

Postdoctoral Researcher in Art and Religion, University of Chicago

University of Chicago, Divinity School, Martin Marty Center, Jul 1, 2025–Jul 1, 2028

Application deadline: Mar 28, 2025

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Postdoctoral Researcher in Art and Religion, appointed at the rank of Instructor.

Description.

The University of Chicago Divinity School invites applications for a three-year Postdoctoral Researcher in Art and Religion for the academic years of 2025-2028, to begin as early as July 1, 2025. The field of specialization within art and religion is open, though special consideration will be given to applicants with expertise in the study of provenance, collection, and display of religious objects in museum contexts.

The Postdoctoral Researcher will be expected to conduct their own research toward a book or another project; to teach one quarter-long course on the theme of art and religion per year of employment; to participate actively in programming related to the shared work of the Marty Center for the Public Understanding of Religion and the Smart Museum of Art, including symposia, publications, and exhibitions about art and religion; and to participate actively in the life of the Marty Center and Divinity School community. Candidates must be in residency during the academic year (September to June).

Compensation

Postdoctoral Researchers will receive an annual salary of \$75,000, as well as an annual \$3,000 research and professional development fund.

The University of Chicago offers a wide range of benefits programs and resources for eligible employees, including health, retirement, and paid time off. Information about the benefit offerings can be found in the Benefits Guidebook.

About the Department

The Divinity School is dedicated to generating knowledge about religions of the world and their history, theology, beliefs, and practices, and to the training of religious leaders who serve in diverse ministry, chaplaincy, and service institutions. First chartered in 1865 as the Morgan Park Seminary of the Baptist Theological Union, the Divinity School was incorporated into the University of Chicago soon after its inception in 1890. Its faculty is comprised of scholars of a diverse array of traditions, methodologies, time periods, geographies, and languages. The core research and teaching mission of the School is supported by a number of innovative programs and centers.

The Martin Marty Center for the Public Understanding of Religion is the School's public-facing

wing, organizing programs and research around five central themes, including Religion, Arts, and Culture. The Marty Center provides opportunities for outreach and cross-fertilization between the School and the broader public, creating opportunities for the faculty and students to interact with other divisions and departments, and with communities and organizations around Chicago and beyond.

Qualifications

Candidates must hold the Ph.D. before the start of the appointment, and the Ph.D. must have been awarded in the two years prior to the appointment start. Fluency in English and relevant scholarly language(s) is required.

Application

Review of applications will begin on March 28, 2025, and will continue until the position is filled. Applicants are required to apply online at the University of Chicago's Interfolio site <https://academicjobs.uchicago.edu/positions/158711>.

Interested candidates should send: 1) a letter of application, 2) curriculum vitae, 3) dissertation abstract, 4) an article-length sample of scholarly writing, and 5) names and contact information for two references whose letters will be solicited by the University of Chicago if you become a finalist.

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Job seekers in need of a reasonable accommodation to complete the application process should call 773-834-3988 or email equalopportunity@uchicago.edu with their request.

Reference:

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