

Job Opening: Faculty Position in the Center for Japanese Language and Culture, the University of Osaka

Outline	The Center for Japanese Language and Culture at the University of Osaka has, for over 70 years, played a central role in Japan's international student policy as a core institution providing Japanese language and cultural education to Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship students. Currently, the Center admits nearly 200 international students each year from approximately 50 countries and regions. It offers a comprehensive curriculum built on three main pillars: preparatory education for undergraduate MEXT Scholarship students, education for MEXT Japanese Studies students, and a short-term exchange program with a strong emphasis on project-based learning (PBL) in collaboration with local communities. In addition, as a MEXT-designated Joint Usage/Education Center, the Center is actively engaged in the research, development, and implementation of remote class observation and the utilization of ICT and AI.
1. Position	Associate Professor, Associate Professor (Lecturer), or Assistant Professor *The position and the responsibilities assigned to the successful applicant will be determined based on the applicant's qualifications.
2. Number of Positions	1 (One)
3. Affiliation	Center for Japanese Language and Culture, the University of Osaka
4. Work Location	Minoh Campus, the University of Osaka (3-5-10 Semba-higashi, Minoh City, 562-8678 Osaka, Japan)
5. Specialized Field	Japanese Language Education or Japanese Linguistics
6. Responsibilities	(1) Teaching and course coordination in programs offered by the Center (http://www.cjlc.osaka-u.ac.jp/program) (2) Research in the specialized field described above (3) Academic supervision of enrolled international students (4) Research, development, and implementation related to project-based learning (PBL) (5) Teaching and research supervision of graduate students, as applicable (6) Other duties related to the administration and operation of the Center
7. Qualifications	[Essential] Applicants must have: (1) A doctoral degree (2) Excellent research achievements in the specialized field described above (3) Experience in teaching Japanese at the university level (4) Experience in implementing project-based learning (PBL) at the university level (5) Advanced proficiency in both Japanese and English
	[Preferred] Experience in implementing intercultural collaborative learning
8. Starting Date	April 1st, 2027
9. Term of Employment	No Fixed Term (Until the end of the fiscal year at 65 years of age)
10. Probationary Period	6 months

11. Employment Type	Based on “6. Regulations Pertaining to Working Hours, Holidays and Leave for National University Corporation Osaka University Staff” https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/publications/kitei_shugyou.html * The Discretionary Labor System (Specialized Work Type) will be applied with the applicant’s consent. (Deemed working hours: 8 hours per day)
12. Salary and Benefits	Based on “18. Salary Regulations for National University Corporation Osaka University Staff Subject to New Annual Salary System” https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/information/joho/kitei_shugyou.html
13. Insurance	Medical insurance and employee’s pension insurance of the Federation of National Public Service Personnel Mutual Aid Associations, Employment Insurance and Industrial Accident Compensation Insurance
14. Application Documents	Application documents must be written in Japanese and include the following documents: (1) A curriculum vitae and a list of educational and research achievements (including original papers, review articles, books, patents, and presentations at domestic and international conferences) * Please download and use the prescribed application form ("CV_and_List_of_Publications.xlsx") from the following website: http://www.cjlc.osaka-u.ac.jp/cjlc/job/ (2) Selected original papers (up to five; photocopies acceptable) (3) A summary of research and educational activities to date (within two A4 pages) (4) A statement of aspirations for Japanese language education upon appointment (within one A4 page) (5) For applicants whose first language is not Japanese: certificates of Japanese language proficiency (photocopies acceptable), or materials demonstrating the ability to teach in Japanese (6) For applicants whose first language is not English: certificates of English language proficiency (photocopies acceptable), or materials demonstrating the ability to teach in English * Personal information in the application documents will only be used for the purpose of screening and hiring procedures, and will not be disclosed to any third party. * Application documents will not be returned
15. Sending Address and Contact Information	Application documents should be submitted by e-mail to the address below: E-mail: opencall.cjlc@ * Please append “office.osaka-u.ac.jp” to the end of the above e-mail address. * Please include “CJLC Faculty Application” in the subject line. * Please attach the application documents in PDF format (with full security countermeasures). * If you do not receive an acknowledgment of receipt within three business days, please contact the following office. Inquiries: Center for Japanese Language and Culture, the University of Osaka Tel: +81-72-730-5073 E-mail: cjlc@ * Please append “office.osaka-u.ac.jp” to the end of the above e-mail address.
16. Application Deadline	No later than July 31st, 2026, Friday (Japan Standard Time)
17. Selection Process	Document screening will be followed by an interview. Selected applicants will be notified within five weeks after the application deadline. * Travel and accommodation expenses necessary for the interview are to be covered by the applicant. For applicants residing overseas, they may request an online interview. * Please note that unsuccessful applicants will not be contacted.

18. Additional Information	※ Regarding the Center for Japanese Language and Culture URL ※ http://www.cjlc.osaka-u.ac.jp/ Corrected on July 16, 2026 Concerning work conditions other than the above-mentioned, please refer to “3. Work Regulations for National University Corporation Osaka University Staff” and/or related regulations. https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/information/joho/kitei_shugyou.html Please note the above-mentioned work conditions are as of the day this employment offer is posted, and subject to change. After employment, the affiliation, work location, and responsibilities may be subject to change within the limits set by the University. “Deemed exports” related to security export control are based on “Regulations Pertaining to Security Export Control”. Rules and Regulations – The University of Osaka We also particularly encourage applications from female candidates. The University of Osaka is committed to promoting gender equality and providing various supports for female academic staff members. https://www.di.osaka-u.ac.jp/ * The University of Osaka campuses and related facilities are smoke-free, except for designated areas.
19. Recruiter	The University of Osaka