



FACULTAD DE TEOLOGÍA
PONTIFICIA UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA DE CHILE

International Search for Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Faculty of Theology, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile

The Faculty of Theology of the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile (UC) invites applications for the position of **Assistant Professor** with a **specialty in Sacred Scripture**, starting August 1, 2024. The position is full time (44 hours per week), with a competitive salary and an indefinite contract for an initial period of three years.

Description of the position

The selected candidate will work in the four main areas covered by the academic regulations, namely:

1. Participation in the teaching offered by the Faculty, according to the current needs of its programs: the Bachelor of Theology (canonical *Baccalaureatus*), Master of Theology (canonical *Licentia*), Doctorate in Theology, introductory theology courses for the UC General Education program, diploma courses and other continuing education activities. The candidate may also be asked to accompany the research of master's and doctoral students. Depending on the profile of the selected candidate, there may be an initial period of one or two semesters without teaching to allow for the acquisition or consolidation of Spanish and integration into the UC.
2. Development of research projects in his or her discipline, application to research and funding competitions of the UC, of the National Agency for Research and Development (ANID), or other national and international opportunities. The candidate will be expected to publish the results of his or her research periodically in indexed scientific journals or recognized academic publications, according to current standards.
3. Contribution to the faculty's department of community engagement with proposals for extracurricular activities for the dissemination of knowledge.
4. Willingness to assume institutional management positions, such as membership in curricular committees, boards of directors, leadership of a teaching program or other responsibilities in this area.

Application Requirements

The candidate should:

1. preferably possess a canonical doctorate in Theology with a specialization in Sacred Scripture or its equivalent. If the doctoral degree is not canonical, the canonical *Licentia* (Magister) is required.

2. give an account of teaching experience and research outputs in Sacred Scripture, by means of a *Curriculum Vitae* with a list of publications and scientific activities, among other relevant elements.
3. comply with the requirements of the Apostolic Constitution *Veritatis Gaudium* art. 25-27: having “an upright life” and being in “full communion” with the Magisterium of the Catholic Church.
4. adhere to the values of the UC and the Apostolic Constitution *Ex corde Ecclesiae*.
5. In the case of a diocesan cleric or a religious, the consent of the diocesan ordinary or superior is required.

Desired profile

The candidate should be able to collaborate with the other professors of Sacred Scripture, being able to teach some of the subjects of the Bachelor’s Degree (Introduction to the Bible, Pentateuch, Prophets, Wisdom Literature, Synoptic Gospels, Johannine Literature, St. Paul, and various electives), as well as seminars in biblical studies for the master’s degree in Theology.

Among possible research areas, biblical hermeneutics and knowledge of various exegetical methods is desirable, along with an interest in the dialogue between the Bible and theology.

About the Faculty

Founded in 1888, the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile has more than 33,000 students, distributed among 18 faculties, which are constituted by 17 schools and 15 institutes. It has an interdisciplinary liberal arts program called College UC, three interdisciplinary units, and there is also a regional campus in Villarrica. It is ranked second in the QS World University Rankings for Latin America and the Caribbean (2024) and ranks 103rd in the QS World University Rankings.

The Pontifical Catholic University of Chile is committed to equal opportunities, to building an inclusive, diverse and fraternal community and to promoting the academic development of women and men.

The Faculty of Theology of the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, governed by the UC's own regulations and the Apostolic Constitution *Veritatis Gaudium*, was inaugurated in 1935 by the joint effort of the Chilean Church and the Holy See, becoming the first canonical faculty and the first center of religious studies in Latin American higher education. With its diverse and growing team of enthusiastic teachers and researchers, the faculty continues to be one of the main centers of theological formation and research in Latin America. It is a fundamental part of the educational program of the UC, providing general education courses in theology to students of all disciplines, and collaborating in interdisciplinary dialogue.

The faculty building is located at the heart of the San Joaquin Campus, sharing more than 500,000 m² of study and recreational spaces with several other faculties of the university. It

has a specialized library, outstanding at the regional level, with a collection of 141,230 physical volumes and approximately 400,000 ebooks, in addition to subscriptions to the discipline's main databases and digital publications.

Throughout their careers, academics receive support from the university for pedagogical training, applications to national and international research grants, and merit-based academic promotions.

To apply

The candidate should send the following documentation in Spanish or English to Denisse Lassnibatt at docenciateologia@uc.cl:

- Cover letter explaining motivation addressed to the dean of the Faculty of Theology;
- *Curriculum vitae et studiorum*;
- Certificates or diplomas of academic degrees obtained;
- Two letters of academic recommendation (the authors of the letters should mention their academic affiliations and degrees and their contact details);
- A selection of three relevant publications from the last five years in electronic format;
- For priests, religious and members of institutes of consecrated life, a letter of endorsement from the ordinary or superior, approving the nomination and the minimum period of tenure (3 years);
- A candidate of foreign nationality, if selected for the position, will require the necessary visa, to be obtained from the consulate in the country of origin. The faculty will transmit instructions in a timely manner regarding the type of visa required and the guarantee of contract necessary to apply. The candidate will also be put in contact with the Associate Vice Rector's Office for International Affairs to initiate a program of accompaniment.

Selection Process

Applications will be received from January 18 until **March 25, 2024 (new date)**.

Once the fulfillment of the application requirements has been verified, the candidatures will be submitted to the chancellor of the university, the archbishop of Santiago of Chile, for prior review. The Commission of Academic Evaluation, formed by two professors and the Dean of the Faculty of Theology, along with two professors from other faculties of the UC, will review the candidatures with the help of an academic representative from the area of biblical studies, and they will select a list of candidates to be interviewed (in person or by videoconference). As a jury for the competition, the commission will determine the most suitable candidate for the position.

The results will be communicated in mid-May 2024.

For further information and queries, please send an e-mail to Denisse Lassnibatt at docenciateologia@uc.cl.