

Hiroshima University (HU) herewith makes an open international job offer and seeks to appoint either an Associate Professor with tenure or an Associate Professor/Assistant Professor on the Tenure Track System in the research area of Commercial Law. This position is based on the “Policy for recruiting/cultivating excellent faculty members”. The university introduced this policy to create a secure environment in which junior-positioned faculty members can concentrate on their research/education.

The post above has been newly created at HU to enable the promotion of the applicant to the senior position of Associate Professor on the condition that they pass the tenure-track review before the tenure-track period expires. Such a system assumes that the recruited person will settle down in one place so that they can dedicate themselves to research and education in accordance with their proposed research.

Therefore, when processing an application for recruitment, we evaluate not only each applicant’s performance in research and education, but also the contents and scope of their research plan. Thus, we assess whether or not the applicant’s research plan is mid-to-long term (i.e., about 10 years) in scope, exceeding the tenure-track period. At the time of the review for the tenured promotion, we comprehensively evaluate the applicant’s achievements during their term at HU and the future prospects of their research.

HU provides startup support funding for assistant professors. By assigning a mentor to each newly recruited faculty member on the tenure track, HU continues to develop an environment where such faculty members can engage independently in research activities. In the event that the recruited member does not secure tenure, they will be able to extend their term of employment for up to one year as a specially appointed faculty member. The special appointment starts on the day following the end date of the existing employment contract for the tenure-track position.

We are looking forward to welcoming individuals who are prepared to align with the principles, long-term vision, and medium-term target of HU (<https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/about>), and who are motivated and able to play key roles by committing themselves to research and education at HU.

Mitsuo Ochi, President of Hiroshima University

Please refer to the following URL for details about personnel system reform of Hiroshima University.

<https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/employment/kyoinkobo>

Date: May 1, 2026

Faculty Open Position(s)

1. Affiliation (Appointment)

Academy of Hiroshima University (Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Program for Law Practice Professionals (Law School))

2. Work location

Higashi-Senda Campus

1-1-89 Higashi Senda-Machi, Naka-ku, Hiroshima-shi

Other locations as designated by the University.

3. Position(s) and the number of opening(s)

Associate Professor or Assistant Professor, one (1)

(Depending on the results of performance reviews at the time of employment, candidates may be appointed to one of the following titles: Associate Professor with tenure; Associate Professor/Assistant Professor on Tenure Track System)

4. Commencing Date of Employment

April 1, 2027, or the earliest possible date thereafter.

5. Terms of Employment

Tenure-track positions:

- 7 years (in cases where a tenure-track Associate Professor is promoted to tenured Associate Professor)
- 5 years (in cases where a tenure-track Assistant Professor is promoted to tenured Associate Professor)

- (1) Tenure-track faculty members will undergo a tenure review at least six (6) months in advance of the expiration date of their appointment. Those who successfully pass the review process will be granted tenure along with promotion to Associate Professor.
- (2) The granting of tenure is subject to two review processes: an intermediate review and a final review. If a candidate is not granted tenure in the final review, they will be dismissed from the University upon completion of the term of appointment.
- (3) If a candidate has taken leave due to life events such as childbirth, child-raising, or caregiving, they may extend the term of appointment for a certain period in accordance with the length of such leave.

6. Planned Responsibilities

(Immediately after hiring)

- (1) Duties related to research in "7. Field of Specialization".
- (2) Duties related to teaching scheduled courses and supervising graduate and undergraduate students under "8. Teaching Responsibilities".
- (3) Duties related to the administration and management of the University, graduate schools, faculties, and centers (including participation in meetings and committee activities).
- (4) Duties related to student admissions (e.g., exam supervision, question preparation, grading, interviewers).
- (5) Other duties as directed by the head of the relevant educational and research organization.

(Scope of changes)

Tasks as determined by the University.

7. Field of Specialization

Commercial Law (商法)

8. Teaching Responsibilities

The following courses are scheduled to be taught:

- (1) Undergraduate level (general education courses): Advanced Seminar, etc.
- (2) Graduate level (Law School programs): Corporate Law I–III, Advanced Seminar of Civil Law and Procedure IV, Seminar of Commercial Law I–III, etc.

Note: Graduate level (Law School's programs): Corporate Law I–III will be offered jointly with Undergraduate level (discipline specific courses): Corporate Law I–III(jurist).

Note: The subjects you are responsible for may be changed or added.

