

Howard University

Department of Political Science

The Department of Political Science in the College of Arts and Sciences invites applications for an open-rank tenure-track position with research interests in the area of **Black Politics and American Politics**. The successful candidate will be a scholar whose research and teaching engages Black politics in the United States. Scholars' research should focus on people of African descent and fall into one of the following areas: healthcare or health policy, American political institutions, American political development, and/or American political behavior. Substantive areas of teaching should include, but not limited to, American government and politics, Black politics, healthcare or health policy, public policy, electoral politics, and/or Black social movements. We welcome applications from candidates with a range of theoretical and methodological frameworks and approaches.

We seek outstanding applicants with a demonstrated track record of excellence in research and teaching. Successful candidates are expected to develop vigorous, extramurally funded research programs in their areas of expertise, actively participate in the Department's teaching and curriculum development at the undergraduate and graduate levels, and mentor undergraduate and graduate students. Evidence of interest and success in mentoring underrepresented minority students is highly desired.

Howard University, a culturally diverse, comprehensive, research intensive and historically Black private university, provides an educational experience of exceptional quality at the undergraduate, graduate, and professional levels to students of high academic standing and potential, with particular emphasis upon educational opportunities for Black students. Howard University is classified as a Doctoral University: Higher Research Activity research by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. It is a residential campus of approximately 10,000 students located in the heart of the nation's capital, Washington, DC.

The Department of Political Science currently consists of 16 faculty members and offers BA, MA, and PhD degrees in political science. Founded in 1928 by Nobel laureate, diplomat Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, the Department counts Vice-President Elect Kamala Harris, U.S. Representative Elijah Cummings, and U.S. Representative Charles Diggs among its many prominent graduates. The only graduate program in political science in the world with a specialization in Black politics and currently the second-largest undergraduate major, POLS is also the leading department in International Affairs, the undergraduate Interdisciplinary major, and Community Development, the undergraduate Interdisciplinary minor.

Required Qualifications:

- Ph.D. in political science or related field (e.g., government, public policy, etc) from an accredited institution;

- Record of scholarship, teaching, and professional service commensurate with the rank of assistant professor;
- Effective communication and organizational skills; and
- Evidence of successful grant writing experience.

Complete applications consist of a single PDF file containing:

- 1) Cover letter addressing the qualifications listed above
- 2) Current curriculum vita
- 3) Two-page statement of research accomplishments, interests and future plans
- 4) Two-page statement of teaching experience and philosophy
- 5) A writing sample
- 6) Three letters of recommendation sent under separate cover to the email below directly from the recommenders.

Questions should be addressed to the Chair of the search committee, Dr. Richard Seltzer, AmericanBlackPoliticsSearch@howard.edu

Completed applications submitted electronically via Academic Jobs Online at <https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo/jobs/18074>. Screening will begin on September 20, 2021 and continue until the position is filled. The desired starting date is August 16, 2022. Additional details and information can be found at <http://coas.howard.edu>.

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