



## **PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **DIRECTOR PREACHING IN A POST-CHRISTIAN AGE INITIATIVE**

#### **INSTITUTIONAL SUMMARY:**

Founded in 1794, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary is a graduate theological school of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Rooted in the Reformed tradition, the Seminary is committed to the formation of students for theologically reflective ministry and to scholarship in service to the global Church of Jesus Christ. Our faculty and educational resources cultivate theologically reflective and contextually engaged Christian leaders. Our programs nurture vocational formation for bearing witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our student body is comprised of Presbyterians, Baptists, Methodists, Episcopalians, Orthodox, and more than 20 other traditions from more than 30 U.S. states and countries around the world.

#### **POSITION SUMMARY:**

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary invites applications for the Director of the Preaching in a Post-Christian Age Initiative. This is a five-year grant funded full-time, non-tenure track faculty position with significant administrative responsibilities. The primary focus of the initiative is to form more effective preachers by cultivating spiritual habits and strengthening pastoral skills in the areas of contextual analysis, vocational and missional discernment, and creative communication. For more information about this Lilly grant, click here:

[Compelling Preaching Initiative - Lilly Endowment](#)

[Grantees | Compelling Preaching Coordination Program](#)

#### **ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Reporting to the Vice President for Academic Affairs/Dean of Faculty, the Director will have primary administrative and curricular responsibility for the Preaching in a Post-Christian Age Initiative, including planning four in-person cohort gatherings per year, recruiting cohorts of up to twenty students annually, and walking alongside students in their yearlong journey with the program. A gifted administrator, the Director should be passionate about the practice of preaching and eager to think theologically and pedagogically about the formation of effective preachers. With support from relevant seminary staff and regular collaboration with the faculty and the Initiative Steering Team, the Director leads in relation to marketing, cohort recruitment, budgeting, planning, curricular design, instructor selection, and student support.

#### **A. ADMINISTRATION**

1. Provide general supervisory management for the full-time Preaching in a Post-Christian Age Initiative Coordinator.

2. Manage the budgetary allocations for the Preaching in a Post-Christian Age Initiative, ensuring proper documentation and reporting in relation to initiative activities.
3. Submit timely and accurate reports on initiative activities to the Lilly Endowment.
4. Recruit and support initiative cohorts of up to twenty students annually.

#### **B. PEDAGOGICAL ACTIVITIES**

1. In consultation with the Initiative Steering Team, plan and convene four in-person cohort gatherings per year, including designing curricular activities and identifying instructors.
2. Coach and mentor cohort participants as they progress through initiative programming.
3. Teach preaching as needed in the seminary's master's programs.

#### **C. ANCILLARY DUTIES**

1. Participate in faculty meetings and other faculty activities.
2. Participate in monthly meetings of the Neighborhood Collaborative.

#### **QUALIFICATION/REQUIREMENTS**

The ideal candidate will have an earned doctorate (Ph.D., Th.D., or equivalent), a Master of Divinity or equivalent, significant experience in ministry/teaching and administration, and proven ability to foster healthy systems and relationships. ABD close to completion will be considered.

#### **EDUCATION/TRAINING/EXPERIENCE**

Earned doctorate (Ph.D., Th.D., or equivalent)  
Master of Divinity (or other theological degree)  
Relevant experience in ministry and/or administration  
Teaching experience a plus

#### **WORK ENVIRONMENT**

Hybrid: in office three days per week (T-Th); remote work two days (M & F)  
This is a five (5) year grant funded position

#### **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

The Seminary affirms the commitment of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to a diverse workplace and equal opportunity. It also complies with all applicable federal, state and local laws and executive orders relating to equal opportunity in employment.

#### **TO APPLY**

Interested candidates should provide a cover letter, a current CV, and the names and contact information (phone and e-mail) for three references. Application materials should be submitted to [careers@pts.edu](mailto:careers@pts.edu).

Review of applications will begin on August 1, 2024; however, applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Pittsburgh Theological Seminary will conduct a background check on all final candidates.