



Chair, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication and Communication Studies

Samford University's Howard College of Arts and Sciences invites individuals interested in serving in a Christian university environment to apply for the position of chair of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication and Communication Studies at the full professor rank beginning August 2020. This full-time tenure-track faculty position is a 9-month appointment and carries a 2-2 teaching load.

The chair will oversee two programs (Journalism and Mass Communication and Communication Studies) and two interdisciplinary minors (film production and sports media). The chair also supervises the debate program, student newspaper, student TV station, sports broadcasting show, and photojournalism publication. The chair plays the lead role in development and recruiting students to the major. The chair carries a 2-2 teaching load.

Qualified candidates will hold a Ph.D. in Mass Communication, Communication Studies or a related field. Professional experience in Journalism and Mass Communication is desirable. Candidate must be able to teach in one of five areas: communication studies, print journalism, broadcast journalism, public relations or advertising. Candidates should possess substantial university administrative experience. A commitment to academic excellence and the ability to work effectively with faculty, students and colleagues is required.

Candidates must possess a teaching, research and academic record commensurate with full professor rank in Samford University's Department of Journalism, Mass Communications, and Communication Studies.

The Department of Journalism and Mass Communication and Communication Studies has 11 full-time faculty positions, a part-time adjunct, a debate coach, a media adviser, and a staff member who helps with advising, alumni relations, and special projects. The department serves nearly 300 majors. The department features award-winning student media, a lecture series in cooperation with *The Washington Post*, a nationally recognized debate program and a variety of study-abroad opportunities.

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 366 full time faculty and more than 5,500 students. Samford is ranked 3rd in the South among regional universities by *U.S. News & World Report*, and has been nationally recognized for academics, affordability and value by a number of prestigious publications and rankings. 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.

Review of applications will begin September 15 and continue until December 31. Please submit a letter of application, curriculum vita with names and contact information of three references, evidence of teaching effectiveness, description of leadership experience, research interests and activities, application for faculty position, and faculty applicant Christian mission statement.

"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 in a PDF format to:

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