



Position: Associate Fellow of New College Madison

Description:

The Stephen & Laurel Brown Foundation invites applications for a full-time, permanent Associate Fellow of New College Madison to work alongside the Director of New College Madison in charting a new, innovative path for accredited academic programming in the Christian intellectual tradition.

The initial position with New College Madison will represent the SL Brown Foundation in a soon-to-be-launched Great Books Program. The SL Brown Foundation is working on partnerships with various institutions, both in Madison and throughout the state. The program offers a rigorous liberal arts pathway focused on the study of Christianity and the Western intellectual tradition. The initial cohort aims to enroll 20 students in the one-year program, where, upon completion, students are expected to enroll in UW-Madison. The expected start date is negotiable, though the preferred start date of July 1, 2026.

The ideal candidate will be a teacher-scholar with a strong grounding in both theology and philosophy, capable of guiding students through the major figures, texts, and debates of the Christian intellectual tradition. Ideal candidates will be comfortable teaching and engaging Greek, medieval, and early modern philosophers and theologians, helping students encounter the classical sources of Christian thought and their enduring relevance for contemporary life. We especially welcome applicants whose work engages theology from the analytic tradition, but within a strong historical framework. Applicants must demonstrate teaching excellence and be eager to teach in a seminar-based curriculum.

Responsibilities

- Teach up to 18 credit hours per year (equivalent of a 3-3 teaching load)
- Maintain active research in their discipline
- Participate in the intellectual and communal life of the SL Brown Foundation.
- Engage with students, colleagues, and the wider university community.

Qualifications

- Ph.D., Th.D., or D.Phil. in Theology or Philosophical Theology (PhD in hand by Fall 2026)

At least one of the following AOS:

AOS: Analytic Theology, Systematic Theology, Philosophical Theology.

At least one of the following AOC:

AOC: Analytic Philosophy, History of Philosophy, Theological and Philosophical Ethics, Historical Theology

Application Instructions

To apply, email jobs@slbrownfoundation.org with:

- 1) Cover letter describing your interest in the position. (1 page).
- 2) Curriculum vitae (list 3 academic references, but do not send letters)

Finalists will be contacted for:

- 1) References
- 2) Teaching portfolio (1 sample syllabus and 1 page describing your teaching philosophy)
- 3) Writing sample

Deadline to apply is January 2, 2026.

For questions, contact Tressa Spingler at tspingler@slbrownfoundation.org.

About Stephen & Laurel Brown Foundation:

The Stephen & Laurel Brown Foundation (Foundation/SLBF) serves the University of Wisconsin and Madison communities by leading Christian thought and formation to shape today's pluralistic university. We gather communities, educate for formation, and produce scholarship within the university for greater Christian impact. SLBF comprises several initiatives: The Lumen Center, New College Madison, a student Fellows Program, and a Media Studio. The Foundation includes two physical properties: Upper House – based in University Square in the heart of the University of Wisconsin–Madison campus, and Dottie's Ranch – a retreat center located 15 miles outside Madison. Upper House is a member of the Consortium of Christian Study Centers.