

Search for the University Chaplain

Yale University

New Haven, Connecticut

Yale University seeks an experienced, relational, and inclusive leader to serve as its next University Chaplain. Now in its 95th year, the office of the university chaplain is a critical resource for and an influential presence on Yale’s campus. Reporting to both the president and the secretary and vice president for university life, the next University Chaplain will build upon a respected and well-established set of programs and expand connections across the university and the New Haven community.

Yale University encompasses Yale College, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, and 13 professional schools; it is home to more than 14,500 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students, and over 5,000 faculty and over 10,000 staff. As the needs and diversity of the Yale community continue to evolve, the next University Chaplain will embrace and enhance the spirit of collaboration across campus to ensure a continuously welcoming environment for all identities, beliefs, and backgrounds represented in the Yale community, with a particular focus on students.

Guiding the work of staff and affiliated chaplains across numerous faith communities, this position calls for a leader ready to assume an all-encompassing role at a highly respected institution that prides itself on both fidelity to traditions and commitment to innovation. As an essential leader in the campus community, the University Chaplain will serve as a trusted counselor to and partner with senior university leadership and will also work strategically to advance partnerships across Yale’s campus and the New Haven community. Additionally, the next University Chaplain will build upon a long-standing legacy of respect and support while engaging with other chaplains and various campus departments during times of celebration as well as crisis and tragedy.

This is an exceptional opportunity for an experienced, empathetic, and creative leader who is energized by supporting, leading, and bringing together people of diverse religious and spiritual beliefs and those with none at all. The successful candidate will have a graduate degree in an area relevant to religious, spiritual, and moral leadership and show evidence of strategic leadership in diverse, complex environments, ideally in a college or university setting. Additionally, the candidate will have pastoral empathy, moral authority, strategic perspective, and a broad understanding of all faith traditions, with demonstrated experience that embraces a multifaith and multicultural awareness and approach in which diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging are central.

Screening of complete applications will begin immediately and continue until the completion of the search process. Inquiries, nominations, referrals, and CVs with cover letters should be sent via the Isaacson, Miller website for the search [here.](https://www.imsearch.com/open-searches/yale-university/chaplain) Electronic submission of materials is strongly encouraged.

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