

Assistant Professor of the Practice in Religious Studies

Fairfield University's Department of Religious Studies invites applications for an Assistant Professor of the Practice in Religious Studies to join the faculty cohort of the new Fairfield Bellarmine initiative that is set to launch in Fall 2023. While the area of specialization within Religious Studies is open, the successful candidate will be well-prepared to teach introductory 1000-level courses that engage broad questions about religious traditions and the questions that animate the discipline of religious studies.

The candidate must hold a Ph.D. in the field of Religious Studies, be prepared to demonstrate excellence in undergraduate teaching, and be committed to advising students. The individual selected for this position should be experienced with serving a diverse student body, including underserved, minoritized, and first-generation college students. The teaching load is 3/4 on a semester schedule.

This position comes with the opportunity to help build a new academic program that is at the forefront of improving access to liberal education. Fairfield Bellarmine, a new two-year Associates degree program located at the new Bridgeport, CT campus, seeks to expand liberal arts education in an area currently underserved by higher education opportunities. The program offers small class sizes and individualized advising. The curriculum will include core classes in the humanities, which are foundational to Jesuit higher education, as well as majors in professional fields of engineering, health studies, business, and liberal arts. Students who graduate from this program will matriculate into four-year degree programs at Fairfield or elsewhere, or enter directly into the professions. For more information about Fairfield Bellarmine, consult our website: www.fairfield.edu/bellarmino

Applications should be received by **February 10, 2023** in order to receive consideration for preliminary interviews. Interviews are tentatively scheduled for February will be conducted virtually via Zoom.

Application instructions

For full consideration, please click “https://ffd.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/EmploymentOpportunities/jobs/details/Assistant-Professor-of-the-Practice--Religious-Studies_JR0001588” and upload the following materials:

- 1) a letter of interest,
- 2) a curriculum vitae,
- 3) a statement of teaching focused on serving a diverse student body,

Letters of recommendation will only be requested if a candidate's application advances. At that time, please have references send letters directly to the following email address: religiousstudies@fairfield.edu.

Fairfield University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer, committed to excellence through diversity and inclusion, and, in this spirit, particularly welcomes applications from women, persons of color, and members of historically underrepresented groups. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, status as a protected veteran, status as a qualified individual with a disability, or other protected category in accordance with applicable law. The University will provide reasonable accommodations to individuals with a disability.