Application documents (b), (d), and (e) must be submitted **in Japanese**.
 - (a) Cover letter specifying the position “Linguistics” and the rank the applicant is applying for. Applicants may apply for both ranks (i.e., Assistant Professor and Associate Professor). Contact information, including postal address and

email address, should also be provided in the cover letter.

- (b) CV attached with a recent ID photograph (taken within the last six months). Information regarding languages that the applicant uses to conduct research should be included in the CV.
- (c) Documentation showing successful completion of a doctorate, or indicating that a thesis has been submitted. Photocopies are acceptable.
- (d) Statement of research career of no more than 4000 characters in length on A4-size paper. Applicants should indicate in the statement if they have connection with local research institutions and speech communities in Africa in conducting their research. Applicants should also indicate if they have previous affiliations with research institutions in or outside of Japan or have participated in ILCAA joint research projects.
- (e) Statement of research of no more than 4000 characters in length on A4-size paper. The statement should include the following points:
 - Organizing joint research that will lead linguistic studies of African languages
 - Organizing activities of language documentation and language revitalization responding to the needs from local speech communities, and also organizing international joint research related to these activities.
 - Contribution to training researchers of next generation who will take over the joint researches and activities

The statement also should lay out a plan of joint research the applicant would organize at ILCAA and of contributing to the postgraduate education.

Please refer to <http://www.aa.tufs.ac.jp/en/projects/jrp> for further details regarding research programs at ILCAA, and to <http://lingdy.aacore.jp/en/> for the activities on language documentation and language revitalization conducted at ILCAA.

- (f) Publications.
 - (i) Complete list of publications.
 - (ii) Provide three writing samples (pieces of published work). Samples in electronic format (PDF on a CD-ROM) are required, except for printed books. The submitted materials will be used for screening in the context of this application only. Should the applicant wish to have these samples returned, please state this clearly on the application. Domestic applicants must enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. For materials to be returned via express delivery, the self-addressed envelope should also include a prepaid COD return label. Applicants living abroad should contact the committee at the email address indicated below for further information on the procedure involved in returning documents.
- (g) Two self-addressed envelopes. These envelopes will be used to confirm receipt of the application and notify applicants of the result.
- (h) The name, affiliation, and contact information of two researchers who can

provide recommendations.

6. Procedure: After an initial screening of the application documents, shortlisted candidates will be invited for the first interview. The first interviews are scheduled to occur on Sunday, October 18, 2015. Candidates selected for the interview will be contacted by early October. We regret that travel expenses for interviews cannot be reimbursed. Second interviews by the board members of the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies are scheduled to occur from November 16 to 20. The dates will be determined according to the schedules of the candidates and board. The second interview for candidates residing abroad and in remote locations will be via Skype.

7. Notification of the result: In late November 2015

8. How to apply: The deadline for applications is Monday, September 14, 2015. Only applications sent by registered mail or express delivery will be accepted. Please send the application package to the following address:

3-11-1 Asahi-cho, Fuchu-shi, Tokyo 183-8534, Japan
Tokyo University of Foreign Studies
Research Cooperation Division, Joint Research Center Office

Please write the following clearly on the package in red:
“Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa, HR application form (Linguistics) enclosed”

9. For questions regarding the application procedure, please contact the institute by post or email at the address below. Please note that inquiries by telephone will not be entertained.

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