

## FULL-TIME ACADEMIC POSITION IN JAPANESE CULTURE AND LANGUAGE

FACULTY OF LETTRES, TRANSLATION AND COMMUNICATION

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Application deadline: 01/03/2025

Start date: 01/10/2025

### Job description

The Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB) is inviting applications for a full-time academic position in the Department of Languages and Letters. We are hiring an expert in Japanese culture, society and language with specialization in literature, film, performing arts, art, visual culture, material culture or any other field of the humanities. A trans-Asian perspective (with knowledge of other East Asian spaces) or a willingness to expand research and teaching to East Asian studies in general is strongly desired.

#### Area of Research:

Japanese literature, film, performing arts, art, visual culture, material culture or any other field of the humanities with an expertise on Japan.

#### Educational and scientific goals:

Teaching duties: The successful applicant will be expected to provide training to students in the Faculty of Letters, Translation and Communication — including the supervision and evaluation of MA and PhD dissertations — in Japanese studies and Asian studies.

Research objectives: The successful applicant is expected to fully contribute to boost research in Japanese studies within the Faculty of Letters, Translation and Communication and to ensure the visibility of his or her work in both international and national scientific networks. The successful applicant will be invited to apply for calls for funding or projects outside the University (FNRS, Regions, Civis, Europe/European Research Council, etc.) that will allow him or her to develop his or her research. To this end, he or she will benefit from the support of the ULB Research Department. The committee will value the ability to integrate into the team of teachers and researchers in the field.

The successful applicant will also take on administrative and/or logistical tasks involving their actual presence on campus.

#### Courses covered at the time of recruitment:

At the time of recruitment, the successful candidate is expected to teach a volume of 96 hours (4 courses):

- History of China-Japan relations (Bachelor)
- Japanese culture, society and history (Bachelor)
- Japanese literature (Bachelor)
- Studies of Japanese texts (Master)

These courses will be intended for students of Languages and Letters.

In a second phase, the successful candidate will be responsible for another course (24 hours):

- Research seminar in Japanese studies (Master)

## Qualifications required

PhD Degree (with doctoral thesis) in Japanese studies, or related field or equivalent.

## Skills required

- Applicants should have at least 4 years of research experience at the time of their recruitment.
- Applicants must demonstrate international-level research and scientific publications in Japanese studies and related fields, as well as an excellent scientific record.
- Applicants must be able to teach in French and demonstrate a good command of English. If applicants are not fluent in French, an adaptation period may be granted, but they must be able to teach in French by the end of the third year following their appointment.
- Candidates must demonstrate an excellent command of the modern Japanese language. Proficiency in classical Japanese and/or classical Chinese will be appreciated.
- University-level teaching experience in the field is an asset.

## Interested ?

For more information, please contact Ms. Vanessa Frangville (telephone: +32 2 650 46 76 – E-mail: [vanessa.frangville@ulb.be](mailto:vanessa.frangville@ulb.be)).

Your application will consist of a Curriculum Vitae (*if you wish, a standard CV can be downloaded from the website: <https://www.ulb.be/fr/documents-officiels/emplois-academiques-et-scientifiques-cv-type>*) and a document completed using the template available at this URL address <https://www.ulb.be/fr/documents-officiels/1e-applic-form-acad-tps-plein-docx>.

This template structures your application by including the following elements:

- an application letter
- a 7,000-character report (4 pages) presenting the applicant's research activities and a research project, including how these will integrate into ULB's research teams
- a teaching dossier including a 7,000-character report (4 pages) on the applicant's previous teaching activities and a teaching project for the first five years in this position; these must be relevant to the faculty and to the teaching profiles for the programmes to which the applicant is to contribute
- a note on the applicant's international achievements and projects (no more than 4 pages)
- the names and e-mail addresses of five referees (respecting the gender balance) who may be contacted by those in charge of evaluating applications. These referees should not have conflicts of interest because of family or emotional ties.

Incomplete applications or applications that do not use the template provided will not be examined by the selection committee.

The appointment to the academic staff of ULB is made at “Chargé de Cours” level. As of their appointment, members of academic staff are authorised to use the honorary title of “Professeur”.

## Where to apply ?

Click here : <https://jobs.ulb.be/job-invite/1406/?isInternalUser=true>

For any connection problems or questions about our application, consult our FAQ: [e-recrut-mode-d-emploi-candidat-fr- 1734942952302-pdf](#)

## Equal opportunities policy

ULB's personnel management policy is geared towards diversity and equal opportunities.

We recruit candidates on the basis of their skills, irrespective of age, gender, sexual orientation, origin, nationality, beliefs, disability, etc.

Would you like to be provided with reasonable accommodation in the selection procedure because of a disability, disorder, or illness? Please contact Marie Botty, the person in charge of diversity aspects for the academic and scientific staff ([marie.botty@ulb.be](mailto:marie.botty@ulb.be)). Be assured of the confidentiality of this information.

More details on the ULB gender and diversity policy are available at [Diversity at ULB - ULB](#).

You will find all the regulations relating to academic careers on our site at <http://www.ulb.ac.be/emploi/academique.html>.