

**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA  
(9-month, Tenure Track)**

July 31, 2024

Samford University's Howard College of Arts and Sciences invites individuals interested in serving in a Christian University environment to apply for an assistant professor position in the Department of Communication and Media beginning August 2025. This full-time tenure track position is a 9-month appointment and carries a twenty-four (24) credit hour annual teaching load.

Qualified candidates will hold a Ph.D. or be ABD in mass communication, communication, or a closely related field from an institutionally accredited college or university (or equivalent). Candidates with relevant professional experience and ability to teach courses in at least one of these areas: public relations, advertising, journalism (photojournalism, visual storytelling), or media production preferred. Successful candidates will have demonstrated a record of peer-reviewed scholarship and excellence in teaching. ABD candidates will be considered at the rank of Instructor until Ph.D. is completed.

The Department of Communication and Media is home to Samford's award-winning student media and hosts an annual speaker forum (Robinson Forum - a lecture series in cooperation with The Washington Post).

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**Review of applications will begin September 27, and applications will continue to be accepted until October 1, 2024.** Please submit (via email below in .pdf format), an application letter, curriculum vitae with names and contact information of three references, description of teaching experience and interests, description of research plans, along with an [Application for Faculty Position](#) and the [Faculty Applicant Christian Mission Statement](#) (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.

[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:**

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**Questions may be addressed to:**

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