

Christian History and Doctrine

Assistant or Associate Professor
(9-month, tenure track)

Samford University's Beeson Divinity School invites individuals interested in serving in a Christian university environment to apply for the faculty position in Christian History and Doctrine, at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor. This is a tenure-track, full-time faculty, 9-month appointment, to begin in August 2027. Academic rank and salary are dependent upon qualifications, previous academic teaching experiences, and scholarship accomplishments. To qualify for associate professor rank, a candidate must have served on the faculty of an accredited school at the rank of assistant or associate professor for a minimum of five years.

This faculty member will teach a full load of graduate-level courses annually (typically 12 credit hours), as assigned by the Dean or Associate Dean. He or she will participate fully in the community life activities of Beeson Divinity School, including but not limited to weekly services of corporate worship and faculty-led mentor groups. He or she will engage productively in research and scholarship to contribute to scholarly discussions in the discipline. He or she will fulfill the normal functions of a full-time divinity faculty member within the period of the nine-month appointment, including but not limited to keeping posted office hours, attending divinity and university faculty meetings, convocations, commencement events, lectureships, etc., evaluating student's academic performance and submitting grades according to university policy, and serving on divinity and university committees as requested or appointed. He or she will serve collaboratively with other members of the Beeson faculty and staff to advance the mission of the School and Samford University.

Consideration will be given to applicants who are devoted followers of Jesus Christ, active in worship and service in a local church, who agree with Beeson Divinity School's statement of faith (see Samford Faculty Handbook, Section A5.1) and support the school's evangelical and interdenominational ethos, and who hold a research doctoral degree in a relevant discipline from an accredited institution. He or she must be able to offer pastoral support and spiritual encouragement to students as they prepare for vocational ministry. A commitment to academic excellence and the ability to work effectively with faculty, students and colleagues is expected.

Beeson Divinity School (beesondivinity.com) was established in 1988 through the generosity of Ralph Waldo Beeson. The mission of the school is to prepare God-called persons to serve as ministers in the church of Jesus Christ by providing quality theological education in a community that worships the Triune God and cultivates authentic Christian spirituality. Beeson offers the Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Theological Studies, Master of Arts in Christian Counseling, Master of Theology, and Doctor of Philosophy in Theology for the Church. All degrees are accredited by the Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools in the U.S. and Canada (COA/ATS). Beeson is one of ten schools that comprise Samford University.

Located in in the Homewood suburb of Birmingham, Alabama, Samford (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 #8 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.

The application deadline is July 31, 2026. Please submit (combined into one PDF) a cover letter, application for faculty position, faculty applicant Christian mission statement, and curriculum vitae to: FACAPP@samford.edu with the subject line denoting: “History and Doctrine Search.” Additionally, please have three letters of recommendation submitted directly from the recommender to Dr. Douglas Sweeney (dsweeney@samford.edu), with the subject line denoting: “LAST NAME, FIRST NAME – History and Doctrine Search.”

Applicants must be authorized to work in the United States, as Samford will not sponsor any employment visas for this position. The successful candidate must pass a background check.

The “Application for Faculty Position” can be found at:

https://www.samford.edu/departments/files/Human_Resources/application-for-faculty-employment.pdf

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

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

Questions may be addressed to the chair of the search committee, Dr. Douglas Sweeney, at dsweeney@samford.edu or (205) 726-2632.

In accordance with applicable federal and state laws, such as Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act and ADA Amendments, the University does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of sex, gender, race, color, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, religion, or any other protected status under federal, state or local law applicable to the University, in its education policies, programs, and activities, in its admissions policies, in employment policies and practices, and all other areas of the University. As a faith-based institution, the University is exempted from certain laws and regulations concerning discrimination.