Position Description

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Practical Theology and Young People

Princeton Theological Seminary seeks a postdoctoral fellow in Practical Theology and Young People. The appointment is for three years starting August 1, 2022. Eligible candidates must have a Ph.D. in practical theology completed within the last 3 years, or have a scheduled dissertation defense date in 2022. The successful candidate will:

- Teach at the Masters level starting in Spring 2023, normally 3 credit hours per semester, for a total of 15 credit hours, with no committee or other faculty responsibilities;
- Oversee the research activities (qualitative research design, execution of research plans, interpretation of data, and training/supervising student researchers) of two major grant projects in young people’s ministries, The Foundations Project (focus: youth ministry) and The Ministry Collaboratory (focus: ministry with young adults). The postdoctoral fellow will serve as the Principal Investigator for each project’s research, writing research reports and presenting research findings at a relevant academic conference. PTS commits to reimburse travel and related conference costs, according to its travel-reimbursement policy, for the Fellow’s attendance at one academic conference up to $1000 per academic year.
- Teach annually at the Forum on Youth Ministry (continuing education) event, on the PTS campus.
- Mentor PTS students, and especially M.A. and dual degree students around academic and vocational matters related to youth/young adult ministries;
- Serve on the administrative staff of the Institute for Youth Ministry, including sitting on the steering committees of both projects.

The successful candidate must live within commuting distance of Princeton for the duration of the Fellowship, and will report to the Mary D. Synnott Professor of Youth, Church and Culture, faculty liaison to the Institute for Youth Ministry.

Interested candidates should submit the following: 1) Cover letter; 2) Curriculum vitae (including names and contact information for three references); 3) Transcripts (official or unofficial); 4) Names/contact information for three references; and 5) Two 250-word essays: one addressing the candidate's specific interest in, and preparation for, scholarship and teaching in practical theology and young people’s ministries, and the other explaining the candidate’s views on innovation and its role in ministry and theological education (including theological influences). Materials should be mailed or submitted electronically to the Human Relations Office at Princeton Theological Seminary, hr.office@ptsem.edu. Persons from underrepresented communities are especially encouraged to apply. Review of applications will begin on May 1, 2022.

As Princeton Theological Seminary is related to the Presbyterian Church (USA), this Postdoctoral Fellow will be expected to work constructively within an ecumenical ethos informed by the Reformed Tradition.