9. Qualifications

Applicants must satisfy all of the following requirements:

- (1) Hold a doctorate, a doctorate of jurisprudence, or an equivalent degree by the time the appointment begins (applications are accepted from those expecting to obtain a Ph.D.), or possess research achievements recognized as equivalent.
- (2) Demonstrate excellent research achievements in Commercial Law.
- (3) Be capable of supervising Law School students in preparation for the bar examination. (This includes passing the bar exam after completing law school or passing the preliminary exam.)

10. Application materials required

- (1) Resume (use the attached electronic file: Form1)
- (2) List of research achievements (use the attached electronic file: Form2.)

- (3) Five major publications or presentations (Reprints, photocopies, or books)
- (4) Major educational activities and teaching experience
- (5) Major social contributions
- (6) Major activities in university/institutional management and administration
- (7) Statement of intent (Please describe your interests in teaching and research as well as your mid-to long-term research plan in approximately 2,000-3,000 words, should you take this position.)
- (8) Electronic Media (CD-ROM, etc.) that stores all of the above (other than (3)) along

11. Application deadline

All application materials must reach the University by 17:00 on June 30, 2026 (Japan time).

12. Please send all application documents to the following address

Dean, Hiroshima University Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences,
Division of Law School

1-1-89, Higashi-Senda, Naka-ku, Hiroshima-shi, Japan, 730-0053

- * Print in red “Application documents for faculty open position (Commercial Law) in the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences” on the envelope containing the application documents and send it by registered mail.

13. Selection procedure

- (1) Selection will be made based on all application documents submitted.
- (2) Interviews will be conducted as needed in Japanese. If an interview is conducted, a question and answer session will be conducted to verify that the candidate has the ability to provide practical education specialized for legal training from the unique perspective of the law school. In such cases, please note that travel expenses will be the responsibility of the applicant. Applicants who pass the initial document review will be informed of interview date, time and format.
- (3) Hiroshima University promotes a gender-equal society in accordance with the legislative intent of the Basic Law for a Gender-Equal Society.

14. Employment status

- (1) If you are agreeable to the application of the Discretionary Labor System for Professional Work, you are deemed to work for 7 hours and 45 minutes a day. If not, working hours are from 8:30 to 17:00 (from Monday to Friday) and break time is from 12:00 to 12:45.
- (2) Workdays are from Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) in principle.
- (3) Holidays are Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays in principle.

15. Salary, etc.

- (1) The annual salary system (II) which was enforced in October 2021 will be applied to the successful candidates.
- (2) Successful candidates may be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred for the trip from their home or former place of work to the new place of work to assume their post in accordance with the relevant regulations of Hiroshima University. For more information, please contact us.

※Hiroshima University has introduced a system whereby researchers' personnel expenses are paid out of direct expenses such as competitive research grants and joint research grants, and the obtained research financial resources can be used to improve the treatment of researchers themselves (additional salary) and to improve the research environment.

16. Evaluation

We conduct individual performance evaluations for all Hiroshima University faculty members after their employment, numerically rate their performance, and salary and benefits are commensurate with performance indicators.

17. Employer

Hiroshima University

18. Miscellaneous

- (1) Probationary employment period: six (6) months
- (2) Personal information obtained from application documents will not be used or provided to any third party for purposes other than the necessary procedures related to personnel affairs, salary, and welfare. Application documents submitted by unsuccessful candidates will be securely destroyed after the completion of the selection process.
- (3) The retirement age is 65 years old.
- (4) All the faculty members of Hiroshima University belong to the "Academy", which is the single university-wide faculty organization, and each faculty as a member of the Academy of the University is appointed to educational and/or research organizations such as an individual undergraduate school, graduate school, research center and institute.
- (5) Faculty members may also be assigned to teaching and/or research activities in other organizations of Hiroshima University and university-wide projects.
- (6) For each specialized field of faculty, Hiroshima University has defined Minimum standards for hiring new faculty ("the minimum standards"). We use the minimum standards for the initial screening process of the applicants, and only those who

have cleared the minimum standards will qualify as the candidates for the post concerned. The minimum standards used for this international job offer can be viewed by clicking the following URL link.

<https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/employment/kyoinkobo/>

(7) HU provides other employment information (research job, desk job, etc.).

If your spouse wishes to work for HU, please refer to the following URL link.

employment information: <https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/en/employment/>

(8) Hiroshima University has been entirely smoke-free from January 2020.

19. Contact

Higashi-Senda Area Support Office (Personnel Dept.)

Email: [senda-bk-sien\[at\]office.hiroshima-u.ac.jp](mailto:senda-bk-sien[at]office.hiroshima-u.ac.jp) (replace the “[at]” with “@”)

* Inquiries should be sent by e-mail. The subject line of the e-mail should read "Inquiries about open positions for Commercial Law faculty members. "