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To the Kobe College Faculty

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**Call for Applications for Full-time Position
in the Department of English, School of International Studies**

Please distribute or post this position announcement. Thank you.

1. **Position:** One position for Professor, Associate Professor, or Instructor of the Department of English, School of International Studies
2. **Employment status:**
This is a tenured position but could initially be appointed on a two-year tenure-track contract.
The mandatory retirement age is 65.
3. **Field:** American Literature (Poetry)
4. **Teaching Responsibility:**
Undergraduate- and graduate-level courses of “Introduction to Literature,” “Contemporary Literature and Culture,” “American Literature and History,” “Poetry and Poetics,” general English reading and writing classes, and other major courses. The average teaching load is 6-7 courses per semester, and courses meet once a week for 90 minutes. All courses are taught in English.
Experience or interest in active learning / project-based learning will be highly appreciated.
5. **Other Responsibilities:** Administrative duties.
6. **Date of Appointment:** April 1, 2026
7. **Qualifications:**
 - (1) Ph.D. or expected to obtain one, or equivalent level of education / experience in relevant fields
 - (2) Experience in teaching relevant courses at the university level
 - (3) The ability to teach classes in English and to conduct administrative duties in Japanese
 - (4) Christian faith or an understanding of the Christian educational principles on which Kobe College is founded
- 8 **Open for Application:** Must be received between March 4 (Tue.) and June 27 (Fri.), 2025
9. **Application Materials (either in Japanese or in English):**
 - (1) Complete resume with photograph and contact information
 - (2) A list of research presentations, publications, and educational and social activities
※As for (1) and (2), please download application forms from the following website:
<https://www.kobe-c.ac.jp/application/files/6415/1381/5791/rirekisyo.xls>
 - (3) Description of teaching and research interests at Kobe College (2 A-4 pages)
 - (4) Three representative publications (originals, offprints or copies). All essays should be accompanied by an abstract in English.
 - (5) Two references (including names, affiliations, phone numbers, e-mail addresses).
 - (6) A sample syllabus for one semester (15 sessions) of “American Literature and History,” a year-long survey course for second-year students on the history of American literature, will be requested from the candidates who are invited for an interview.
10. **Selection Process:**
Candidates who are successful in the first screening of applications will be invited to take an interview and to carry out a 20-minute class demonstration in English based on the proposed syllabus. If necessary, the interview and the class demonstration will be carried out online. Documentation to verify academic and professional credentials will be required as part of the hiring process.

11. Document Submission:

Applicants should send electronic copies of all documents as PDF files to the School of International Studies Office at e-office@mail.kobe-c.ac.jp. The subject line of the mail shall be "Application for American Literature Position." If any of the three representative publications cannot be sent as electronic copies, they should be delivered to the postal address below and noted in the e-mail. Note that candidates who are successful in the initial screening will be requested to submit hard copies of all the documents before the interview and class demonstration.

12. Inquiries: Kobe College, School of International Studies Office

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Phone: 0798-51-8548 Fax: 0798-51-8532

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N.B. Submitted materials will not be returned unless requested upon application.

If you wish to have your application materials returned, please enclose a prepaid mailer.

*In case of any misunderstanding in translation, the Japanese version takes precedence over the English version of this job advertisement.