

Xavier University of Louisiana invites applications for the Director of the Institute for Black Catholic Studies. The new Director of our strong and vibrant Institute will hold a full-time twelve-month faculty appointment and lead it in its continuing development.

Founded by Saint Katharine Drexel and the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, Xavier is Catholic and historically Black. The ultimate purpose of the University is to contribute to the promotion of a more just and humane society by preparing its students to assume roles of leadership and service in a global society.

The Institute for Black Catholic Studies, which was founded in 1980, is central to our University's identity. It currently offers programs in pastoral ministries, religious education, and pastoral theology, all from the perspective of the Christian faith expressed in the Black religious community. The Institute also offers the only graduate degree in Black Catholic Theology in the United States (M.Th.). In addition, the Institute offers continuing education and enrichment programs that focus on educating catechists, youth ministers and pastoral leaders. Under the leadership of the new Director, Xavier also anticipates the development and implementation of a new undergraduate minor.

The Director provides overall leadership to the Institute's programs, in particular its core summer sessions and outreach throughout the year. The Director promotes the vision and mission of the IBCS and represents it to appropriate educational and ecclesial forums. The Director will teach a part-time load, as appropriate, in the fall semester and during the summer Institute. The Director will work collaboratively with Institutional Advancement and external stakeholders to garner resources. The Director will similarly work with Graduate Studies, Enrollment Management, and external organizations to recruit students. The Director will report as a faculty member within the College of Arts and Sciences and serve in his/her leadership position at the pleasure of the Provost.

Candidates must have a doctoral degree in a related field and should demonstrate strong research and teaching records along with evidence of increasing leadership responsibilities. We have a special interest in candidates who can communicate with diverse communities.

To apply, log into our online system at: <https://jobs.xula.edu>. Attach a letter of interest which should include statements of teaching, research, and leadership experience, a curriculum vitae, and the names and contact information of three references. The search is on-going and will remain open until filled. Xavier University of Louisiana is an EOE/AA.