

Job Opening: Professor

Title: One position for professor in the field of philosophy of information (Graduate School of Informatics, Nagoya University)

Institution: Nagoya University (URL: <http://en.nagoya-u.ac.jp/>)

Unit and Department:

Philosophy of Information Unit, Department of Social Informatics, Graduate School of Informatics

(URL: <https://www.i.nagoya-u.ac.jp/en/gs/si/>)

Job descriptions:

(Immediately after hiring)

- 1) To lead philosophical and ethical research on innovation in science and technology, particularly artificial intelligence (AI), robotics, and network technology; to produce outstanding results on new forms of society co-created by AI and humans.
- 2) To actively participate in the management of the Graduate School of Informatics and contribution to achieving the mission of the Graduate School
- 3) To teach and supervise undergraduate and postgraduate students.

(Scope of change)

Duties designated by Tokai National Higher Education and Research System

Research field:

Field: Philosophy of Information

Specific classification: Interdisciplinary research on the philosophical and ethical issues related to science and technology, particularly in the areas of artificial intelligence (AI), robotics, and network technologies from the point of Science for AI. Substantial experience in both education and research in the field of digital humanities. Furthermore, contributions to society through activities such as public lectures and outreach addressing the philosophical and ethical challenges of science and technology.

Job type and the number of positions:

1 Professor

Rank:

Full-time

Contract period: No fixed term

Trial period: 6 months from date of employment

Address:

(Immediately after hiring)

Department of Social Informatics
Graduate School of Informatics, Nagoya University
Furo-cho, Chikusa, Nagoya 464-8601, Japan

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Qualifications:

Applicants are required to hold a Ph.D. degree before the commencement of employment and have expertise and outstanding research achievements in philosophy of information. They must be able to teach courses in the Department of Social Informatics, the Graduate School of Informatics, and the Department of Human and Social Informatics, School of Informatics. Communication ability in Japanese sufficient for conducting the required work is also required.

Salary: Salary and benefits will be determined as per the rules of the Tokai National Higher Education and Research System.

https://public1.legalcrud.com/thers_ac/act/110001585.html (in Japanese)

Deadline for applications: 29 July – 5 p.m., 30 September 2026 (Japan Standard Time (JST))

Date of commencement of employment: April 1, 2027, or later at the earliest convenience

Application materials (All requested documents should be compressed into one zip file):

- 1) Curriculum Vitae (Please include an e-mail address)
- 2) A list of research achievements
 - For peer-reviewed papers, describe journal papers and international conference papers separately.
 - For domestic conference papers, describe only papers that require special mention, such as invited papers and award-winning papers separately, regardless of whether they have been peer-reviewed or not.
 - Describe other information useful for selection (social contributions, software development achievements, work achievements, etc.) in the other column.
- 3) Key articles (at most five articles) of applicant's own research.
- 4) An abstract of research activities to date (within 2 pages).
A brief description of your own research plans in the future (within 2 pages).
- 5) A short essay on your teaching activities to date and teaching plans/aspirations (within 2 pages).
- 6) Full names and contact details (with e-mail address) of two references.
- 7) Other supporting materials (paper citation counts, obtained research funds, awards, teaching experiences, academic society and social activities, etc., if the applicant would like to present).

Application submission:

- 1) Please submit all the above materials via registered post. The deadline for receipts of

applications is 5 p.m., 30 September 2026, Japan Standard Time. Also send the pdf files via email by 5 p.m., 30 September 2026, JST.

Submission and contact address to:

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Application materials will be used only for this selection and will not be used for other purposes.

Selection process:

- Peer interview may be held after reviewing application materials.
- Applicants will be contacted by e-mail or phone.

Notes:

- Nagoya University promotes gender equality in employment and actively encourages female applicants if their achievements (including research achievements, educational achievements, social contributions, and personality) are evaluated as equivalent.
- Application materials will be used only for this selection and will not be used for other purposes.
- Application materials will be handled under the responsibility of the selection committee and will not be returned to the applicants.
- Travelling expenses for interviews will not be provided.
- In November 2021, in accordance with the clarification of the scope of control for “deemed exports” under the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (FEFTA) of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), the provision of sensitive technology to faculty members and students in the universities of Japan has become subject to control under the FEFTA based on the Japanese Policy. Due to this change, it is necessary for applicants to submit a “Self-declaration of Category Applicability” based on the “Flowchart for Category Applicability Judgment” (Form URL: <https://www.i.nagoya-u.ac.jp/resume/>). We will contact the relevant applicants later. Please note that the selected applicant will be asked to submit a “written oath” at the time of employment.
- Our university is actively working to promote diversity and work-life balance. Please see the URL below for details.
Gender Diversity Center Website: <https://www.kyodo-sankaku.provost.nagoya-u.ac.jp/>
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging: DEIB) Promotion Declaration:
<https://www.thers.ac.jp/about/declaration/deib/index.html>
- If you have interrupted or delayed your research activities in the past due to childbirth, childcare, nursing, illness, etc., you can state these facts on your curriculum vitae. You will not

be unfairly evaluated for stating these facts.

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