

## Position filled

### Call for Applications: Program-Specific Associate Professor/Junior Associate Professor Position

Department of Indological Studies,  
Graduate School of Letters,  
Kyoto University

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The Department of Indological Studies, Graduate School of Letters & Faculty of Letters, at Kyoto University invites applications for a post-doctoral teaching fellow position.

The main duty of this position is teaching Sanskrit Language and Literature. All the classes should be held in English, and Japanese ability is not required. The maximum term of employment is five years, non-renewable. Preference will be given to candidates who can work for three years or more.

An academic year here consists of two terms: the first term from the beginning of April to the beginning of August and the second term from the beginning of October and the beginning of February. For this position, teaching is preferably to start from the second term of 2021.

The appointee will be given the status of either Associate Professor or Junior Associate Professor according to the stage of his/her career.

#### **Basic Informations**

1. Job Title: Program-Specific Associate Professor or Junior Associate Professor
2. Number of Position: One
3. Affiliation: Department of Indological Studies, Graduate School of Letters, Kyoto University (Yoshida-honmachi, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto-shi)
4. Starting Date: October 1, 2021
5. Term: Maximum five years (probation period: 6 months)

#### **Eligibility**

1. Excellent level of Sanskrit ability.
2. Fluency in English: not only to teach classes but also to instruct English academic writing in the Graduate School of Letters. Especially, instructing English writing in students' dissertations and research papers in Indology and related fields is required.
3. The candidate should have a PhD, or be expected to have a PhD before appointment.
4. Ability to teach classes (one class per term in principle) in the Kyoto & Heidelberg Joint-Degree Master Course of Transcultural Studies. Following subjects are desirable, but not exclusive: "Networks of Exchanging Ideas and/or Commodities,"

“Transnational History (of Specific Subjects),” and “South Asian Cinema.”

5. Preference will be given to the candidates who have the knowledge of Indo-European linguistics and/or other languages relevant to our field (Tamil, Pali, Prakrit, Hindi etc.), and to the candidates who can teach German or French reading class in the field of Indology and Buddhology.

### **Working Conditions**

1. Five days per week (Days off: Saturdays, Sundays, public holidays, Year-end and New Year holidays, Foundation Day, and summer vacation). Working hours: 38 hours 45 minutes per week under the flexible-hours system.
2. Salary is to be determined in accordance with the existing employment regulations of Kyoto University. Taxes, insurance and other applicable deductions shall be deducted from this amount. The travel cost from the home country to Japan at the time of appointment is paid by University.
3. The main duty is to teach six to eight classes per week (one class lasts one and half hour). The following classes are included in each term: Sanskrit Grammar, Academic English Writing, German/French Reading in the field of Indology and Buddhology, Basic Pāṇinian Grammar, and a Master-course class in Transcultural Studies. In addition to teaching classes, active involvement in the department’s education programme and management will be expected.
4. Holidays with pay are Max 20 days per year.
5. Eligible for MEXT\* mutual aid association membership, employment insurance, and workers’ compensation insurance. \*Japan’s Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
6. All allowances (commuting allowance, housing allowance, and dependency allowance) will not be paid.
7. At Kyoto University, smoking indoors is prohibited and smoking outdoors is prohibited except for designated areas in order to prevent secondhand smoke.

\* Kyoto University is committed to equal opportunity and affirmative action in employment.

Applicants should submit the following documents to the contact address mentioned below by March 19, 2021, either by email or by post. References should be sent separately by the referees. We may have online interviews for short-listed candidates.

### **Documents to be submitted**

1. A cover letter stating your motivation and eligibility for this position
2. A CV
3. A brief sample syllabus of a class in Transcultural Studies
4. A set of copies of representative publications
5. Two references (referees’ signature is not required when their references are sent to the contact person directly by email).

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to get contact with us.

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