

## University Lecturer in Chinese Language, **fixed-term**

The Faculty of Humanities at the University of Turku invites applications for the position of University Lecturer in Chinese Language in the School of Languages and Translation Studies. The position will be filled on a fixed-term basis for the period of 1 August 2024 - 31 July 2026.

The Department of Chinese is part of the School of Languages and Translation Studies. The School is an international centre for language study education and research.

Chinese Language degree studies focus on the contemporary Chinese language and expertise in linguistic communication, especially in the contexts of Chinese and international working life, global multilingualism as well as in digital interaction and communication. At Master's level specialized Chinese modules are taught within the Language Specialist Degree Programme. The School of Languages and Translation Studies offers Chinese Language degree studies in interdisciplinary collaboration with the University of Turku Centre for East Asian Studies (CEAS). The studies aim to provide such skills and abilities that enable graduates to work in international positions in various fields, either in Finland, China or elsewhere in the world.

### **Job description**

The post holder will be expected to

- **contribute teaching** of Bachelor's (basic and intermediate studies) and Master's (advanced studies) level modules for Chinese Language. As the Bachelor's level studies require no prior skills in the Chinese language, the teaching includes modules on **basic communicative language skills as well as modules on Chinese linguistics**.
- teach courses in linguistics and linguistic research, supervise theses and provide study guidance
- actively conduct their own scientific research and apply for research funding
- participate in the development of teaching and research, student admissions and other administrative tasks

Apply between **20 March 2024** and **18 April 2024 16:00 (Europe/Helsinki)**

### **Who we are looking for**

#### **Qualifications and requirements**

The eligibility criteria for prospective applicants are defined in [the University of Turku's rules of procedure](#).

In accordance to the eligibility criteria for university lecturer, the applicant should

- have an appropriate doctoral degree
- be able to provide high-quality teaching that is based on research knowledge
- have the ability to supervise theses on all levels.

Successful performance in the post of university lecturer requires

- native or near-native fluency in Chinese
- well-developed interpersonal communication skills
- fluency in Finnish and/or English

In addition, successful applicants are required to demonstrate

- clear evidence of postdoctoral research
- a detailed research agenda, which demonstrates an orientation that is in line with the subject's range and focus, and the School of Languages and Translation Studies' areas of expertise.

When assessing the merits of the applicants we will take into account

- their scientific work
- expertise in the field
- teaching experience and pedagogical education
- ability to produce study materials
- other teaching merits

We value equality and diversity in our work community and encourage qualified applicants, regardless of background, to apply for our open positions.

## Benefits

We offer you responsible and interesting tasks and the opportunity to develop your professional skills in a versatile operating environment. We take care of your well-being at work and the functionality of your everyday life, e.g. with the help of our well-being services.

Please read more about University of Turku as an employee from our [Come work with us!](#) pages.

The European Commission has awarded the University of Turku the right to use the [HR Excellence in Research logo](#). The logo is a token of the University's commitment to continuous development of the position and working conditions of researchers according to the guidelines set forth in the European Charter for Researchers.

The university offers good support and orientation for international hires. Please learn more about the Finnish culture and relocation to Finland:

- [City of Turku](#),
- [Welcome visitor](#) ,
- [Career in Southwest Finland](#),
- [International House of Turku](#)
- Working culture: [infoFinland.fi](#)
- [This is Finland](#)
- [Careers in Southwest Finland](#)
- [Finland - a superpower of education and innovations | University of Turku \(utu.fi\)](#)

## Salary and trial period

The salary for the position is determined on the basis of job demand assessment levels 5–7 of the university salary system for teaching and research personnel, where the task-specific salary component is between € 3213–4320 per month. A component that is based on personal performance is also paid in addition to the task-specific salary, and this component is min. 6 % of the task-specific salary. The salary will in the beginning of the employment be approximately 4100 €/month.

The position has a trial period of six (6) months.

## How to apply

Please submit your application through our online recruitment system. The closing date for applications is **18 April 2024 at 16.00 (EEST GMT+3 / at 15:00 UTC)**.

The link to the online application system is available at the top of the job advertisement (“Apply for the job”) and at [www.utu.fi/careers](http://www.utu.fi/careers).

The application and the attachments should be written either in Finnish or in English.

Your application must include the following:

- a CV
- an academic portfolio (University of Turku format)
- a list of publications (Academy of Finland format)
- a research plan including a proposal that is no longer than three typed pages and that lays out your vision for the future development of your research and teaching activities in the Department.
- copies of degree certificates
- other documents verifying the applicant’s competence and qualifications

The CV, academic portfolio and list of publications should follow [the guidelines of the University of Turku](#).

The top candidates will be interviewed.

## Further information

For additional information on the position, please contact Professor Marjut Johansson (email: [marjut.johansson@utu.fi](mailto:marjut.johansson@utu.fi)).

For further information on the selection process, please contact HR Specialist Maija Österlund (email: [majja.osterlund@utu.fi](mailto:majja.osterlund@utu.fi)).

## School of Languages and Translation Studies

[The School of Languages and Translation Studies \(SLT\)](#) is an international teaching and research centre that trains various types of experts in languages, cultures and communication. Our research focuses on different phenomena in languages and cultures, such as multilingualism and language contacts during different times and eras, interaction and variation, language and cognition, translation, as well as literary studies.

[The Faculty of Humanities](#) at the University of Turku aims to develop its surrounding society by training experienced, open-minded and critical experts for the societal needs of both Finland and the world. Our task is to act as the maintainers and promoters of civilisation. The Faculty operates in two locations, in Turku and Pori.

**The University of Turku** is an inspiring and international academic community of 25,000 students and staff in Southwest Finland. We build a sustainable future with multidisciplinary research, education, and collaboration. With us, your work will have a significant impact and relevance in the changing world.

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