Elmon and Lucile Williams Endowed Chair in Law and Public Service
(Tenure-Track Political Science Faculty Position)

Franklin College invites applications for the Elmon and Lucile Williams Endowed Chair in Law and Public Service. This is a tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level in Political Science, to begin in August 2027. We provide a strong, active, and tailored liberal arts education through small class sizes and meaningful relationships between students and their faculty mentors. Located in a vibrant city of 25,000 about 20 miles from downtown Indianapolis, we support purposeful and practical academic experiences in and out of the classroom that leverage this location as students pursue personal, intellectual and professional growth. Please see www.FranklinCollege.edu for more details.

The incoming faculty member will join the department and the college at a time of exciting change, as we launch the Charles B. Staff Center for Business and Pre-Law Studies. The historically strong Political Science program is committed to delivering fundamentals needed in the market today through increasingly immersive and hands-on methods of teaching and learning.

The successful candidate will direct the College's Pre-Law Program and will:

- teach 24 credit hours of undergraduate coursework annually (including courses in law, politics/policy, and one section of our First-Year Seminar every other year),
- teach one intensive January Term course every three years,
- coach the Franklin College Moot Court Team,
- serve as the primary Pre-Law Advisor for the campus, and
- advise undergraduate students.

Candidates who can demonstrate prior experience in the above will be given priority. The successful candidate, with approval of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, will have access to an endowed fund to support programming within the guidelines of the endowment.

Required qualifications include:

- experience teaching undergraduate law courses or other experience relevant to preparing undergraduates for law school (e.g. Moot Court, Mock Trial, or pre-law advising), and
- an earned Juris Doctorate from an accredited law school or a PhD in politics/public policy to be completed by August 2027.

We especially welcome candidates with:

- both a JD and an advanced degree in politics/public policy,
- professional experience in the legal system, including legal practice, judicial service, or other substantive legal work,
- Prior experience teaching Constitutional Law, Business Law, Communications Law, Introductory American Government, State and Local Government, and Public Policy,
- a track record of scholarship (which may include mentorship of student research),
- interest and/or background in environmental or conservation law, and
- ability to contribute meaningfully to the College's commitment to diversity.

Review of applications will begin on October 30, 2026 and will continue until the position is filled. Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications. Applicants should submit a letter of application addressing the above qualifications, vita, and three current letters of recommendation via the following link: Franklin College Faculty Application.

Contact human resources for additional information:
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Franklin College is committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment and to ensuring that educational and employment decisions are based on individuals' abilities and qualifications. Consistent with these principles and applicable laws, it is therefore the College's policy not to discriminate on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, gender expression, gender identity, genetic information, national origin, marital status, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation or veteran status as consistent with the Policy on Prohibited Discrimination, Harassment and Related Misconduct. No person, on the basis of protected status, shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to unlawful discrimination, harassment, or retaliation under any College program or activity, including with respect to employment terms and conditions. Such a policy ensures that only relevant factors are considered and that equitable and consistent standards of conduct and performance are applied.