

Open Position for a Lecturer or an Assistant Professor Position at the Faculty of Education, Shinshu University

1. Outline

The Faculty of Education, Shinshu University, is an institution that has been accredited for teacher licensure in Japan. The Faculty is now receiving applications for an open position in the field of teaching English as a foreign language in schools. We are seeking an individual with high educational and research skills who can develop English language educational practices while harmonizing theory and practice, and who can become a leader in the training of school teachers.

2. Number of Positions

One Lecturer or Assistant Professor

3. Workplace

Faculty of Education, Shinshu University
(6-Ro, Nishi-Nagano, Nagano-shi, Nagano-ken)

4. Course

English Education Course, Faculty of Education

5. Research Field

Teaching English as a foreign language in Japanese schools

6. Job Responsibilities

Responsibilities include administrative and service work and research as well as teaching of undergraduate and graduate level courses as below:

(* indicates courses with more than one faculty member)

- (1) Undergraduate: Methods for Teaching English as a Foreign Language at Secondary Schools, Teaching and Assessing English Language Ability at Secondary Schools, Practice of English Language Teaching I, Basics of English for Teaching English to Elementary School Students*, Classroom Communication Skills for Teaching English to Elementary School Students, First-Year Seminar for English Education Majors*, Advanced Seminar in English Communication I & II, Utilizing Information Technology for Education*, Graduation Study, and etc.
(You may be asked to teach general education and specialized education courses for the Matsumoto Campus.)
- (2) Graduate School of Education (Division of Teacher Professional Development): Seminar for Lesson and Class Management*, Seminar for Activation of Schools and Their Local Communities*, Clinical Practice Study and Reflection I~IV*, Advanced Educational Practical Research and Reflection I~IV*, Educational Research on Cross-Curriculum Teaching and Learning*, Research on Pedagogical Content of Cross-Curriculum Teaching and Learning*, Basic Research Methodology in Education*, Study on Pedagogical Content (English)*, Seminar on Teaching Material Development (English)*, Seminar on Lesson Analysis (English)*, Seminar on Lesson Plan Making (English), Study on Teaching Methods (English)*, Special Seminar on Learning and Teaching I, Special Seminar on Learning and Teaching II

7. Qualifications

- (1) Applicants must have a master's degree or equivalent research achievements (a doctoral degree is preferred).
- (2) Applicants must have research publications in the field of teaching English as a foreign language in Japanese schools.

- (3) Applicants must be willing to contribute to teacher development and teacher training.
- (4) Work experience in primary or secondary educational institutions (including part-time teaching) is preferred.
- (5) Applicants must be willing to apply for external funding and to engage in service to the community.
- (6) Applicants must have native or high-level ability in English. Non-native Japanese speakers must be proficient enough to perform the duties and responsibilities of the job.

8. Starting Date of the Job

April 1, 2026

9. Term of Office

Lecturer or Assistant Professor: Permanent employment

Retirement age: 65

Retirement date: First March 31 after reaching retirement age

10. Working Conditions

Salary: Annual salary system based on the regulations of the University (Articles 4 and 5 of the Detailed Regulations on Salary of Employees Applicable to the Annual Salary System of Shinshu University)

Location: Nagano (Education) Campus, Shinshu University (6-Ro, Nishi-Nagano, Nagano-shi, Nagano-ken)

Work Type: Full-time, discretionary work system

Social Insurance: The MEXT Mutual Aid Association, Employment Insurance

Other: Regulations of National University Corporation Shinshu University

11. Application Materials

Submit one copy each of (1) through (6) below. Further, submit one original, reprint or photocopy of each of the five major publications listed in (3) below. (The applicant may be asked to submit original or photocopies of all items listed at a later date.)

- (1) Curriculum vitae (commercially available paper acceptable, with photograph attached)

* We do not specify the format of the curriculum vitae, but please use a curriculum vitae that includes a section on awards and penalties. If you use a form that does not include a section on awards and penalties, please write about awards and penalties in the remarks column. If there is no mention of awards and penalties, we will confirm it during the interview.

- (2) Document certifying your highest educational degree achieved
- (3) List of publications and other research and educational achievements (including the number of external grants obtained and the status of any such applications currently under review) (Please download the form from <https://www.shinshu-u.ac.jp/faculty/education/news/participants/> and fill it in.)
- (4) Summary of your research in connection with the publications listed in (3) (about 1000 characters, free format, in Japanese)
- (5) Educational activities
 - a. List of educational activities for schools and social contributions in chronological order (e.g., lectures, guidance for study groups, guidance for lesson studies, membership in councils, etc.)
 - b. List of educational qualifications and awards in education
 - c. List of courses you have taught at institutions of higher education
 - d. Number of research supervisions at the graduate school level or number of graduate students you evaluated as a chief or secondary reviewer
- (6) Statement of your aspirations for future educational activities at the Faculty of Education and Graduate School of Education, Shinshu University, based on your past educational activities (about 1000 characters, free format, in Japanese)

1 2 . Application Deadline

Applications must be postmarked on or before August 31, 2025 (Sunday)

1 3 . Selection Procedure

The first selection will be made based on the application materials. The second selection for those who pass the first will be made through a personal interview and demonstration of short lessons. (Applicants are required to bear their own travel and other expenses.)

※Shinshu University promotes gender equality, and women will be hired if they are recognized as equal in terms of performance (research achievements, educational achievements, social contributions, etc.) and character evaluation. However, this does not mean that preference will be given based on gender alone.

1 4 . Application Submission

To Dr. NISHI Kazuo, Dean of the Faculty of Education, Shinshu University
6-Ro, Nishi-Nagano, Nagano-shi, Nagano-ken, 380-8544

Please send the forms by registered mail.

Please write “Application Forms (English Education Course)” on the envelope in red.

1 5 . Contact e-mail for Inquiries

kyou_saiyo08@shinshu-u.ac.jp

1 6 . URL for the Faculty of Education, Shinshu University

<https://www.shinshu-u.ac.jp/faculty/education/>

1 7 . Other

- (1) Shinshu University is improving the research environment by introducing a research assistant system and a mentor system so that researchers can maximize their abilities. In particular, to support female researchers, the university provides “start-up research grant support” to newly hired female faculty members (full-time) and “restart-up research grant support” to support their research expenses when they return to research activities after childcare or nursing care leave, etc. In addition, to promote work-life balance for faculty and staff, the university is actively working toward gender equality by operating on-campus childcare facilities, distributing discount coupons for babysitter dispatch services, and providing temporary childcare services for the Common University Entrance Test, etc.
- (2) Shinshu University has a system to nurture top-level researchers who will lead cutting-edge research by awarding the title of “Rising Star Faculty” to extremely outstanding young researchers, providing them with benefits, early promotion opportunities, and other preferential measures.
- (3) Please include in your curriculum vitae a section for awards, convictions, and disciplinary actions. Failure to include any relevant information in the “Convictions and Disciplinary Actions” section may be considered as a misrepresentation of your career, and may lead to rejection of your application or to disciplinary dismissal even if hired.