



## Visiting Assistant Professor or Instructor

### Core Texts

**(9-month, Non-Tenure-Track Appointment; 3-year renewable term)**

April 16, 2026

Samford University's Howard College of Arts and Sciences invites individuals interested in serving in a Christian university environment to submit applications for a Visiting Assistant Professor or Instructor appointment, beginning August 2026. This is a 9-month, non-tenure-track position with a three-year renewable appointment. Successful candidates will teach in the Core Texts program which is an essential element of Samford's distinctive Core Curriculum required of all undergraduates. Core Texts comprises a two-course sequence that invites students to read and analyze classic texts, explore the history of ideas, and engage with great philosophical questions.

These positions will carry a nine-course-per-year teaching load, either 5/4 or 4/5. Selected candidates will be appointed to an academic department based on disciplinary training. At the Visiting Assistant Professor level, qualified candidates will hold a Ph.D. in Classics, History, Philosophy, English, or a closely related field at the time of appointment from an institutionally accredited college or university. Qualified candidates at the Visiting Instructor level should hold a Master's degree in Classics, History, Philosophy, English or a closely related field. Successful candidates must be committed to teaching excellence, student development and mentorship, and collegial collaboration.

Located in the Homewood suburb of Birmingham, Alabama, Samford ([samford.edu](http://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.

Applications must be received by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026 and review of applications will begin on that date. Please submit the following documents: 1) an application letter that includes statement of teaching philosophy, 2) a curriculum vitae with contact information for 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.) 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. Academic rank and salary are dependent upon qualifications and experience.

"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 in PDF format to:

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

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Questions may be addressed to the search committee chair:

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