

The faculty of the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of South Carolina, Columbia campus, invites applications for a 9-month, full-time, tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant Professor to begin August 16, 2026.

The position requires a Ph.D. in criminology/criminal justice, or an earned doctorate in a closely-related social science discipline by the start of employment (ABDs considered). A law degree (JD, LL.M, SJD) does not satisfy the minimum qualifications. **We are seeking candidates whose research addresses juvenile justice.** Applicants must demonstrate clear promise of quality scholarly research, effective teaching, and meaningful community engagement. Candidates with demonstrated potential for external research funding are especially encouraged to apply.

The successful candidate will teach 2 courses per semester, including offerings at the undergraduate and graduate levels, as needed. They will also maintain an active research agenda, mentor and supervise students, and provide service to the Department, College, University, community, and discipline.

From the Upstate to the Lowcountry, the University of South Carolina system is transforming the lives of South Carolinians through the impact of our eight institutions and 20 locations throughout the state. More than 50,000 students are enrolled at one of eight institutions, including the research campus in Columbia and comprehensive four-year universities in Aiken, Upstate and Beaufort. In addition, our Palmetto College campuses in Salkehatchie, Union, Lancaster and Sumter enable students to earn associate or bachelor's degrees through a combination of in-person, online or blended learning. All of our system institutions place strong emphasis on service — helping to build healthier, more educated communities in South Carolina and beyond.

The Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice offers programs leading to bachelors, masters (including a joint MA/JD), and Ph.D. degrees. Our programs explore the causes, consequences, and control of crime, with students gaining a strong foundation in criminological theory, criminal justice policy, and research methods, while also engaging with real-world issues through internships, community partnerships, and faculty-led research. Our faculty work in a wide range of research areas, including policing, victimization, violence, criminological theory, corrections, courts, crime and place, mental health, and juvenile justice, as well as maintain strong ties to local, state, and federal agencies. For more information about the Department, please visit our website at

[https://sc.edu/study/colleges\\_schools/artsandsciences/criminology\\_and\\_criminal\\_justice/index.php](https://sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/artsandsciences/criminology_and_criminal_justice/index.php).

*The University of South Carolina is an affirmative action/equal opportunity institution. Women, minorities, protected veterans, and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply. The University of South Carolina does not discriminate in educational or employment opportunities or decisions for qualified persons on the basis of age, ancestry, citizenship status, color, disability, ethnicity, familial status, gender (including transgender), gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDs status, military status, national origin, pregnancy (false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, childbirth, recovery therefrom or related medical conditions, breastfeeding), race, religion (including religious dress and grooming practices), sex, sexual orientation, veteran status, or any other bases under federal, state, local law, or regulations.*

### **How to Apply**

All applicants **must** apply online at USCJobs at <https://uscjobs.sc.edu/postings/193159>. Applications must include: (1) a cover letter that describes their research and teaching interests, (2) a curriculum vitae, and (3) the names and email addresses of 3 references. References will be contacted directly for letters.

**Review of applications begins September 26, 2025.** The position will remain open until filled. Inquiries about this position may be directed to Dr. Christi Metcalfe, Search Committee Chair, at [cmetcalfe@sc.edu](mailto:cmetcalfe@sc.edu).