

Academic Year 2026: THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES,
DIVISION OF FOREIGN STUDIES, THE UNIVERSITY OF OSAKA
- Recruitment Information for Specially Appointed Academic Staff -

The Graduate School of Humanities, Division of Foreign Studies at the University of Osaka is dedicated to the study of 24 languages as well as the cultures based on those languages. This pursuit is both theoretical and practical in nature with a focus on foreign studies that is founded on comprehensive research and education from the perspectives of various fields in the humanities and social sciences and also through interdisciplinary approaches using high levels of language proficiency.

The Graduate School of Humanities, Division of Foreign Studies is seeking a scholar who possesses specialized knowledge of these areas and will contribute to strengthen language education at the University of Osaka. Please see below for the details.

1. Associated Department : The Graduate School of Humanities, Division of Foreign Studies,
The University of Osaka
2. Place of Work : Minoh Campus, The University of Osaka
(3-5-10 Semba Higashi, Minoh-shi, Osaka-fu, Japan)
*Candidates may also be required to teach classes at Toyonaka
Campus, The University of Osaka (Toyonaka City, Osaka).
3. Job Title : Specially Appointed Associate Professor (Lecturer) (Full-time)
4. Number of Positions : 1
5. Job Description : Engage in education and research on Danish language and culture,
which includes teaching classes offered by the Graduate School of
Humanities (Division of Foreign Studies major) (herein referred to as
“the Graduate School”) and the School of Foreign Studies for 10-12
classes per week (one class lasts 90 minutes). Classes are assigned by
the Graduate School. Candidates will also be expected to engage in other
duties required by the Graduate School and the School of Foreign
Studies.
6. Starting Date : April 1, 2026
7. Period of Employment : From the starting date to March 31, 2028. The initial contract may
be renewed but not to extend beyond March 31, 2032(*).
The successful applicant is requested to arrive in Japan and obtain the
status of residence by the day before the starting date.
* If you have work experience as a Limited-term Staff Member, Part-
time Lecturer, etc. at the University of Osaka during the term from
October 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026, the limit of extension of your
contract period may be altered, in accordance with ‘Regulations
Pertaining to Contract Period of National University Corporation The
University of Osaka Fixed-term Staff’. Please contact the e-mail

address mentioned in item 17 below for details.

8. Probation Period : 6 months
9. Employment Form : The Discretionary Labor System, Special Work Type will be applied with the applicant's consent. (deemed working hours: 8 hours a day)
*Based on the 'Regulations Pertaining to Working Hours, Holidays and Leave for National University Corporation The University of Osaka Limited Term Staff.'
10. Qualifications : An applicant is deemed qualified if s/he:
(1) is a native speaker of or possesses native-like language proficiency in Danish.
(2) has general knowledge of the cultures and societies where Danish is spoken.
(3) has a Ph.D., M.A. or equivalent certification in Danish language, culture, society or history.
11. Application Documents : (1) Curriculum vitae (Attachment 1)
(2) List of main publications (books, articles, etc.) (Attachment 2)
(3) Statement of future teaching and research plans (1,000 - 1,500 words, written in Danish, PDF document)
(4) Detailed description of Danish language teaching experience in higher education
If applicable, provide a summary of courses taught, student levels, and teaching methods (PDF document).
(5) Contact information of two references
Provide the names, current titles, affiliations, and e-mail addresses of two individuals who are familiar with your academic and/or teaching qualifications and who may be contacted for reference (PDF document).

For items (1) and (2), please use the attached forms (Attachment 1 and 2) and carefully fill in all the necessary information.
Please include your current address, phone number, and e-mail address, so that direct contact may be made during the administrative procedure.
Application documents will not be returned.
12. Application Deadline : Application documents must arrive by September 8, 2025 (Japan Standard Time)
13. Screening Method : After the application documents have been reviewed, selected candidates will be invited for an interview (including a simulated lecture; travel and accommodation fees necessary for the interview are to be covered by the candidate).
Screening will be conducted by faculty members of the Graduate School, The University of Osaka.
Applicants will be notified of the screening results by post or e-mail

(the successful candidate is expected to be notified of the result after mid-November 2025).

14. Employment Conditions: (1) The monthly salary may vary from 535,275 yen (minimum) to 589,850 yen (maximum). A commuting allowance will be provided in accordance with the regulation.
(2) The appointed applicant will be provided with residential facilities throughout the term of the contract. Please note that the appointed candidate will be responsible for the cost.
(3) Upon assuming the post, the candidate will be provided with a part of relocation expenses.
(4) Travel expenses to return to their home country and a part of other relocation expenses may be provided in accordance with the regulation.
(5) Any of dependent allowances, bonuses, or retirement allowance will not be provided.

15. Insurance : The successful candidate will be enrolled in the National Public Service Personnel Mutual Aid Associations, Employment Insurance and Workers' Accident Compensation Insurance.

16. Where to submit applications :

[By e-mail]

jinbun-minoh-shomu@office.

* Add "osaka-u.ac.jp" to the above to complete the e-mail address.

*Write "Application for Danish Teaching Position" in the subject line.

*Attach the application documents in PDF format (with sufficient security countermeasures).

*If you do not receive an e-mail within three business days, please contact the General Affairs Section, Minoh Office, Graduate School of Humanities, The University of Osaka (jinbun-minoh-shomu@office.). Due to the summer holiday from August 13 to August 17, we will not be able to contact you for the receipt of e-mails during this period.

[By postal service]

Hinako TAKADA

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Graduate School of Humanities, The University of Osaka

3-5-10 Semba Higashi, Minoh-shi, Osaka-fu, 562-8678, Japan

(Please write in red ink on the envelope "Application for Danish Teaching Position" and submit it by a trackable delivery method.)

17. For further information, please contact: Professor Nobu Ishiguro
Graduate School of Humanities, Division of Foreign Studies,
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* Add "osaka-u.ac.jp" to the above to complete the e-mail address.

18. Recruiter : National University Corporation The University of Osaka
19. Additional Information : For other related conditions, please refer to 'Work Regulations for National University Corporation The University of Osaka Limited Term Staff' and other regulations.
http://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/information/joho/kitei_shugyou.html

The University of Osaka welcomes applications from applicants regardless of gender, nationality, ethnicity, etc.

* The University of Osaka campuses and related facilities are smoke-free, except for designated areas.

*There is no parking space for cars or motorcycles at Minoh Campus.