Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

Position Description

Mary French Rockefeller Chair of New Testament Studies

Description:

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary is an evangelical school committed to “advancing Christ’s kingdom in every sphere of life by equipping Church leaders to think theologically, engage globally and live Biblically,” with campuses in South Hamilton, Boston, Charlotte and Jacksonville. Approximately 2,000 students are enrolled in degree programs at the Seminary institution-wide. The main campus in South Hamilton, Massachusetts has approximately 600 full-time residential Master’s students.

The Mary F. Rockefeller Distinguished Professor of New Testament Studies candidate must be an outstanding scholar who holds a Ph.D. in New Testament and demonstrates leadership in the field. The chair holder must have a history of rigorous academic scholarship and publications, exemplary classroom experience, a commitment to the local church, and a vibrant Christian faith. It is expected that the candidate has significant influence within the evangelical and scholarly communities.

The appointment is ranked at full professor and carries continuing status (tenure) as a condition of employment. The position entails a significantly reduced teaching load, with primary teaching responsibilities on the residential campus in Hamilton, Massachusetts. It is expected that the chair holder will represent the Seminary in the wider evangelical community, thus the chair holder is granted a platform fund with the view to promoting the Seminary.

Spiritual Maturity

The chair holder should be a person of Christian character and deeply committed to the local church. The person should be a team player, demonstrating an ability to work well with colleagues who represent significant diversity within the theological parameters of Gordon-Conwell. The person should be committed not only to academic excellence, but also to the spiritual nurturing of our students at Gordon-Conwell who represent over 100 different denominations from over 40 different countries.
Classroom Teaching

The person seeking this position must demonstrate competence in classroom teaching. Ability to supervise Master’s level theses is also a requirement. The precise courses taught will be chosen to reflect the particular research interests of the professor, while meeting the needs of the Division of Biblical Studies. In addition, teaching experience or capability in one or more of the following areas is desirable: New Testament Theology, Biblical Theology, and/or New Testament Ethics.

Theological Commitments

Faculty members must concur with the Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary Mission Statement (http://www.gordonconwell.edu/about/Mission-and-Purpose.cfm), Community Life Statement (http://www.gordonconwell.edu/about/Community-Life-Statement.cfm), and must indicate agreement annually with the school’s Statement of Faith (http://www.gordonconwell.edu/about/Statement-of-Faith.cfm).

Beginning Date: Fall 2012

Application Deadline: November 30, 2011

Application Process

A formal C.V. (including a list of three references), along with a cover letter, is to be addressed to Dr. Dennis Hollinger, President and Colman M. Mockler Distinguished Professor of Christian Ethics, and emailed to Leanne Duncan, Executive Assistant to the President, lduncan@gordonconwell.edu. All applications are confidential. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.