

Faculty of Humanities, Sophia University

Call for Associate Professor or Assistant Professor

Title of Position: Associate Professor or Assistant Professor in German Literary and Cultural Studies (Specialization: German-language literature and culture) (For an assistant professor, the position is on an annual salary system with a maximum term of five years. Promotion to a higher position may be possible.)

Positions Vacant: One

Institution: Department of German Literature, Faculty of Humanities, Sophia University

Address: 7-1 Kioicho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 102-8554

Teaching Location: Same as above

(Scope of Change) The campuses determined by the Sophia School Corporation

University Website: <http://www.sophia.ac.jp/>

*Sophia University was founded by Jesuit missionaries in 1913, and still maintains its ethos of Catholic humanism. However, it accepts students and staff without discrimination on the grounds of religion, race or sex.

Teaching Requirements: Courses to be taught include specialized undergraduate and graduate courses related to German-language literature and culture (such as seminars and lectures), interdisciplinary humanities courses offered across the Faculty of Humanities and general education courses open to all students across the university, etc.

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The effective date of appointment: April 1, 2027

Contract: Associate Professor (tenured position)

Assistant Professor (five-year tenure-track appointment)

Terms and conditions of employment:

1. Salary: Based on the regulations of Sophia University
2. Paid holidays: Based on the academic calendar and academic schedule of Sophia University
3. Social insurance coverage: the Private School Mutual Aid System (health insurance and employee pension), as well as labor insurance (employment insurance and workers' compensation insurance).

Qualifications: The applicant must fulfill the following requirements:

1. Understanding of the University's educational philosophy based on Catholicism
2. Applicants should possess native or near-native proficiency in German (regardless of nationality)
3. Specialization in German-language literature and culture, with a record of research achievements addressing literature and culture from international and interdisciplinary perspectives, and the ability to teach lectures in these fields.
4. Applicants should have experience in teaching German and a strong commitment to German language education.
5. A Ph.D. in the specified academic field(s)
6. At least one year of teaching or research experience at an institution outside Japan
7. The ability to teach courses in English in addition to German
8. Applicants must perform educational, research, and administrative duties related to the operation of the department and faculty, and must participate in admissions-related activities in the Faculty of Humanities. Applicants must also carry out administrative duties as required by Sophia University.
9. Applicants are expected to be able to carry out basic administrative duties in Japanese.
10. Applicants should demonstrate both the willingness and the ability to actively engage in educational and research collaborations with scholars in Japan and abroad, and to contribute to the enhancement of the educational and research standards of the department and the university.

Documentation:

1. A detailed curriculum vitae (free format; please attach a photograph and provide contact information including e-mail address, home telephone number, and mobile phone number. Applicants should also include, where applicable, records of

research funding obtained, awards received, and contributions to society making use of their expertise in their field of specialization)

2. A copy of your highest degree certificate (B.A./M.A./Ph.D.)
3. Three copies each of three major publications (All submitted documents except actual publications and offprints should be typed or photocopied onto A4 sized paper. Application documents will not be returned).
4. List of research achievements (including monographs, academic articles, conference presentations, and other scholarly activities, each categorized and listed separately)

Application Deadline: Friday, June 26, 2026

Mailing address: Department of German Literature, Faculty of Humanities, Sophia University, 7-1 Kioicho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 102-8554, Japan. (Applications should be sent by registered mail (or Letter Pack) with “教員応募書類（ドイツ語圏文学・文化）” written in red on the envelope)

Note: Please direct all inquiries to the following e-mail address.

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