



**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**  
**Department of Physics**  
**(with a specialty in Engineering Physics, Applied Physics, Physics, or Engineering)**  
**(9-month, Tenure Track Appointment)**

November 12, 2024

**REVISED: Original deadline date extended from January 6, 2025 to January 31, 2025.**

Samford University's Howard College of Arts and Sciences invites individuals interested in serving in a Christian university environment to apply for the position of Assistant Professor position with a specialty in engineering physics, applied physics, physics, or engineering beginning August 2025. This tenure-track, full-time faculty position is a 9-month appointment with a twenty-four (24) credit hour teaching load per academic year.

Qualified candidates will either hold a Ph.D. or be ABD, near completion, in physics, engineering, or closely related applied field from an institutionally accredited university (or equivalent) at the time of appointment. ABD candidates will be appointed at the rank of 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 introductory courses in physics and engineering as well as advanced courses in engineering or applied physics; 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 serving the students through advising and the department through participation in departmental, college, and university committees.

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Application deadline is January 31, 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 and rank are 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](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:

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Subject: Physics Dept. Faculty Search

Questions may be addressed to the search committee chair, Dr. Don H. Olive ([dolive@samford.edu](mailto:dolive@samford.edu)).

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