

# Assistant Professor of Japanese

## Posting Details

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**Job Title** Assistant Professor of Japanese

**Job Description Summary, Duties and Responsibilities, Required Qualifications and Preferred Qualifications** **The search will remain open until the position has been filled.** First consideration will be given to applications received by December 2, 2021. Second consideration may be given to applications received by December 16, 2021. Applications received subsequent to second consideration date (December 16, 2021) may not be given full consideration.

The Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Rhode Island is a collaborative, forward-leaning, and dynamic team of individuals committed across all languages to the departmental priorities of proficiency-based teaching, intercultural communicative competence (ICC) and languages for the professions. We collectively believe in diversity of thought, ideas and, especially, people. Our faculty come from multiple and diverse ethnic, linguistic and cultural backgrounds and we unite around our three afore-mentioned priorities with open-mindedness, collegiality, mutual respect and a spirit of consensus. We are furthermore committed to faculty training in the areas of our strategic priorities as well as in respect for diversity, equity and inclusion. For example, we provide the opportunity for all full-time faculty members to attend the 4-day Oral Proficiency Interview workshop and to pursue certification; we regularly invite nationally renowned speakers to provide ongoing training for the department in intercultural communicative competence; and we collectively organize and complete trainings and micro-credentials in inclusive teaching and antiracism. Our department is one of the largest undergraduate language departments in the nation, and it has a leadership team that includes a chair, an associate chair, six language section heads, a proficiency coordinator, an intercultural communicative competence coordinator, and a Language Center director. We also house the Chinese Flagship Language Program as well as five other signature programs: the International Engineering Program, International Business Program, International Computer Science Program, the International Studies and Diplomacy Program and the International Pharmaceutical Sciences Program. Our department and our departmental initiatives are robustly supported by the College of Arts and Sciences and the Office of the Provost; and our commitment to hiring, supporting and retaining faculty members from diverse backgrounds falls within the larger College and University strategic plans, and especially the URI Provost's Strategic Plan for Diversity, which we encourage all interested job candidates to read: [https://web.uri.edu/provost/files/Agenda-for-Change-2021.Final\\_.pdf](https://web.uri.edu/provost/files/Agenda-for-Change-2021.Final_.pdf).

Our department invites applications for a tenure-track position of Assistant Professor of Japanese with specialization in Japanese language teaching to begin Fall 2022. The successful candidate will provide critical support in teaching, research and service to the university's growing Japanese language program which falls within the Global Languages and Area Studies (GLAS) major as well as program development for the Japanese language track of the various URI dual degree programs, including the International Engineering Program, International Business Program, International Computer Science Program and the International Studies and Diplomacy Program.

### Duties and Responsibilities:

Teach Japanese courses across the undergraduate curriculum with special emphasis on Japanese language and culture. Contribute to the department's proficiency, intercultural communicative competence and languages for the professions initiatives.

Establish and maintain a solid research program.

Contribute through service and collaboration to the missions of the Japanese program, the Japanese International Engineering program, the Japanese International Studies & Diplomacy program, our other signature programs, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the University.

Contribute through service to honing and maintaining URI's Japanese student mobility programs and the advising of students planning to study abroad in Japan.

Contribute to the development and expansion of the curriculum for interdisciplinary models of Japanese language teaching.

### QUALIFICATIONS

#### REQUIRED:

1. Ph.D. in Japanese studies, linguistics, second language acquisition, literature or related field at the time of appointment.
2. Near native or native proficiency in Japanese and English.
3. Demonstrated experience in teaching Japanese at the college level in the U.S.
4. Evidence of, or potential for, research excellence, as shown by publications, works in progress, presentations, and/or funding obtained.
5. Demonstrated proficiency in written communication skills in Japanese and English.
6. Demonstrated ability to work with diverse groups/populations.
7. Agree to commit to training in proficiency/intercultural competence and to implementing best practices in teaching in these

areas.

**PREFERRED:**

1. Demonstrated experience in the teaching of Japanese for professional purposes.
2. Demonstrated experience in proficiency and/or intercultural competence.
3. Demonstrated experience in curriculum- and materials development for Japanese language teaching.
4. Demonstrated experience in technological applications for language learning, and/or use of online platforms for course delivery.
5. Demonstrated experience in experiential learning activities, including short- and long- term study abroad as well as internships.

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**ALL REQUIREMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE MODIFICATION TO REASONABLY ACCOMMODATE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.**

<b>Union</b>	AAUP - American Assoc of Univ Professors
<b>Status</b>	Academic Year, Full-time, Tenure-track, Permanent
<b>End Date of Restriction or Limitation</b>	
<b>Department</b>	Languages
<b>Contact(s)</b>	Please note: Job applications must be submitted directly online only at: ( <a href="https://jobs.uri.edu">https://jobs.uri.edu</a> )
<b>Contact Email</b>	
<b>Campus Location</b>	Kingston
<b>Grant Funded</b>	No
<b>Extension Contingent on Funding Date</b>	
<b>Special Instructions to Applicants</b>	<p><b>Please attach the following 4 (PDF) documents to your online Faculty Employment Application:</b></p> <p>(#1) Cover letter that speaks specifically to the required qualifications.</p> <p>(#2) Curriculum Vitae.</p> <p>(#3) "Other Document – References" – the names and contact information of three professional references (pdf doc).</p> <p>(#4) "Other Document" – A statement that addresses demonstrated experience in and commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion. This statement should address your values and/or philosophy, accomplishments, experiences, education, and training with JEDI.</p>
<b>Position Number</b>	109099
<b>Posting Number</b>	F00277
<b>Posting Date</b>	11/04/2021
<b>Closing Date</b>	
<b>Open Until Filled</b>	Yes
<b>Quicklink for Posting</b>	<a href="https://jobs.uri.edu/postings/8954">https://jobs.uri.edu/postings/8954</a>

## Applicant Documents

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### Required Documents

1. Cover Letter/Letter of Application
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Other Document - References
4. Other Document

#### Optional Documents

## Supplemental Questions

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Required fields are indicated with an asterisk (\*).

1. \* Do you have a Ph.D. in Japanese studies, linguistics, second language acquisition, literature or related field at the time of appointment?
  - Yes
  - No
2. \* Do you have near native or native proficiency in Japanese and English?
  - Yes
  - No
3. \* Do you have demonstrated experience in teaching Japanese at the college level in the U.S. ?
  - Yes
  - No
4. \* Do you have evidence of, or potential for, research excellence, as shown by publications, works in progress, presentations, and/or funding obtained?
  - Yes
  - No
5. \* Do you have demonstrated proficiency in written communication skills in Japanese and English?
  - Yes
  - No
6. \* Do you have demonstrated ability to work with diverse groups/populations?
  - Yes
  - No
7. \* Do you agree to commit to training in proficiency/intercultural competence and to implementing best practices in teaching in these areas?
  - Yes
  - No
8. How did you hear about this employment opportunity?
  - Public Job Posting
  - Internal Job Posting
  - Agency Referral
  - Advertisement/Publication
  - Personal Referral
  - Website
  - Other