



Dean, Orlean Beeson School of Education

Samford University seeks an exceptional leader to serve as Dean of the Orlean Beeson School of Education (OBSE) in a Christian university environment. The School is organized into four dynamic programs: Teacher Education, Human Development and Family Life Education, Curriculum and Instruction, Educational Leadership.

The Dean of OBSE will have a long-term vision, broad intellectual interests, energy and creativity, an open-minded approach, an innovative spirit, substantive leadership within higher education, and the ability to form collaborative partnerships with and beyond the University at all levels. The Dean will focus on articulating the core mission of OBSE while also stimulating progress and innovation. The Dean will be a passionate advocate for the college, a leader who embraces diversity, catalyzes ideas, creates positive energy, engages others to find solutions, and manages change skillfully, while understanding opportunity costs and challenges.

The successful candidate will hold a doctorate or equivalent degree from an accredited institution in education, educational leadership, or related field and a distinguished record of academic achievement in a core discipline or interdisciplinary program that resulted in the achievement of the academic rank of tenured full professor. In addition, he or she must have sufficient breadth of vision and academic experiences to represent all areas of the college and understand how they fit within a global educational context; a demonstrated commitment to high-quality research, teaching, and diversity; at least five years of demonstrated strategic leadership, organizational management experience, and innovative transformation in an academic setting; a sophisticated understanding of the research process across disciplines together with the ability to create an environment that fosters research success; and knowledge of and experience with accreditation standards and processes.

About Samford

Samford University is a premier nationally ranked Christian university. Founded in 1841, Samford is the 87th-oldest institution of higher learning in the United States and enrolls students from 44 states and 30 countries. Samford is the top-ranked university in Alabama in national rankings by The Wall Street Journal. U.S. News & World Report ranked Samford 4th in the South, 7th in the South for most innovative, 2nd in the South for best colleges for veterans and 9th in the South for commitment to undergraduate teaching among regional universities. Additionally, The Wall Street Journal ranks Samford 12th nationally for student engagement. Kiplinger's Personal Finance ranks Samford 50th private university in the U.S. for value and affordability. Samford offers numerous undergraduate and graduate/professional degrees through 10 academic schools: arts, arts and sciences, business, divinity, education, health professions, law, nursing, pharmacy and public health.

Application Information

Applications accepted through at least September 30, 2019.

To view full position posting and for instructions on application requirements and how to apply please visit:

Website: <https://www.samford.edu/employee/faculty-employment-opportunities/Dean-Orlean-Beeson-School-of-Education.pdf>

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