

Open-Rank Position at Southern Methodist University

Position No. 00053170. The Department of Sociology at Southern Methodist University invites applications for an open-rank position as department Chair to begin August 1, 2024 with the chairship to begin August 1, 2025. Applicants are particularly encouraged to apply if they can contribute to the university's larger cluster hires in data science or urban studies. Faculty searches for urban studies are being conducted in the departments of Anthropology, Economics, Education, Political Science, Religious Studies, among others.

The Department of Sociology is among the larger degree-granting programs in Dedman College. We serve around 65 Sociology majors and minors and 90 Markets and Culture majors, an interdisciplinary economic sociology degree housed in Sociology. Forty percent of our students are from underrepresented groups. Housed in historic Hyer Hall overlooking the beautiful live oak-lined Dallas Hall Quad, our department is collegial with a strong history of working with McNair Scholars and offering courses that support other interdisciplinary majors in Health & Society and Human Rights and the Women's and Gender Studies and Law and Legal Reasoning minors. Our faculty contribute to the Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute's research symposia and take advantage of the opportunity to live on campus in the residential commons as a Faculty-In-Residence and teach at our sister campus in the mountains of Taos, NM.

SMU is in a transformative period of expansion as the university approaches its goal of reaching the R-1 research tier. SMU's Second Century Campaign was the largest fundraising initiative in SMU's history, raising \$1.15 billion by the end of 2015 and a new, \$1.5 billion campaign, SMU *Ignited*, has begun. A series of interdisciplinary faculty cluster hires centering on urban studies, data science and high-performance computing, earth hazards and national security, and 21st century technology and education are introducing new collaborations among the faculty across the university and generating innovation in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex, a culturally rich arts and global business center that is home to many universities, arts organizations and Fortune 500 corporations, and beyond.

Minimum Requirements

- PhD
- at least three years of administrative experience

Preferred Qualifications

- Ability to contribute courses toward the Markets and Culture major
- Experience teaching and mentoring diverse students

Applications must be submitted via Interfolio at <http://apply.interfolio.com/112539> and should include a complete curriculum vitae and three letters of recommendation. SMU is an inclusive and intellectually vibrant community that values diverse research and creative agendas. Review of applications will begin November 1. To ensure full consideration for the position, the application must be received by October 30, but the committee will continue to accept applications until the position is filled. The committee will notify applicants of the employment decision after the position is filled.

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