



Samford University
Department of Architecture & Interior Design
Instructor of Studio Practice, Interior Design
(9-month, non-tenure track, 3-year renewable)

Samford University's School of the Arts, Department of Architecture & Interior Design invites individuals interested in serving in a Christian university environment to apply for the Instructor of Studio Practice position, beginning Fall 2025. This non-tenure-track full-time faculty position is a 3-year renewable 9-month appointment.

Position Responsibilities

Responsibilities include:

- teaching undergraduate studio and skills-based courses;
- working with the department chair and faculty team to maintain CIDA-accredited status;
- participating in curriculum development, accreditation, and marketing of undergraduate programs;
- providing service to the department, college, and university;
- and active involvement with industry and/or relevant professional associations/organizations.

Qualifications

Qualified candidates will possess a minimum of a bachelor's degree, NCIDQ certification, at least one degree in interior design, and *significant* professional interior design experience, based on industry standards and recognition. Salary is dependent upon academic qualifications, professional experience, and previous academic teaching experience.

Other desired qualifications include:

- previous teaching experience in higher education;
- experience with and competency in relevant industry-standard software (e.g. Revit, AutoCAD, Adobe products);
- a record of creative/scholarly accomplishment appropriate to the discipline;
- LEED AP, WELL AP, or other relevant certification(s);
- and registration or licensure.

About Samford University

Samford University (Samford.edu) is a leading nationally ranked Christian University. Founded in 1841, Samford is the 87th oldest institution of higher learning in the United States. It is 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 6,000 students representing 49 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and 22 countries. Samford is ranked #2 in the U.S. for Student Character Development and #8 in the U.S. for Career Preparation, 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 the Brock School of Business embrace diversity in their faculty, students, and staff and encourage applications from those who would add to the diversity of our academic community.

The School of the Arts is a community of creative professionals working together in music, theatre and dance, visual arts, graphic design, gaming and animation, architecture, and interior design. The Department of Architecture & Interior Design seeks to promote an atmosphere of interdisciplinary collaboration. First year students complete a core curriculum in the arts. Students in years 2-4 study in an interdisciplinary environment that embodies the spirit of integrated design practice. The department is currently comprised of seven full-time faculty members and offers a BFA in Interior Design and an accelerated 5-year Master of Architecture degree. The BFA in Interior Design degree program is accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation, and the Master of Architecture, whose initial cohort was accepted Fall 2021, is in candidacy for NAAB accreditation. For more information, see the department web page:

<https://www.samford.edu/arts/visual-arts/architecture-and-interior-design>

Application Instructions

Review of applications will begin June 20, 2025, and applications will be accepted until July 16, 2025. The candidate must pass a successful background check and applicants must be authorized to work in the United States, as Samford will not sponsor any employment visas for this position. To apply, submit one PDF file comprised of:

- a letter of interest;
- a curriculum vitae;
- a statement of teaching philosophy;
- an application for faculty position (see below);
- the faculty applicant Christian mission statement (see below);
- and a list of three professional references with contact information.

In addition, the candidate should submit a link to an electronic portfolio or attach a PDF including a maximum of 20 images of both professional and/or student work examples.

“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 via e-mail in PDF format to:

FACAPP@Samford.edu

Subject: Interior Design Faculty

For questions about the position contact:

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