

Faculty Position Opening (Information Functions and Communication Behavior Studies) at the Interfaculty Initiative in Information Studies, the University of Tokyo

1. Position title, number of positions:

Lecturer (*koushi* in Japanese), 1

2. Planned date of appointment:

April 1st, 2026

3. Term of employment:

5 years (non-renewable). 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:

Information Functions and Communication Behavior Studies

(Interdisciplinary research based on social psychology relating to media communication or disaster prevention)

7. Job details:

The successful candidate is expected to engage in the education and research supervision of graduate students, and conduct research in specialized fields. Additionally, they will assist with various university affairs.

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:

Under the discretionary work system for professional services, the employee is considered 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, Employee Pension Insurance, and Employment Insurance

13. Qualifications:

- 1) Possession of a Ph.D. degree.
- 2) Ability to carry out classes, thesis supervision, research, and other faculty duties in Japanese.

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). Please use the university format downloadable from:
<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/about/jobs.html>
- 2) List of achievements (divided into categories: books, papers, oral presentations, exhibitions, 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 1,000 English words)

- 5) A plan for future research and education activities
(2,000 Japanese characters or 1,000 English words)
- 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/1ecce8bMiSpA5giGzkOyeR6c5oK5BThUm/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, October 15th, 2025.

Following a review of the application documents, candidates may be interviewed face-to-face or via online meeting tools between November and December. 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>

Please upload separate files for each of the items listed above (under “14. Documents to be submitted”) and attach your name to the file names to make it immediately obvious who submitted them.

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

Dean, Interfaculty Initiative in Information Studies, The University of Tokyo,
7-3-1 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo, 113-0033 JAPAN

* 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 the faculty position in Information Functions and Communication Behavior Studies”. 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. Other policies:

- 1) Any personal information acquired from the application process will not be used for any other purpose.
- 2) At the Interfaculty Initiative in Information Studies and the Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Information Studies, we seek to nurture and support junior researchers, and promote gender equality, diversity, and inclusion. We therefore encourage women, gender minorities, and those in junior positions to apply.
- 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.

18. Status of measures to prevent passive smoking:

No smoking is allowed within the premises. (Outdoor smoking areas are available.)

19. Employer's name:

The University of Tokyo, National University Corporation