

Faculty Position Opening for Associate Professor (Female Only) at the Interfaculty Initiative in Information Studies, The University of Tokyo
(Journalism and Media)

1. Position title, number of positions

Associate Professor, 1

2. Planned date of appointment

April 1st, 2026, or as soon as possible thereafter

3. Term of employment

Tenured. The first six months from the date of appointment are probationary.

4. Place of employment

Hongo Campus, 7-3-1 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo, Japan

Exact location to be determined by the university. In principle, no employee can be reassigned or seconded against their will. Details are in accordance with Article 4 of the Regulations on the Employment of University of Tokyo Faculty Members.

5. Institution

Interfaculty Initiative in Information Studies, the University of Tokyo

6. Areas of specialization

Theoretical and empirical research on journalism and media. Applicants should also have a broad interdisciplinary perspective and academic depth allowing them to collaborate with diverse areas of research and education in the Interfaculty Initiative in Information Studies/Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Information Studies.

7. Job details

The successful candidate is expected to carry out all types of university faculty duties including teaching and advising graduate and undergraduate students alongside the pursuit of research in their own area of specialization.

Employees may be reassigned, given dual assignments or seconded. In principle, no such change in job details can occur against the will of the employee. Details are in accordance with Article 4 of the Regulations on the Employment of University of Tokyo Faculty Members.

8. Hours

Full-time, Discretionary

The employee is deemed to have worked 7 hours and 45 minutes per day.

9. Days off

Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays and end-of-year holidays (December 29th to January 3rd).

10. Leave

Annual paid leave, special leave, sick leave, etc.

11. Conditions

To be determined in accordance with the regulations of the University of Tokyo (The precise amount will be determined in consideration of the appointee's educational record and employment experience.)

Bonus payments (twice a year), commuting allowance (up to 55,000 yen per month), and other allowances as well as a system for regular wage raises are provided in accordance with the relevant regulations of the University of Tokyo.

12. Social Security

Enrollment in the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Mutual Aid Association, and in Employment Insurance

13. Qualifications

- (1) Possession of a Ph.D. Degree or an equivalent level of academic achievement
- (2) Ability to carry out classes, thesis supervision, research and other faculty duties in Japanese and English
- (3) Enthusiasm for international research and exchange activities
- (4) Being female

14. Documents to be submitted

- (1) Curriculum vitae (which must indicate educational record since graduation from high school and have a self-portrait photo attached. Applicants with teaching experience should also indicate the courses they have taught).
Please use the university format downloadable from:
<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/about/jobs.html>
- (2) List of achievements (divided into categories such as books, papers, oral presentations, and professional achievements)
- (3) Up to five examples of main research achievements (books or academic papers)
Please refer to item 16(1)(b) below.
- (4) An outline of research and education experience to date (2,000 Japanese characters or 1000 words in English)
- (5) A plan for future research and education activities (2,000 Japanese characters or 1000 words in English)
- (6) The names and contact details (institution name, telephone number and e-mail address)

of two referees whose opinions may be sought.

- (7) Declaration regarding past criminal penalties, administrative actions, and disciplinary actions due to sexual harassment and/or sexual violence etc. against students

Please use the university format downloadable from:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ecee8bMiSpA5gjGzkOyeR6c5oK5BThUm/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=106476492946726020399&rtpof=true&sd=true>

N.B. With the exception of Item (1) and (7), there is no specified format for the documents to be submitted.

15. Application deadline

Applications must arrive no later than Wednesday, September 17th, 2025. Following a review of the application documents, candidates may be interviewed face-to-face or via online meeting tool around November. In the case of a face-to-face interview, any associated transportation and accommodation costs are to be borne by the applicant.

16. How to apply and where to direct inquiries

- (1) How to apply

- (a) Upload to the JREC-IN Portal Web application system:

<https://jrecin.jst.go.jp/seek/SeekTop?ln=1>

The electronic files to be uploaded should be divided into separate files for each of the above-mentioned documents to be submitted, with the document number (1-7) at the beginning of each file name and the name of the applicant at the end.

When uploading, each file should be stored in a single folder and then converted to Zip format.

- (b) However, if you have research achievements that cannot be converted into electronic media (e.g., published books), please send five copies of them to the address below via postal mail:

Dean, Interfaculty Initiative in Information Studies, The University of Tokyo,
7-3-1 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo, Japan

N.B. Applications must be sent by registered mail or Yu-pack with delivery completion confirmed by the applicant. If applications must be sent from overseas, it is mandatory to use an international delivery service with tracking. The package must be marked in red ink with the words "Containing application documents for faculty position in Journalism and Media". Application documents will not be returned.

- (2) Please direct inquiries to

General Affairs Team, Interfaculty Initiative in Information Studies, The University of Tokyo
E-mail: soumu@iii.u-tokyo.ac.jp
Telephone: +81-(0)3-5841-5938

17. Employer's name

The University of Tokyo, National University Corporation

18. Status of measures to prevent passive smoking

Smoking is not permitted on university premises. (Outdoor smoking areas are available.)

19. Other policies

- (1) Any personal information acquired from the application process will not be used for any other purpose.
- (2) The University of Tokyo is promoting gender equality, and in accordance with the provisions of Article 8 of the Act on Equal Opportunity and Treatment between Men and Women in Employment (Special Provisions Concerning Measures for Female Workers), and as a measure to alleviate the severe underrepresentation of women in the faculty, is implementing female-only open recruitment.
- (3) The III/GSII has adopted a set of ethics policy principles; applicants should refer to these before applying:
<https://www.iii.u-tokyo.ac.jp/about/ethics-policy-principles>
- (4) If you are personally in contract with foreign governmental bodies, corporations or universities, or you are in receipt of a large benefit (financial or any other form) from foreign governmental bodies during the period of your employment, the provisions of the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (FEFTA) may prohibit or restrict the sharing of technologies that are designated as controlled technologies, which may make it difficult to fulfill the duties of an academic or administrative employee of the university. Therefore, in such cases it is necessary to limit the scope of such contracts/benefits so that they do not hinder the sharing of technologies necessary for your duties at the university.