

University Professor of Faith and Culture
Position Description
March 2016

Position description:

The University Professor of Faith and Culture at the University of Dayton serves as an intellectual leader at the University and throughout Catholic higher education, advancing a program of high quality scholarship, teaching, and faculty development that examines the roles of faith in addressing major issues in contemporary culture, drawing upon the resources of the Catholic intellectual tradition.

Qualifications:

The University Professor must:

1. Be a tenured faculty member (associate or full professor) in the College of Arts and Sciences;
2. Be a scholar whose research on the intersections of faith and culture, within the context of the Catholic intellectual tradition, has earned national recognition for its quality and influence;
3. Be able to serve as an intellectual leader on the University of Dayton campus, promoting scholarship, teaching, and faculty development related to the significance of faith for cultural analysis and for academic life at a Catholic and Marianist university; and
4. Be able to serve as a resource for research on Catholic faith and contemporary culture through the organization of conferences, symposia, institutes, or seminars of high academic quality.

Responsibilities:

The University Professor will be expected to:

1. Create and facilitate--in partnership with others on campus--faculty development programming to promote a deeper understanding of the Catholic intellectual tradition and the mission of UD as a Catholic and Marianist university;
2. Advance academic discourse on Catholic faith and contemporary culture on campus, nationally and internationally by organizing conferences, symposia, institutes, or seminars and by building partnerships with other Catholic universities and organizations;
3. Conduct and publish high quality research on the intersections of faith and culture, drawing upon the Catholic intellectual tradition;
4. Chair the Forum on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition Today and administer its key activities, such as the Marianist Award and research grant program;

5. Teach one course each semester (or two courses each academic year), on balance, in the College; and
6. Present one major, public lecture on campus each academic year.

Term and other features of the appointment:

The term of appointment as the University Professor of Faith and Culture is for four years. The appointment may be renewed with approval from the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and the Provost. The University Professor's disciplinary background need not necessarily be in theology or religious studies.

The University Professor reports to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and meets once each semester with the Provost. The Chair will provide an annual report to the Dean at the end of each academic year, cataloging activities completed and planned for the year ahead.

The appointment carries a 10.5 month appointment (August 16 - June 30). At the conclusion of the appointment, the faculty member will return to his or her tenured faculty position in the College. Upon return to the faculty, the salary will be based on a 9-month equivalent of the salary earned the last year of appointment plus any merit adjustments. Merit adjustments are made by the Dean of the College and Arts and Sciences each year.

The University Professor will coordinate with the Dean to establish a budget for activities and initiatives associated with the appointment. The position comes with administrative support.

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Applicants should submit to the College of Arts & Sciences Dean's Office (Campus Code +0800), Attn: UPFC Search Committee, % Peggy Braner: 1) a letter of interest addressing qualifications, vision, and priorities for the University Professor of Faith and Culture; 2) an updated curriculum vitae, and 3) contact details for 3 references. Applications are due by 4 p.m. April 22. The search process will conclude in May.

Questions and queries may be directed to the search committee chair, Bro. Raymond Fitz, SM, Fr. Ferree Professor of Social Justice (rfitz1@udayton.edu or 937-229-5409).