



SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

DEAN OF THE PERKINS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

POSITION AND INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE

Southern Methodist University (SMU) invites inquiries, applications, and nominations for the position of Dean of the Perkins School of Theology. Review of materials will begin on January 4, 2016 and continue until the position is filled.

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THE PERKINS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

For a century, the Perkins School of Theology has been one of the leading theological schools in the nation, having trained thousands of ministers, scholars, and church leaders, serving around the world. The primary mission of the School, as a community devoted to theological study and teaching in the service of the church of Jesus Christ, is



to prepare women and men for faithful leadership in Christian ministry. Perkins offers Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Ministry, Master of Theological Studies, Master of Theology, Doctor of Pastoral Music, and Doctor of Ministry degrees. Additionally, Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in Religious Studies are offered in conjunction with the Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences, and the Master of Sacred Music is offered in cooperation with the Meadows School of the Arts. The School, with its extension in Houston, has 37 faculty; its approximately 350 students come from a variety of religious traditions and backgrounds. Perkins prides itself on its ecumenical and interfaith approach.

THE REGION

With a population exceeding 6.8 million, greater Dallas is the fourth-largest and fifth-most diverse metropolitan area in the nation. It offers access to all of the cultural, athletic, and recreational opportunities of a major urban center as well as an enviably low cost of living. North Texas is home to nearly 20 *Fortune* 500 companies and one of



the world's busiest international airports. Dallas boasts the nation's largest urban arts district, which consists of world class museums and a luminous cluster of performing arts spaces, highlighted by the Winspear Opera House, described by Opera magazine as America's

finest. With the Trinity River, White Rock Lake, almost 400 parks, and over 125 miles of urban hiking and biking trails, the city provides abundant opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. Because of its commitment to environmental sustainability, Dallas has been named one of the Greenest Cities in the world. SMU students and faculty utilize the Dallas metropolitan area as an extension of the classroom, characterized by engaged learning projects and community partnerships. (SMU Community and Economic Impact Report: <http://smu.edu/impact/>)

THE UNIVERSITY

SMU is a nationally ranked private university with seven degree-granting schools (<http://www.smu.edu/AboutSMU/Administration>). The University's 11,000 students, 42% of whom are enrolled in graduate studies, benefit from small classes (11:1 student/faculty ratio), leadership opportunities, international study, and innovative academic programs. The University has more than 700 faculty members and library holdings of almost 4 million volumes, and offers doctoral degrees in various fields of the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, engineering, and professional disciplines. The national ranking of the undergraduate programs and the quality of the student population are on the rise, reflected in part by the composite SAT scores for entering students, which have increased by more than 150 points in the last thirteen years, so that the average now exceeds 1300.



SMU is located in the heart of Dallas, in the beautiful residential Park Cities area, with additional campuses in Plano, Texas, and Taos, New Mexico. Perkins offers extension classes in Houston as already mentioned. The University's current endowment has a market value of \$1.4 billion, augmented by its centennial capital campaign of \$750 million, which – after its tremendous initial success – was raised to \$1 billion. SMU is nearing this revised goal, including 110 endowed chairs, and has already surpassed its goal of 500 new student scholarships.

The University was founded 100 years ago as a partnership between the Methodist church and the people of Dallas and has been shaped ever since by a commitment to academic freedom and open inquiry as well as the entrepreneurial spirit of the region. Dallas' position as an international business and cultural center has enhanced the University's ability to attract and retain top faculty and students, making SMU a nationally prominent university with a global reach.

SMU Profile

Academic Rankings

- The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching classifies SMU as a university with "high research activity."
- SMU ranks in the top one-fourth of the "best national universities" in *U.S. News & World Report* rankings. In the 2015 report, SMU ranks 58th among 280 national universities. SMU is the third highest ranked school in the state of Texas.
- Cox School of Business ranks among the top business schools nationally and globally, according to *Bloomberg Businessweek*, *The Economist* and *Forbes*.
- Three DFW universities landed in the top 10 rankings of the Best Colleges in Texas released by College Factual, led by Southern Methodist at No. 3.
- *Forbes* and *Money* magazines rank Southern Methodist University both nationally and in the state of Texas for return on investment and graduation rates.
- SMU is among the best schools in the nation for producing CEOs, according to a new ranking by *The New York Times Higher Education*.
- BestColleges.com ranked SMU 15 out of 50 colleges listed as the Top 50 Christian Colleges in the nation.
- In 2014 Meadows School of the Arts was named in College Factual rankings as the number one music school in the U.S.
- SMU's Meadows School of the Arts has been ranked No. 6 on the list of "10 Best Colleges for Dance Performance in the U.S." compiled by ZOOMtens.com.
- Dedman School of Law ranks 42nd among 194 fully accredited law schools in the 2014 *U.S. News & World Report* rankings.



