



**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, ENGLISH DEPARTMENT
(9-month, Tenure-Track Appointment)
October 24, 2024**

Samford University's Howard College of Arts and Sciences invites individuals interested in serving in a Christian university environment to submit applications for a position as Assistant Professor of English, beginning August 2025. This tenure-track position carries a twenty-four (24) credit hour teaching load per academic year, as well as expectations for active research and service agendas. Teaching will include introductory and advanced Writing courses as well as general education and core curriculum courses, which cover freshman writing and the history of ideas. A robust and realistic scholarly agenda is expected, as is service to department, college, university, and community initiatives.

Qualified candidates must hold an MFA in writing, creative writing or a related discipline at time of application, or a Ph.D in English at the time of appointment. The Department seeks a scholar and producer of Creative Writing. Applicants with training and experience in the teaching of writing and in writing studies are encouraged to apply. Successful candidates will have demonstrated a record of peer-reviewed scholarship and excellence in teaching. They must be committed to teaching, student development and mentorship, and collegial collaboration.

English studies has been a central focus of Samford University since the university's founding in 1841, when the original institution was called the Howard College of English and Classical Studies. Ten faculty members serve approximately eighty majors in a traditional BA program of writing and literary study, in optional concentrations in Creative Writing and Film, and in minors in English, Film and Video Studies, and Writing. The department supports a master's degree program in Samford's Orlean Beeson School of Education and cooperates with Samford University's 3-3 program in the Cumberland School of Law. For more information, see Samford's English Department [here](#).

Samford University (samford.edu) is a leading nationally ranked Christian University. Founded in 1841, Samford is the 87th oldest institution in the U.S. and the largest privately supported and fully accredited institution for higher learning in Alabama. Located in the Birmingham, Alabama, suburb of Homewood, with 425 full-time faculty and more than 6,100 students representing 49 states and 16 countries. Samford is ranked #2 in the nation for student character development and #8 in the nation for the quality of career preparation provided to students as listed in The Wall Street Journal (2025). 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. Samford University and Howard College of Arts and Sciences embrace diversity in their faculty, students, and staff and encourage applications from those who would add to the diversity of our academic community.

Application deadline is January 15, 2025. Review of applications will begin November 15, 2024. Please submit an application letter, curriculum vitae with names and contact information of three references, description of teaching experience, description of research interests and activities, 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 visa for this position.

"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 PDF format to:

FACAPP@Samford.edu

Subject: Asst. Prof., English, Creative Writing

Questions may be addressed to the search committee chair, Dr. Brad Busbee (mbusbee@samford.edu).

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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.