Assistant Professor of East Asian Studies (Japanese)

Austin College invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor of East Asian Studies (EAS) with an emphasis on Japan. The college is combining its East Asian Languages and Cultures and Asian Studies programs into an interdisciplinary program in East Asian Studies (EAS). The program will be linked with one or more of our existing interdisciplinary programs, such as Environmental Studies, Gender Studies, Global Management, Leadership Studies, Non-Profit and Public Service, or Public Health. Applicants are invited from across a broad range of connected disciplines that strengthen the links to current interdisciplinary programs. We seek applicants with interdisciplinary perspectives, and welcome those who can teach comparatively across geographic regions of Asia. ABDs are welcome to apply.

The successful applicant will have teaching and research interests that can help further build the college’s interdisciplinary program in East Asian Studies, which already includes a faculty member who specializes in modern Japanese literature and culture and one who specializes in modern Chinese literature and culture. The teaching load is three courses per semester plus a January term once every two years. The successful candidate will be committed to innovative teaching excellence in a liberal arts environment and will be expected to teach 1-2 beginning or intermediate level Japanese language courses annually, with the remaining courses contributing in new ways to the developing program in East Asian Studies and current interdisciplinary programs. A willingness to collaborate with faculty with relevant research and teaching interests is essential, as is a willingness to help build the program in EAS.

Austin College is a selective national liberal arts college with an enrollment of 1300 undergraduates located north of Dallas in Sherman, Texas. Founded in 1849, making it the oldest institution of higher education in Texas operating under original charter and name, the college is related by covenant to the Presbyterian Church (USA). Recognized nationally for academic excellence in the areas of international education, pre-professional training, and leadership studies, Austin College is one of 40 schools profiled in Loren Pope’s influential book Colleges That Change Lives. The college seeks to provide an academically challenging and lively community of students and teachers who are committed to intellectual growth through individual and collaborative endeavors.

Candidates should include: a letter of application, curriculum vitae, copies of graduate transcripts, statement of teaching philosophy, description of research interests, evidence of teaching, and three letters of reference. We prefer that materials be submitted as PDF files to: JapaneseSearch@austincollege.edu. As an alternative, you may submit hard copies to Dr. Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres, Vice President for Academic Affairs, 900 N. Grand Ave, Suite 6D, Sherman, Texas 75090-4400. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

Austin College is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer committed to a diverse faculty, staff and student body and welcomes all applicants. Must be legally authorized to work without sponsorship for employment visa status (e.g., H1B status).