

Assistant Professor, Microbiology
Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences
(Tenure track, 9-month appointment)

Samford University's Howard College of Arts and Sciences invites individuals interested in serving in a Christian university environment to apply for a faculty position in Biology at the rank of Assistant Professor, beginning August 2023. This tenure track, 9-month appointment carries a 3-3 teaching load.

Qualified candidates will hold a Ph.D. in Biology, Immunology, Microbiology, Virology, (or closely related field) from an institutionally accredited college or university (or equivalent). Successful candidates will have track records of research productivity and the potential for externally funded research.

For this position, we seek outstanding individuals whose research addresses microbiology, immunology, virology, environmental microbiology, or related areas. Candidates who have experience in genomics and bioinformatics, especially in terms of determining phylogenies and mechanisms of evolutionary change, are especially encouraged to apply. Teaching responsibilities will include courses in microbiology, immunology, introductory biology, and courses related to the area of research emphasis, primarily in health-related professions. These courses follow a lecture/lab model and experience in teaching and developing introductory biology or microbiology-related courses is highly desirable. Departmental responsibilities will include teaching, curriculum development and instructional design, student advising, and developing a collaborative research program that includes mentoring undergraduate students. The department is collaborative and the ability and desire to work cooperatively is valued.

The Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences has 13 full-time faculty members, and the department offers undergraduate majors in Biology, Environmental Science, Marine Science, and Neuroscience and minors in Biology, Neuroscience and Environmental Science. The Department also offers an online graduate program in Environmental Health Policy and Environmental Management with certificates in Environmental Management and GIS.

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Application deadline will be November 30, 2022, and review of applications will begin on that date. Please submit the following documents: 1) an application letter that includes statement of teaching philosophy and experience and a description of research interests and activities, 2) a curriculum vitae including contact information of three references, 3) evidence of teaching effectiveness, 4) an application for faculty position, and 5) the faculty applicant Christian mission statement. (The application and the Christian mission statement are available at the links below.) 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 visa for this position. Samford University and Howard College of Arts and Sciences embrace diversity in their faculty, students, and staff and encourage applications from those who would add to the diversity of our academic community.

Application for Faculty Position can be found at:

https://www.samford.edu/departments/files/Human_Resources/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 as PDF format to:

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Questions may be addressed to:

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