POMONA COLLEGE

Department of Dance

Position Opening: Dance Studies

Job Description

The Department of Dance at Pomona College invites applications for a tenure-track position in Dance Studies, with a strong emphasis in dance history, at the rank of Assistant Professor, to begin July 1, 2027. The successful candidate will teach courses in dance history and cultural studies. Courses we expect the candidate to teach are Dance 138: Concert Dance on the Global Stage, Dance 135: Traditions of World Dance, and First-Year Seminar in Critical Thinking and Writing (ID1). The department will support the development of new courses in the candidate's research field. The teaching load is four courses per year. The candidate will be expected to provide leadership and vision for the study of dance history and cultural studies within the Department and to expand the Department's participation in interdisciplinary work across the Claremont Colleges.

Candidates must hold a Ph.D. by the time of appointment and demonstrate specialization in one or more areas of dance history and/or cultural studies. Candidates should have college teaching experience beyond graduate assistantships, along with evidence of emerging or established scholarly research and/or professional performing experience.

About the Department

Pomona College, the founding member of the Claremont Colleges, is a selective liberal arts college of approximately 1,700 students, located in Claremont, California, within commuting distance of Los Angeles. The Department of Dance offers both a major (Performance or Movement Studies) and a minor, enrolling approximately 400 students per year. The Department maintains a cooperative relationship with the Scripps College Dance Program and participates actively in the intercollegiate life of the Claremont Colleges.

Pomona College and the Department of Dance support equal access to higher education. Of the students admitted into the class of 2029, 55% self-identify as domestic students of color, 15% as international, and 24% as first-generation college students. Pomona College faculty advise students and are expected to create inclusive learning environments and mentor a diverse student body.

Application

A complete application will include: (a) a letter of application; (b) a curriculum vitae; (c) graduate academic transcript(s); (d) three brief statements—one addressing teaching philosophy and experience, one addressing scholarship and/or creative research including future directions, and one addressing demonstrated ability to mentor a diverse student body; and (e) three letters of recommendation.

Please submit all materials to Academic Jobs Online, https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo/jobs/32244 (AJO # 32244). The application site will prompt you to enter your recommenders' contact information so they can submit their letters directly.

Review of applications will begin December 1, 2026, and will continue until the position is filled. For further information about the Department of Dance, please visit https://www.pomona.edu/academics/departments/dance, or contact John Pennington, Chair of the Search Committee and Chair of the Department of Dance, at john.pennington@pomona.edu.

Pomona College offers a robust compensation package. The salary range for this position is $95,000-$115,000 and will be set based on a variety of factors, including but not limited to internal equity, experience, education, specialty, and training.

Equal Opportunity

As an equal opportunity workplace, Pomona College is committed to fairness regardless of race, color, ancestry, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, age, citizenship, ability, gender identity, or veteran status. Through its Strategic Vision, Pomona College remains steadfast in its goal of creating workplace environments where all can flourish. The Department of Dance welcomes applications from scholars and artists who are ready to help expand equitable access to education and opportunity in the liberal arts.