



Open Rank Faculty - Social Policy (Hobby School of Public Affairs) (ID: FAC002601)

[Hobby School of Public Affairs](#) at the [University of Houston](#) (UH) seeks to fill an open rank tenure-track faculty position in the area of Social Policy and Sustainability. We are primarily seeking candidates at the rank of associate or full professor and will consider assistant professors of great achievement. Areas of interest for this position include education, energy, environment, and other areas of social welfare, including ethics. Either qualitative or quantitative methods found in a variety of disciplines are welcome. Scholars engaged in research agendas embracing concepts of social justice are of great interest. The appointment is to begin in the Fall of 2023. We are primarily seeking tenured applicants with a strong research record and established reputation that can help build our growing programs. We will also consider junior faculty possessing an outstanding record. Candidates should have a strong background in rigorous research methods to support the Hobby School's mission to provide training in tools, methods, and analysis. As an interdisciplinary school, we welcome applicants from multiple social science disciplines, including economics, political science, sociology, education, or information science. Consistent with the Hobby School's commitment to promoting diversity and equity, we welcome applicants who study representation of marginalized communities or institutional inequalities, including scholars of race and ethnic politics. Finally, we are interested in applicants who will help chart the future of the school with fresh ideas, a commitment to public policy, and an interdisciplinary mindset. This is one of two hires we are searching for this year; the other is in Institutions, Representation, or Political Economy.

In the selection process, the search committee will prioritize collaborative scholars who: (1) engage in nationally recognized work, (2) pursue grants, awards, and other sources of funding to support research, academic programming, student success, and impact, (3) demonstrate an eagerness to contribute to undergraduate and graduate training, and (4) work with diverse populations or on questions of equity.

About the Hobby School

The Hobby School of Public Affairs was created in 2016 by the University of Houston System. Incoming faculty will have the opportunity to join existing faculty in building and shaping the direction and culture of the school. The Hobby School emphasizes advanced social science methodology, leadership development, and ethical analysis in its teaching, training, and research. It is the home of UH's [Center for Public Policy](#), [Survey Research Institute](#), and [Elizabeth D. Rockwell Center for Ethics and Leadership](#).

The Hobby School offers: (1) a [Master of Public Policy \(MPP\) degree](#), (2) a [Dual Degree programs](#) combining public policy with degrees in other fields—multidisciplinary studies (UH's Honors College), business, economics, law, psychology, and social work, (3) [Certificate programs](#) in data analytics, energy policy, health care policy, public policy, and public administration, and (4) [BS and BA degrees in public policy](#) starting in January, 2022. We are in

the planning process for launching a PhD program and integrating a Master of Publication Administration (MPA) degree. The Hobby School also runs the [Institute on the Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models \(EITM\)](#) and offers workshops in social science methods under the [Inter-University Consortium of Political and Social Research \(ICPSR\)](#) Summer Institute.

The University of Houston is a Carnegie-designated Tier One research institution and is the flagship campus of a state-assisted higher education system that enrolls over 70,000 students. The University of Houston is recognized as one of the most racially and ethnically diverse research institutions in the nation. As such, we welcome candidates whose experience in teaching, research, or community service has prepared them to contribute to our commitment to diversity and excellence.

Houston itself is a laboratory for the future. The city reflects what is happening in the United States and around the world in terms of demographic, cultural, political, and economic trends. Moreover, Houston (www.houston.org) boasts a high quality of life with the following attributes: (1) a growing economy, including a vibrant energy sector, robust manufacturing, a bustling port that serves as a hub for international trade, the Johnson Space Center, and the Texas Medical Center—the world's largest medical center; (2) rich traditions in music, theatre, art, and sports; (3) a diverse population; (4) award-winning restaurants reflective of many cultures; and (5) a relatively low cost of living among large cities.

Application Instructions

Interested individuals should apply at <https://www.uh.edu/human-resources/careers/> and provide: (1) a letter of interest, (2) evidence of teaching effectiveness and commitment to mentoring students, (3) a statement of research specialization and interests, (4) three names and email addresses of prospective writers of letters of recommendation, (5) a curriculum vita, and (6) up to three representative papers. Referees may be contacted to submit letters. Review of applications will begin on October 15, 2022 and continue until the position is filled. Questions may be directed to the search committee co-chairs— Chris Bronk (rcbronk@uh.edu) or Daniel Engster (daengster@uh.edu).

Committed to the active recruitment of a diverse faculty and student body, UH is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer of women, minorities, protected veterans, and individuals with disabilities and encourages applications from these and other protected group members. Because broad diversity is essential to an inclusive climate and critical to the University's goals of achieving excellence in all areas, the search committee anticipates holistically assessing the many qualifications of each applicant and will favorably consider an individual's record working with students and colleagues with broadly diverse perspectives, experiences, and backgrounds in educational, research, or other work activities. For the complete UH nondiscrimination and affirmative action policy, see the [Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination Statement](#). The selection process will be compliant with UH's background check policy.