- The Dedman School of Law ranks No. 22 for graduates of the class of 2013 being employed in long-term, full-time jobs requiring bar passage, according to *The National Law Journal*.
- *Above the Law*, one of the oldest law blogs, ranked SMU Dedman School of Law No. 25 in its list of the Top 50 Law Schools 2014.
- In 2014 *Forbes* ranked SMU 15th among the nation's most entrepreneurial universities, based on the number of alumni and students who start and own businesses.
- According to *Animation Career Review*, The Guildhall at SMU ranks #4 in the Southwest and #36 nationally.
- Lyle School of Engineering has been designated a National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance/Cyber Defense Education through 2021.

Academic Programs

- Schools of Arts, Business, Engineering, Education and Human Development, Law, and Theology; and College of Humanities and Sciences
- 104 undergraduate degree programs
- 113 Master's degree programs
- 27 doctoral-research degrees; one doctoral-professional degree; and one specialist degree programs
- Goal of multiple graduate programs ranked in Top 25 by NRC
- 150 study abroad programs in 50 countries
- Cultural resources include Meadows Museum, George W. Bush Presidential Center, 9 libraries, and several performance venues
- The University's nine libraries house the largest private collection of research materials in the Southwest, with more than four million print and electronic volumes.
- The Meadows Museum houses one of the largest and most comprehensive collections of Spanish art outside Spain – including El Greco, Velazquez, Goya, Picasso, and Miro. A new partnership with Madrid's Prado Museum includes the loan of major paintings from the Prado and an internship exchange.
- 500 lectures and arts programs open to the University and community each year



Distinguished Faculty

- 727 full-time scholars-teachers from throughout the world
- 97 endowed faculty positions, with a goal of 110
- Goal of 25% of Tenured Faculty in endowed chairs or professorships
- Faculty are members of prestigious national academies, including National Academy of Sciences, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and National Academy of Engineering

Research

- SMU received a record \$31 million in external funding during fiscal year 2013-14 for research in the sciences, engineering and education conducted throughout the U.S. and worldwide.
- Faculty engaged in cutting-edge research on topics such as dark matter and the Higgs boson, cybersecurity, and learning disabilities
- Goal of \$50 million in research expenditures
- A newly established high-speed computer center will make SMU one of the top 10 institutions with this capacity

Student Profile

- SMU's fall 2014 enrollment of 11,272 included 6,391 undergraduates and 4,881 graduate students.
- Minority students composed 25 percent of the total enrollment and 26.9 percent of undergraduates in fall 2014.
- Approximately 50 percent of SMU undergraduates come from outside of Texas, with California, Florida and Missouri following Texas as the leading home states.
- In fall 2014 SMU enrolled 1,483 international students (13 percent of total enrollment) from 92 foreign countries, with the largest numbers from China, India and Saudi Arabia.
- Among students reporting a religious preference, 25 percent are Catholic and 16 percent are Methodist.
- The average SAT score of entering first-year students has risen significantly over the past decade, reaching 1308 in 2014.
- Seventy percent of SMU undergraduates receive some form of financial assistance, including merit- and need-based aid.



- SMU students have access to more than 150 study abroad programs in 50 countries, plus research and service projects overseas.

