



Trouble the waters. Heal the world.

**Job Title:** Post-Doctoral Fellow in Applied Research  
**Department:** Auburn Research and The Center for the Study of Theological Education  
**Reports to:** Vice President, Applied Research  
**Status:** Two year appointment, non-renewable  
**Start Date:** July 1, 2018

*Auburn is a multifaith leadership development and research center that works with secular and faith-rooted justice leaders who exhibit the drive and potential to awaken the spirit of possibility within each of us to face the challenges of our fragmented, complex time and catalyze change.*

*Using innovative, research-based methodologies, on both on the national and grassroots levels, Auburn equips these leaders to frame the critical conversations of the day, and to mobilize the public to work across divides to create the world for which humanity longs. We provide education, research, support, and media savvy, so that the nation's leaders can bridge religious divides, build community, pursue justice, and heal the world.*

*Learn more at [AuburnSeminary.org](http://AuburnSeminary.org)*

### **Summary**

The Post-doctoral Fellowship at Auburn Research and The Center for the Study of Theological Education is intended to support the early research careers of scholars who show promise of significant engagement in the study of theological education, faith communities, and faith-rooted social movements to understand how faith leaders are best prepared to lead. The successful candidate will assist in all stages of the research process, including design and execution of mixed method research, analysis of data, drafting reports, authoring of articles and books, and engagement with varied constituencies and partners. The Research post-doctoral fellow will do background research as part of existing projects, including use of advanced statistical techniques where appropriate. This position will also be responsible for regularly contributing to Auburn Voices and other social media channels by offering new insights and analysis from recent research.



### **Responsibilities:**

- Research & Analysis (40%):
  - Help develop research designs, surveys, and strategies;
  - Conduct literature review, background research for academic projects and presentations
  - Coordinate and conduct research visits, interviews, and other research in the field;
  - Assist in the development of graphics for major reports and blog posts
  - Continue and/or develop his/her/their own individual research agenda
  
- Editorial (40%):
  - Take a lead role in drafting research reports;
  - Assist in developing writing projects (for scholarly articles and other venues) of the research team
  - Review all research content to ensure accuracy
  - Writing out of own individual research agenda
  
- Engagement (20%)
  - Respond to inquiries regarding consulting and evaluation projects;
  - Engage the broader Auburn team in its work via partner and leader engagement, trainings, cohorts and convenings.

### **Qualifications:**

- A Ph.D. recently earned (between January 2017 and September 2018) in social science with a focus on religion, or religion with social science emphasis;
- Strong qualitative and quantitative and statistical skills, including experience with SPSS and other statistical tools;
- Strong editorial judgment and exceptional ability to communicate research clearly and concisely to a broad public audience;
- Exceptional organizational skills and meticulous attention to detail;
- Exceptional promise as a public scholar with established publishing record.



### **Application Process:**

For employment consideration, the optimal way to contact us is via e-mail. We have engaged Héctor Cariño at People Architects Group, LLC to manage this search.

- All applications must include (all in PDF format):
  - Current CV
  - Thoughtful cover letter addressed to Rev. Dr. Christian Scharen, Vice President for Applied Research, Auburn Seminary
  - (including how you became aware of this opportunity: *job portal, referral, etc.*)
  - Writing sample
- **All applications will be received via email. No phone calls or snail mail.**
- E-mail applications to: [hcarino@auburnseminary.org](mailto:hcarino@auburnseminary.org)
- Subject line: Post-Doctoral Fellow in Applied Research/YOUR NAME

### **Application deadline is Monday, June 04, 2018 at 5:00pm, EDT**

Auburn Theological Seminary is an Equal Opportunity Employer and is committed to complying with all federal, state and local equal employment opportunity ("EEO") laws. Auburn Theological Seminary prohibits discrimination against staff members and applicants for employment because of the individual's race, creed, alienage, citizenship, color, sex (including pregnancy), religion, national origin, age, sexual orientation, disability, gender identity or expression, marital status, partnership status, genetic information or predisposing genetic characteristics, military status, domestic violence victim status, prior arrest or conviction record, or any other characteristic protected by law. This Policy applies to all Auburn Theological Seminary activities, including, but not limited to, recruitment, hiring, compensation, assignment, training, promotion, performance evaluation, discipline and discharge. As detailed below, this Policy also bans discriminatory harassment.

Auburn Theological Seminary will provide reasonable accommodation consistent with the law to otherwise qualified staff members and applicants with a disability and to staff members and applicants with needs related to their religious observance or practices. What constitutes a reasonable accommodation depends on the circumstances and thus will be addressed by Auburn Theological Seminary on a case-by-case basis.