

Faculty Position Opening: Department of Kansei Design

October 3, 2025

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President

Hachinohe Institute of Technology

1. Position

Professor, Associate Professor, Lecturer, or Assistant Professor (1 position)

2. Department

Faculty of Kansei Design, Hachinohe Institute of Technology

3. Field of Specialization

Visual Design, Product Design, or related fields

4. Responsibilities

The successful candidate will be responsible for teaching subjects such as Design Thinking, Basics of Expression, Sculpture, Visual Design Theory, Visual Design Seminar, Kansei Design Integrated Seminar, and Graduation Research.

- Assigned courses may change based on the candidate's aptitude.
- The department is scheduled for reorganization in the 2027 school year. This may result in a change of department or assignment to courses other than those listed above.
- Course titles are current as of this announcement and may change by the time of appointment.

5. Qualifications

- 1) A Master's degree or higher, or equivalent professional experience, a portfolio demonstrating a high level of skill and creativity, and/or a record of research achievements.
- 2) Eagerness to participate in collaborative projects with local communities and businesses.
- 3) Passion for teaching and guiding students, in line with the founding principles and educational philosophy of Hachinohe Institute of Technology.
- 4) Proficiency in the Japanese language required to perform the duties.
- 5) Experience in organizing and implementing art exhibitions, events, and/or design projects is preferred.

6. Start Date

April 1, 2026

7. Employment Type

Full-time (with a probationary period of one year or less, based on the "Employment Regulations" of Hachinohe Institute of Technology)

8. Required Application Documents

- 1) Resume/CV (Commercially available form with applicant's signature, photo, and educational history from high school graduation onwards; please include your email address)
- 2) Professional Experience Summary
- 3) List of Educational and Research Achievements (A4 size, free format: peer-reviewed papers, international conference papers, reviews, invited lectures, books, reports, patents, creative works, qualifications, current research/work content, and academic society activities)
- 4) Summaries of 5 to 7 major achievements from the above list (for papers, reprints or copies are acceptable)
- 5) Record of competitive research funding and other external research funding acquisition, categorized as principal investigator or co-investigator

6) A statement of your research achievements and a proposal for future research at our institution (in Japanese, approximately 2,000 characters within two A4 pages)

7) A statement of your teaching achievements and aspirations (in Japanese, approximately 1,000 characters within one A4 page)

8) Record of social contributions

9. Application Deadline

Friday, October 31, 2025

10. Selection Process

1) First Screening (Document Review): Results will be announced in early November.

2) Second Screening (Interview): Travel and other expenses for the interview will be the responsibility of the applicant.

Applicants who pass the first review will be required to submit a letter of recommendation from an individual who can assess their qualifications, abilities, and character.

11. Application Submission Address and Inquiries

Address:

General Affairs Office, Hachinohe Institute of Technology

88-1 Myo, Ohiraki, Hachinohe City, Aomori Prefecture, 031-8501 Japan.

Please write "Design Field Faculty Application Documents Enclosed" in red ink on the envelope and send it via registered mail. Submitted documents will not be returned in principle.

Contact:

General Affairs Office

TEL: 0178(25)8021 (direct)

FAX: 0178(25)2769

E-mail: soumu@hi-tech.ac.jp

12. Other

- 1) Personal information provided during the application process will not be used for any purpose other than personnel selection.
- 2) Personal information of successful applicants will be retained for employment management. Personal information of other applicants will be securely disposed of after the conclusion of the selection process.