



Samford University

Howard College of Arts and Sciences

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

Assistant Professor, Physics

(with a specialty in Engineering Physics, Applied Physics, Physics, or Engineering)

(9-month, Tenure-Track appointment)

January 23, 2026

Samford University's Howard College of Arts and Sciences invite individuals interested in serving in a Christian university environment to apply for the position of Assistant Professor, Physics (with a specialty in engineering physics, applied physics, physics, or engineering) beginning August 2026. This tenure-track, full-time faculty position is a 9-month appointment with a twenty-four (24) hour teaching load per year.

Qualified candidates will hold a Ph.D. in physics, engineering, or a closely related applied field from an institutionally accredited university (or equivalent) by the time of appointment. ABD candidates near completion of their doctoral degree will be considered and appointed as Instructor with commensurate salary until the terminal degree is completed. Candidates must demonstrate a commitment to excellence in teaching and mentoring undergraduate students, research and scholarship, as well as service to the community, university, or discipline. Preference will be given to candidates with experience in mentoring undergraduate research, fostering interdisciplinary collaborations, and a dedication to supporting students' academic and personal growth.

Primary responsibilities for the position include teaching to support the various degrees within the department of physics and Howard College of Arts in Sciences (1) teaching introductory courses in physics and engineering physics as well as advanced courses in engineering physics or applied physics, (2) the development and maintenance of an active research program that involves undergraduate students and contributes to the department's goals of scholarship and service, and (3) serving the students through advising and the department through participation in departmental, college, and university committees.

About Samford University

Located in the Homewood suburb of Birmingham, Alabama, Samford ([Samford](https://www.samford.edu)) is a leading Christian university offering undergraduate programs grounded in the liberal arts with an array of nationally recognized graduate and professional schools. Founded in 1841, Samford enrolls 6,324 students from 44 states, Puerto Rico and 16 countries in its 10 academic schools with 450 full-time faculty. Samford is ranked #3 in the nation for career preparation and #7 in the nation for student learning opportunities as listed in *The Wall Street Journal* (2026). 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.

Application Procedure

Review of applications will begin March 16, 2026 and will be accepted until March 31, 2026. 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 visas for this position.

Please submit all application materials in PDF format to:

FACAPP@samford.edu

Subject: Physics Faculty Search, Assistant Professor

“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>

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