

# **BELHAVEN UNIVERSITY**

## **Program Chair of Artificial Intelligence and Assistant/Associate Professor of Computer Science**

Belhaven University, a Christian liberal arts university in Jackson, Mississippi, is seeking a full-time faculty member in Artificial Intelligence (AI) to join the School of Mathematics & Science. This position is primarily focused on teaching and curriculum development, with an emphasis on undergraduate and graduate instruction in AI, machine learning, and data science. The ideal candidate will have a passion for mentoring students, integrating AI into real-world applications, and engaging in interdisciplinary collaborations within the university.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Teach undergraduate and graduate courses in Artificial Intelligence, including but not limited to Machine Learning, Deep Learning, AI Ethics, Natural Language Processing, and AI Applications.
- Develop and refine AI course content, ensuring alignment with industry standards and ethical considerations.
- Advise and mentor students in academic and career development related to AI fields.
- Collaborate with faculty across disciplines to integrate AI into various fields of study.
- Support the School of Mathematics & Science in the development of an AI curriculum, including potential concentrations or certificates
- Engage in service to the university, such as participation in faculty committees, curriculum assessment, and student recruitment efforts.
- Stay current with advancements in AI education and pedagogy, integrating best practices into teaching.
- Participate in limited scholarly activities, such as presenting at academic conferences, engaging in industry partnerships, or publishing educational research on AI pedagogy (though research is not the primary focus).
- Support the integration of Christian faith and learning within AI-related disciplines.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

- The successful candidate must articulate a Christian worldview in one's area of service and must fully support the University Vision, Mission and Statement of Faith. <https://www.belhaven.edu/about/mission/>
- Ph.D. in Computer Science with emphasis in Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing, Data Science, or a closely related field.
- Demonstrated experience teaching AI-related courses at the undergraduate or graduate level.
- Proficiency in Python and AI frameworks such as TensorFlow, PyTorch, Scikit-learn, etc.
- A commitment to student success, innovative teaching methodologies, and hands-on learning approaches.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.

## **Preferred Qualifications**

- Industry experience in AI, LLMs, machine learning, or data science applications.
- Experience developing AI-related academic programs, certifications, or online course content.
- Prior experience mentoring students in AI-related projects, competitions, or building industry partnerships.

- Interest in interdisciplinary collaborations across business, healthcare, cybersecurity, or other relevant fields.
- Industry experience in AI, LLMs, machine learning, or data science applications.

### **Application Process**

To be considered for this position, a complete application packet must be received. A complete application packet will include the following:

- Letter of intent detailing interest in Christian higher education and how experience aligns with the position's qualifications and responsibilities.
- A statement (3–4 paragraphs) describing how a biblical worldview informs computer science education and leadership.
- Current resume or curriculum vitae.
- Teaching philosophy statement.
- Unofficial transcripts (official transcripts required upon hire).
- Please prepare a brief account (no more than 750 words) of your spiritual pilgrimage, including the time and circumstances surrounding your becoming a believer in Christ and your current relationship with Christ. Please click on this link: [http://www.belhaven.edu/belhaven/employment\\_pdfs/LetterOfEmploymentCommitment.pdf](http://www.belhaven.edu/belhaven/employment_pdfs/LetterOfEmploymentCommitment.pdf) to review Belhaven University's Commitment Statement, including our employee expectations. Should you receive a job offer, you will be asked to sign an acceptance of this commitment.

Employment at Belhaven University is contingent upon the results of an independent background check.

### **Submit all application materials to:**

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled. For more information or to submit application materials, contact:

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