Alumni Impact

- 119,000 alumni worldwide, with 71,000 living in Texas, including more than 45,000 in the Dallas-Fort Worth area
- Recipients of Nobel and Pulitzer prizes, along with Academy, Tony, Grammy, and Emmy awards, the Heisman Trophy, and Olympic gold medals
- Renowned leaders ranging from CEOs of Fortune 500 companies and astronauts to government officials, among them ambassadors and a First Lady of the United States, and Supreme Court Justices in Japan, Philippines, and Thailand

George W. Bush Presidential Center

- The George W. Bush Presidential Center, opened in April 2013, welcomed nearly 500,000 visitors and scholars in the first year
- SMU is among the five universities in the nation to house a presidential center on campus and part of a trio of presidential libraries in Texas
- SMU and the Bush Presidential Center engage in joint programs and concurrent appointments of experts in education, the economy, global health, and human freedom



Fundraising Success

- SMU Unbridled: The Second Century Campaign, launched in 2008, is the largest fundraising effort in the University's history, with a goal of \$1 billion. To date, it has raised more than \$927 million to support student quality, faculty and academic excellence and the campus experience. Campaign gifts are providing funds for 511 scholarships; 40 academic programs, including schools, departments, institutes and centers; 38 endowed faculty positions; and seven major capital projects.

Athletics

- SMU competes in the American Athletic Conference at the highest level of intercollegiate athletics – Division I, Football Bowl Subdivision.
- SMU sponsors 17 sports and had 10 teams compete in post-season play in 2013-14.

- In its 2013-14 season, SMU men's basketball set a record for home victories and season attendance and reached the championship game of the 2014 National Invitation Tournament.

Academic Offerings

Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences

[Dedman College](#) is SMU's most diverse academic unit. It is home to the humanities and social, natural and mathematical sciences – disciplines that are the core of higher education. The College offers 38 undergraduate majors and 55 minors, plus numerous interdisciplinary programs. The College also provides 17 master's programs and 14 doctoral degree programs.



Dedman College promotes academic discovery through its interdisciplinary centers and institutes, including the John Goodwin Tower Center for Political Studies; Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute; Center for Drug Discovery, Design and Delivery; and the Embrey Human Rights Program. Research throughout the College addresses issues of local, national and global importance, including the development of new cancer therapies, prevention of domestic violence and pressing public policy matters. Each of the centers and institutes allows students to put their ideas into action through engaged learning activities

beyond the classroom.

Cox School of Business

The [Cox School](#) equips students with the knowledge, skills and experience needed to become business leaders. Major publications, including Bloomberg Businessweek, The Economist and Forbes, rank SMU Cox among the top business schools nationally and globally. The Cox School offers the Bachelor of Business Administration with majors in accounting, finance, financial consulting, general business, management, marketing, real estate, finance, risk management and insurance; Full-Time, Executive and Professional (part-time) Master of Business Administration; and Master of Science degrees in accounting, business analytics, finance, management and sport management (with



the Simmons School).

Among the Cox School's advantages is its location in Dallas, ranked by Forbes.com as "the #1 best city for good jobs." Cox has forged strong relationships with leading companies and influential business leaders in the area and has been recognized in The Economist as one of the top schools worldwide for networking potential. The Cox School offers international immersion experiences for Full-time, Professional and Executive MBA students as part of its Global Leadership Program. All Cox students have access to 15 exchange partnerships with schools around the world.

Meadows School of the Arts

The [Meadows School](#) prepares students to lead professional careers in the arts and communications and provides opportunities for all SMU students to grow in appreciation of the arts. A leader in innovative community engagement programs, Meadows challenges students to make a difference locally and globally by developing connections between arts entrepreneurship and social change. The Meadows School provides bachelor's and master's degrees offered through 11 study areas: Temerlin Advertising Institute, Art, Art History (also offering a Ph.D.), Arts Management and Arts Entrepreneurship, Communication Studies, Creative Computing, Dance, Film and Media Arts, Journalism, Music and Theatre.



The National Center for Arts Research analyzes the largest database of arts research ever assembled to provide data-driven insights into challenges facing U.S. arts organizations. The Meadows Prize is an international arts residency awarded annually to up to two pioneering artists in a Meadows discipline, who work with students on campus. The school also includes the renowned Meadows Museum (<http://www.meadowsmuseumdallas.org/>).

Bobby B. Lyle School of Engineering

The [Lyle School](#) prepares today's engineering students to be tomorrow's innovators equipped with both technical and leadership skills. The Lyle School provides bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees offered through departments of Civil and Environmental Engineering; Computer Science and Engineering; Electrical Engineering; Engineering Management, Information and Systems; and Mechanical Engineering.

