



# WESTMONT

## Faculty Position Request Form

(Used for requesting a new faculty position or filling a vacant position)

Department: Religious Studies

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Nature of request:

This is a request for a new faculty position (addition) in the department.

This is a request to fill a vacancy.

Who is the faculty member leaving or retiring? Bruce Fisk

Rationale: On a separate page, please briefly describe the curricular need for this faculty position, including benefit to the department if the position is filled and the negative impact if it is not.

Additional documents needed:

(a) Please complete the table on the next page listing courses the person will teach and the enrollment in these courses for the past 3 years. Also, identify any new courses the department hopes to offer if this position is filled.

(b) Position job description

Please submit materials to the Provost's Office.

## Faculty Position Supporting Documentation

Enrollment in course during the past 3 years

Dept/Cr Num.		Sp 2018	Fa 2017	Sp 2017	Fa 2016	Sp 2016	Fa 2015	
RS 010	Introduction to New Testament	45 (avg)	45 (avg)	45 (avg)	45 (avg)	45 (avg)	45 (avg)	
GRK 001	Beginning Greek		20		14		17	
GRK 002	Beginning Greek	7		5		? (data unavailable)		
RS 110	Jesus and the Gospels			5*				
RS 111	Paul and his Legacy	13						
RS 113	Church in the New Testament					17		

RS 010, Introduction to New Testament: I averaged out enrollment totals over one semester and applied it to all years. Average enrollment has been lower than historical averages because we've had 3 New Testament professors on campus.

\*RS 110, spring 2017: unusually low enrollment due to overlap with a class on Luke and Acts offered fall 2016 (enrollment: 16)

## RATIONALE FOR POSITION

The RS department has a definite need for a tenure-track position in New Testament to support both the RS GE courses, the Greek program, and upper division New Testament courses. Each New Testament professor teaches (at least) three sections of RS 010 per year, serving (at least) 135 students, plus two Greek classes (approximately 25 students) and additional Greek tutorials for advanced students, and an upper division specialization (approximately 15 students). To continue to support the Westmont GE program and also the Religious Studies major and Biblical Languages minor, a tenure track position in New Testament is necessary.

If this position is unfilled, the department will either lose the Greek program and upper division New Testament classes so that one professor can teach six sections of RS 010 per year, or the department would need to hire adjuncts each semester to cover RS 010. Neither option is particularly palatable, or supportable in the long term.

## Position Job Description

Tenure-track position in New Testament at the rank of assistant or associate professor. A specialization in New Testament is required, with secondary expertise in Old Testament, Theology, or Church History desirable to support the Religious Studies GE courses and upper division courses as needed. Courses to be taught include RS 010 (3 sections per year); GRK 001, 002, 101, 102 (2 courses per year); and RS 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, and 107 (1 course per year). Applicants should be active in the guild through publications and conference participation, and willing to share in the common work of the department and college.

### ***Position opening advertisement copy***

WESTMONT COLLEGE invites applications and nominations for a tenure-track position in New Testament at the rank of assistant or associate professor, effective fall 2019. Applicants should have a Ph.D. in New Testament. Secondary expertise in another area of religious studies is desirable. Applicants should apply online at [www.westmont.edu/office-provost/open-positions](http://www.westmont.edu/office-provost/open-positions) with a cover letter including names of three references (not letters), CV, and faculty employment application with accompanying personal statements. Review of applications will begin September 1, 2018 and will continue until the position is filled. Westmont is a national liberal arts college in the evangelical Protestant tradition. We seek faculty who are committed to undergraduate teaching, to a program of scholarly activity, and to the mission of liberal arts education, all growing out of a vital and informed commitment to the Christian faith. Faculty members annually sign a statement of faith and endorse a statement on living in community. Westmont is an EEO employer, seeking to be diverse in people and programs consistent with its mission. Women, candidates from historically underrepresented groups, and international scholars are especially encouraged to apply.