**Wenzhou-Kean University**

**2023 Japanese Lecturer Position**

**About Wenzhou-Kean University**

Wenzhou-Kean University (WKU), located in Wenzhou, China, one of three Sino-American universities along with NYU Shanghai and Duke Kunshan University, is approved by the Ministry of Education of China. Launched in 2012, WKU offers a unique model of higher education in partnership with Kean University, a comprehensive, public university in the state of New Jersey that is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. WKU sits on approximately 500 beautiful acres and currently enrolls about 4,200 students, and it is now in the midst of a rapid growth that will bring enrollment to 7,000 students within the next five years. All instruction is in English and all curriculum is provided by Kean University. In addition to its current 18 undergraduate programs, WKU has been approved by the Ministry of Education for offering 8 Master’s and 3 doctorate programs.

Wenzhou is one of the most vibrant and economically advanced developed cities on China's East Coast, located one hour by plane and just over three hours by high-speed train from Shanghai.

The College of Liberal Arts currently has three majors: English, Psychology, and Communications, and minors in Political Science, History, Art History, and Philosophy and Religion. We offer core courses in Social Sciences and Humanities. We are looking for candidates who will contribute to the growth of the College as we continue to build new majors and course offerings and establish a new Interdisciplinary Research Center in Pacific-Atlantic studies.

**About the Role:**

We are interested in faculty prepared to teach introductory and intermediate level courses in Japanese language. Candidates prepared to teach elective courses in Japanese literature, art, culture, or film would be particularly welcome. Teaching general education courses will be expected. Successful candidates will demonstrate a commitment to providing and enhancing student research opportunities.

In addition to teaching, faculty are expected to contribute to the growth of the programs, including, but not limited to curriculum development, program assessment, student recruitment/ advisement, office hours, senior project supervision, and internship opportunities.

All faculty positions are full-time assignments, effective for the start of the Spring 2023 semester or Fall 2023, subject to negotiation. The positions are renewed every three years.

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A Lecturer is a full-time, 11-month employee who teaches 39 credits per year and provides student and learning support services during the assigned period. Lecturers will be expected to provide high quality teaching, student advisement and learning support services, and service to the university and/or professional community; and perform related work as required. All faculty may be required to teach General Education courses as needed. Opportunities are also available to teach disciplinary support courses. Candidates with an interest in teaching across disciplines are encouraged to apply.

**Qualifications:**

An MA or equivalent in Japanese language teaching is required, a Ph.D. is preferred. A minimum of two years of teaching experience in a college or university setting is preferred. Native Japanese speakers and English proficiency are required.

**Faculty positions at WKU offer:**

* Annual salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience with the range from $55,000-$65,000 for lecturers.
* The University will provide start-up grants to support the tenure track candidates to start their research programs.
* A well-rounded healthcare coverage, academic travel up to $2,000, housing options and subsidy up to $3,000, home traveling up to $6,000 (2 international round-trip airfares), a reimbursement to cover relocation expenses up to $1,000, shuttle bus to campus for work, and up to 8% front-load retirement benefits within accordance with completion of years of service with the University.
* WKU tuition waiver up to 80% for spouse/dependent children of faculty for undergraduate programs, and tuition discount of private/international kindergarten, elementary, middle and high schools for children of faculty.
* The opportunity to teach high quality students with more than 60% of WKU graduates being admitted to the graduate programs of highly ranked universities globally.

**Application Information:**

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until positions are filled. Please send cover letter, resume, statement of teaching philosophy, unofficial transcripts and contact information of three professional references by email to Search Committee Chairperson at wkucla@wku.edu.cn**. Please include “Japanese Lecturer Search” in the subject.** Official transcripts for all degrees and three current letters of recommendation are required before appointment.

**Background Screening:**

Wenzhou-Kean University conducts background screenings on all job candidates upon acceptance of a contingent offer and may use a third-party administrator to conduct background Screenings.