Lyle students participate in programs in the unique Deason Innovation Gym, designed to support and encourage innovation in all forms. The Hart Center for Engineering Leadership helps students develop nontechnical skills to prepare them for leadership in diverse technical fields. The Caruth Institute for Engineering Education develops new methodologies for incorporating engineering education into K-12 schools. The Hunter and Stephanie Hunt Institute for Engineering and Humanity combines technological innovation with business expertise to address global poverty. SMU's high-performance engineering complex includes LEED gold-certified buildings and advanced research facilities.



Dedman School of Law

The [Dedman School of Law](#) offers students a personalized legal education in a community of distinguished scholars. The Dedman School of Law offers Juris Doctor (day and evening J.D. programs), Master of Laws (LL.M.) and Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.). The Master of Laws for foreign law school graduates was among the first in the country and has graduated more than 1,400 lawyers from 80 countries. The J.D./M.B.A. is offered jointly with Cox School of Business. The J.D./M.A. in economics is offered jointly with the Economics Department in Dedman College.



Dedman School of Law publishes five law journals and operates six legal clinics serving diverse community needs with free or low-cost legal service. Pro bono legal service is a requirement for graduation. Dedman Law ranks 20th nationally, among the 201 ABA accredited law schools, in placement for long-term, full-time jobs requiring bar passage.

Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development

The [Simmons School](#) prepares exemplary professionals and advances knowledge through evidence-based research. The Simmons School offers undergraduate teacher certification; a bachelor's degree in applied physiology and sport management; graduate certifications and specializations in literacy education, bilingual education, English as a Second Language (ESL) and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM); a master's degree in education, bilingual education, educational

leadership, higher education, special education, reading and writing, counseling, dispute resolution, liberal studies, and sport management; and a Ph.D. in education.

The Simmons School is involved with many research and community programs, encompassing: the Center on Research and Evaluation; Institute for Evidence-Based Education; Gifted Students Institute; Applied Physiology and Biomechanics Laboratory; Locomotor Performance Laboratory; Research in Math Education; the Center for Child and Community Development; the Center for Family Counseling; Diagnostic Center for Dyslexia and Related Disorders; College Access; Community Counseling Centers; Mediation Services; the Center on Communities and Education; Creative Writing; and academic enrichment programs for youth.



The Perkins School of Theology

History

The Perkins School of Theology has been part of Southern Methodist University since the university's founding, growing out of the work of a commission led by Bishop James Atkins of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South to establish a theological school west of the Mississippi River. Dr. E.D. Mouzon, dean of the Theological Department of Southwestern University and later bishop, became the first dean in 1914. With the opening of the University in the following year, the School of Theology began its work as the church's official theological school for the western half of the United States. When ownership of the University was vested in the South Central Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church at the Uniting Conference of 1939, the School of Theology became the official theological school of that jurisdiction.



Beginning in 1945, the University received a series of large gifts from Joe J. Perkins and Lois Craddock Perkins of Wichita Falls, Texas, which made possible the campus relocation and expansion of the school of theology and provided a major endowment for its support. The generosity of the Perkins family has continued for three generations from the families of Elizabeth Perkins Prothro and her late husband Charles, and Caren Harvey Prothro and her late husband C. Vincent Prothro, as well as from the family of



Kay Yeager and her husband Frank. The establishment of Bridwell Library was made possible through a founding gift from Joseph S. Bridwell of Wichita Falls and his daughter, Margaret Bridwell Bowdle in the late 1940s. The library continues to benefit from the munificence of the Bridwell Foundation.

Programs and Curricula

Perkins offers a range of degree programs, allowing students to follow a path best suited to his or her vocational direction. Many of these programs are structured so as to allow a concentration in a particular area of interest.

The [Master of Divinity](#) (M.Div.) degree is designed primarily for students who plan to be ordained clergy and serve in Word, sacrament, service and order. It may also equip a person for other specialized ministries.

The [Master of Arts in Ministry](#) (M.A.M.) degree program is intended to prepare persons for specialized church ministry. The goal of the program is to increase students' knowledge about the church and its ministries and to foster their ability to work meaningfully and creatively in a specialized area of church ministry. The five specialized ministry tracks include Christian



Education, Urban Ministry, Theology and Social Justice, Christian Spirituality and Evangelism and Mission.



