

# ATS seeks director of accreditation

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*The Commission on Accrediting of The Association of Theological Schools (ATS) is seeking a Director of Accreditation. The start date for this position is September 1, 2023, or earlier.*

ATS is a membership organization of more than 275 graduate schools of theology in the United States and Canada whose mission is to promote the improvement and enhancement of theological schools to the benefit of communities of faith and the broader public.

Through the work of accreditation and institutional evaluation, the director will have the opportunity to support the mission and values of ATS by (1) engaging with the diversity of ATS member schools, (2) participating in and shaping the quality and improvement of accredited graduate theological education, (3) experiencing the collegiality of the work of the Commission and the Association, and (4) providing shared leadership for the work of the organization in a team and learning environment.

## **Responsibilities**

The Director of Accreditation will be one of several directors who are responsible for (1) facilitating the accrediting relationship with member schools through visits and other types of accrediting-related activities; (2) providing education, training, and support to member schools about the process of accreditation; (3) supporting the work of the Board of Commissioners; (4) maintaining collegial and supportive relationships as institutional liaisons to approximately 60 schools; (5) contributing to the programs and services offered by the Association, as needed; and (6) maintaining involvement with the broader community of theological and higher education.



## **Qualification, abilities, and experience**

The Director of Accreditation shall normally possess an earned doctoral degree or its equivalent in a theological discipline or a related field in higher education and have significant work experience in theological and/or higher education, preferably at both faculty and administrative levels.

The position requires the ability to:

- work effectively with a highly educated and diverse constituency;
- perform data analysis, making complex judgments in problem-solving context related to policy and practice;
- think creatively, analytically, and holistically;
- manage multiple, sometimes overlapping, programs or activities simultaneously;
- work collaboratively with other director and administrative staff;

- work in a technologically-enhanced and production-oriented environment;
- communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, to a wide and diverse range of constituencies; and
- travel to member schools and other accreditation-related events as needed.

The Director of Accreditation is a full-time position with a competitive salary and benefits.

## ***Application process***

Review of applications will begin May 11, 2023. Applications should include: (1) a letter of interest, (2) a curriculum vitae, and (3) contact information for three references. Application materials can be emailed to [coasearch@ats.edu](mailto:coasearch@ats.edu). Submissions in one PDF file are preferred. [Read a detailed position description](#) for more information.

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