

Samford University
School of the Arts
Division of Music
Assistant/Associate Professor of Worship Leadership
(9-month, Tenure-track)

Samford University's Division of Music invites applicants interested in serving in a Christian university environment to apply for the position of Assistant/Associate Professor of Worship Leadership (9-month, Tenure-Track) to begin August 2022.

Qualifications

Qualified candidates will have earned a master's degree in the discipline of music or worship and gained professional experience. Demonstrated experience as a worship leader and church musician in an array of musical styles, worship programming, and ministry leadership in the local church is required. A master's degree in a related discipline such as theology or ministry may be considered with exceptional professional experience in congregational worship ministry. A terminal degree in music or worship and robust experience in congregational worship ministry is preferred.

Responsibilities

The successful candidate will demonstrate potential for recruiting, training, and retaining undergraduate and graduate students for worship leadership programs. Responsibilities include leading worship-related music ensembles, recruiting and mentoring students, guiding program and curricula development, collaborating with [Samford's Center for Worship and the Arts](#), and teaching courses in the area of worship leadership. The candidate will focus on growing a program that integrates both current practice and theory in worship leadership. Additional responsibilities may include, but are not limited to, the following areas based on candidate strengths and university need: ensemble directing and coaching; worship technology, commercial music, and live sound design; songwriting; recording arts management; applied performance instruction; pastoral leadership and practice; or other work in the creative and worship arts. Faculty are expected to engage in nationally-recognized creative professional practice or other forms of scholarship in the evolving field of twenty-first century music.

A commitment to academic excellence and the ability to work effectively with faculty, students and colleagues is expected.

Application

Please submit all applications digitally by sending one PDF file that includes: a letter of interest, a complete curriculum vitae, links to professional work, an Application for Faculty Position and the Faculty Applicant Christian Mission Statement.

Additionally, please submit three letters of recommendation directly from the recommender. The subject line of the recommendation letters should include: "LAST NAME, FIRST NAME – Music and Worship Search."

Applicants must complete:

- Application for Faculty Position
(https://www.samford.edu/departments/files/Human_Resources/application-for-faculty-employment.pdf)
- Faculty Applicant Christian Mission Statement
(<https://www.samford.edu/departments/files/academic-affairs/Faculty-Applicant-Christian-Mission-Statement.docx>).

Please submit all materials in PDF format (except recommendation letters that are sent separately by recommenders as indicated) to:

FACAPP@samford.edu

Subject: Music and Worship Search

For Questions about the position contact:

Dr. Emily Snider Andrews, Search Committee Chair

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School of the Arts, Division of Music

Samford University

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Salary and rank are dependent upon academic qualifications and previous academic and practitioner experiences. Applications will be accepted beginning September 2, 2021 and will continue through October 31, 2021. Review of applications will begin October 1, 2021. Applicants must be authorized to work in the United States, as Samford will not sponsor any employment visas for this position. Samford University and the School of the Arts embrace diversity in their faculty, students, and staff and encourage applications from those who would add to the diversity of our academic community.

About Samford University and Birmingham, Alabama

The School of the Arts is a community of artists working together in music, theatre and dance, and visual arts and design. The Division of Music, accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music since 1956, offers the following degrees: bachelor of music (performance, music and worship, composition), bachelor of music education (vocal-choral, instrumental), bachelor of arts in music, bachelor of science in music, master of music (church music, piano performance and pedagogy, vocal performance, instrumental performance) and master of music education (vocal-choral, instrumental). For more information, please go to samford.edu/arts/.

The vibrant arts scene in metropolitan Birmingham includes the Alabama Symphony Orchestra, Birmingham Chamber Music Society, Opera Birmingham, Alabama Ballet, Birmingham Museum of Art, several theatre companies and numerous choral ensembles. The School of the Arts enjoys partnerships with many of these entities.

Samford University (www.samford.edu) is the largest privately supported and fully accredited institution for higher learning in Alabama. Located in suburban Birmingham, the University was founded in 1841 and has 425 full time faculty and more than 5,700 students representing 44 states and 30 countries. Samford has been nationally recognized for academics, affordability and value by a number of prestigious publications and rankings. *The Wall Street Journal* ranks Samford 2nd nationally for student engagement and *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* ranks Samford 34th among private universities in the U.S. for value and affordability. The University is dedicated to the promotion of rigorous academic inquiry in a Christian setting. The University offers competitive salaries with a generous benefits package.

Except as specifically exempted by federal law requirements, Samford University does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, national or ethnic origin, disability or age in the administration or application of its educational programs and policies, admissions policies, employment policies, scholarship and loan programs. Consistent with its Christian mission and organizations, Samford is exempt from the religious provisions of Title VII pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Sections 2000e-1(a) and 2000e-2(e).