The [Master of Sacred Music](#) (M.S.M.) degree program is jointly sponsored by Perkins School of Theology and the Division of Music of Meadows School of the Arts as preparation for professional music leadership in the church and, if one chooses, ordination as deacon.

The [Master of Theological Studies](#) (M.T.S.) degree program is designed to provide a basic understanding of the theological disciplines as a foundation for further graduate study, for enhancement of lay leadership roles or for personal enrichment.

The [Master of Theology](#) (Th.M.) degree program is designed for students to enhance the practice of ministry through advanced study of a particular theological or pastoral discipline; to engage in scholarly examination of a specific aspect of the Christian religion/traditions or function of Christian ministry; or to prepare for more advanced study at the doctoral level.

The [Doctor of Ministry](#) (D.Min.) degree provides the opportunity for advanced study that integrates theological reflection and ministerial practice with a contextual focus for people in professional ministry within the church.

The [Doctor of Pastoral Music](#) (D.P.M.) degree program is designed for experienced church musicians who have achieved a Master of Sacred Music degree or its equivalent and who are devoted to increasing their effectiveness in and broadening their vision of the pastoral dimensions of music ministry.

The degrees of [Doctor of Philosophy](#) (Ph.D.) and [Master of Arts](#) (M.A.) in Religious Studies are offered by the [Graduate Program in Religious Studies](#) in SMU's [Dedman College](#). The primary goal of both degree programs is to prepare persons for professional careers as teacher-scholars in colleges, universities, and schools of theology. The MA degree program also



aims to accommodate the qualified nonprofessional student interested in advanced work in religious studies within the context of the liberal arts and sciences.

More detailed information on degree programs is available from the [Perkins Catalog](#).

Bridwell Library

Bridwell Library at Perkins School of Theology includes a full range of theological, biblical, and historical materials relating to the development of Christianity. In addition to the material available in the basic lending collection of the library, which is strong in Methodist materials, Bridwell Library contains a number of special collections that are especially valuable for the study of topics related specifically to the background, rise, development, and present status of Methodism.



With total holdings exceeding 370,000 volumes, Bridwell Library's Special Collections contain over 50,000 printed books dating from the fifteenth to the twentieth century. Most of the printed works in these holdings, often in first and early editions, are in the fields of theology, church history, scripture, liturgy, and philosophy. Many of these editions are distinguished by fine illustration

and typography, notable provenances, and historically significant bindings. Holdings also include manuscript correspondence by John Wesley and other important figures in early Methodism, archival collections of American Methodism and private presses, and a small group of Medieval and Renaissance manuscripts.

Bridwell Library is among the best theological libraries in the nation and is one of the many academic resources available at Perkins. Bridwell, along with the renowned faculty, is at the core of Perkins' reputation of academic excellence as a leader in theological education.

Responsibilities of the Dean

The Dean is responsible for all aspects of the School's activities including the administration of academic programs and procedures; the recruitment, development, and evaluation of faculty and staff; the management of the School's fiscal resources; the

development of new funding sources; and the representation of the School of Theology within the University, The United Methodist Church, and the broader global community while honoring its particular geographical and cultural setting in the southwestern United States.



Qualifications

Successful candidates must be tenurable in the Perkins School of Theology at the rank of Professor and must be a discerning evaluator of theological teaching and scholarship. She or he must understand the nature of current trends in theological education, have a commitment to Perkins' role in the University, church, and world, and possess a creative vision for the School's future. The candidate must be a United Methodist thoroughly acquainted with the traditions, structures, and practices of The United



Methodist Church; ordination as an elder in The United Methodist Church is preferable. Demonstrated achievement or potential for success in faculty development, fundraising, student recruitment, strategic and fiscal planning, and external relations is required. The University seeks an individual who is able to exercise leadership, to sustain a community, and to relate to diverse constituencies.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Nominations, applications, and inquiries may be sent in confidence. Full consideration will be given to all applications received by January 4, 2016. Application materials (to include a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of five references – who will not be contacted without permission) must be electronically submitted to:

SMUPerkins@academic-search.com

Assisting the University in this search are Ann Die Hasselmo (Ann.Hasselmo@academic-search.com) and Lauren Johnson (Lauren.Johnson@academic-search.com).

Further information about Southern Methodist University is available at www.smu.edu. The advertisement for the position is available at <http://academic-search.com/data/files/smuperkinsad.pdf>.

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