



**Samford University**  
**Department of Christian Ministry**  
**Assistant Professor**  
**(tenure track, 9-month)**

Samford University's School of the Arts, Department of Christian Ministry invites individuals interested in serving in a Christian university environment to apply for the Assistant Professor position, beginning Fall 2024. This tenure-track full-time faculty position is a 9-month appointment.

**Qualifications**

Qualified candidates will have more than five years of ministry and/or mission experience in a local church or para-church organization and a Ph.D. in a ministry/missions-related field. Preference will be given to candidates with scholarship, teaching, and experience in the areas of Christian leadership and apologetics. Candidates must be comfortable mentoring students who come from a variety of Christian denominations and traditions. Candidates must affirm the Baptist Faith and Message of 1963, including the preface and without added interpretation (see Samford Faculty Handbook section A5.1 for full information).

Other desired qualifications include:

- a record of scholarly accomplishment appropriate to the discipline;
- active engagement with ministry/missions organizations and practitioners.

**Position Responsibilities**

Responsibilities include:

- teaching undergraduate lecture courses;
- academically advising and mentoring students;
- participating in curriculum development, marketing, and recruiting for undergraduate programs;
- productively engaging in research and/or scholarship related to the field of Christian ministry/missions;
- providing service to the department, college, and university;
- and active engagement with ministry/missions-related organizations.

**About Samford University**

Samford University ([www.samford.edu](http://www.samford.edu)) is a leading nationally ranked Christian University. Founded in 1841, Samford is the 87<sup>th</sup> oldest institution of higher learning in the United States. It is the largest privately supported and fully accredited institution for higher learning in Alabama. Located in the Birmingham, Alabama, suburb of Homewood, with 425 full-time faculty and more than 5,700 students representing 49 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and 22 countries. Samford is ranked #10 in the U.S. for the quality of career preparation provided to its students according to a newly published ranking, "The Top U.S. Colleges for Career and Learning-Related Opportunities," in *The Wall Street Journal*. The University is dedicated to the promotion of rigorous academic inquiry in a Christian setting. The University seeks and prefers employee applicants of the Christian faith and offers competitive salaries with a generous benefits package. 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.

The School of the Arts is a community of creative professionals working together in music, ministry, theatre and dance, visual arts, graphic design, gaming and animation, architecture, and interior design. The Department of Christian Ministry seeks to promote an atmosphere of interdisciplinary collaboration within the School of the Arts and with other schools and departments on campus to equip a broad range of students for lifelong engagement in

ministry and missions. The department is currently comprised of two full-time faculty members and offers a BA in Christian Ministry, which was first launched in 2018. For more information, see the department web page:

<https://www.samford.edu/arts/christian-ministry/>

### **Application Instructions**

Applications will be accepted until January 31, 2024, at which time the review of applications will begin. Salary is dependent upon qualifications and experience. The successful candidate must pass a background check. Applicants must be authorized to work in the United States, as Samford will not sponsor any employment visas for this position.

To apply, submit one PDF file comprised of:

- a letter of interest;
- a curriculum vitae;
- a statement of teaching philosophy;
- a description of research interest;
- an application for faculty position (see below);
- the faculty applicant Christian mission statement (see below);
- and a list of three professional references with contact information.

“Application for Faculty Position” can be found at:

[https://www.samford.edu/departments/files/Human Resources/application-for-faculty-employment.pdf](https://www.samford.edu/departments/files/Human%20Resources/application-for-faculty-employment.pdf)

“Faculty Applicant Christian Mission Statement” can be found at:

<https://www.samford.edu/departments/files/academic-affairs/Faculty-Applicant-Christian-Mission-Statement.docx>

Please submit all materials via e-mail in PDF format to:

[FACAPP@Samford.edu](mailto:FACAPP@Samford.edu)

subject: Christian Ministry Faculty

For questions about the position contact: Dr. Scott Guffin, Committee Chair, at [slguffin@samford.edu](mailto:slguffin@samford.edu).

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