

Department of Music:

The University of South Alabama Department of Music invites applications for a full-time (nine-month), tenure-track Assistant Professor or Associate Professor of Music, starting August 15, 2026.

Qualifications: Earned doctorate in music education or related terminal degree (D.M.A. or D.A. in choral conducting or Ph.D. in education) with a strong background in choral music education required for a tenure-track appointment. ABDs near the completion of their degree program will be considered; however, the terminal degree must be conferred before August 15, 2026. Candidates should have a minimum of 3-5 years of successful public school teaching experience as a choral music educator and hold appropriate teaching certification. Effective knowledge of choral methods and techniques, vocal/choral pedagogy, classroom strategies, and understanding of 21st century classroom technologies are also required. Candidates with experience in teaching elementary music methods, including Orff and Kodaly, will be strongly considered. Candidates should have a successful record of recruiting at the secondary and collegiate levels. Rank at the time of hire will be determined by current professional collegiate rank and level of collegiate teaching experience.

Responsibilities: The successful candidate will teach courses in choral music education for undergraduate and graduate students and conduct the USA Concert Choir. Additional courses in related areas may be assigned dependent on the successful candidate's expertise.

Additional responsibilities will include academic advising and mentoring choral music education students, supervision of student teachers, and developing and maintaining productive relationships with area choral music educators. Coordination with the music education faculty and the College of Education in maintaining ongoing review of curriculum and certification standards, and active recruitment of students for the undergraduate and graduate programs in choral music education will be expected. Contribution to the scholarly advancement of the field through research and/or creative activities is encouraged. Service on departmental, college, and university committees and active participation in respected state, regional, and national organizations is also expected.

The Institution: Located in a metropolitan area of nearly 600,000 residents on the scenic Gulf of Mexico, the University of South Alabama is a comprehensive, global university that offers diverse and nationally recognized programs in a variety of fields. USA is one of the fastest growing universities in Alabama with an annual overall economic impact of \$3 billion. The Department of Music is a unit of the College of Arts and Sciences and has become one of the most respected collegiate music programs in the region. The Department of Music is able to serve many students by continually expanding its programs and offerings.

To Apply: Please email the following: a letter of application, current curriculum vitae, copies of unofficial transcripts from all universities attended, a link to a fifteen minute video of a choral rehearsal (not performance), and three letters of reference to Dr. Thomas Rowell, Search Committee Chairperson, at trowell@southalabama.edu.

Applicants invited for a campus interview will arrange to have official graduate and undergraduate transcripts sent directly by the registrars of all colleges and universities attended to the Search Committee Chair:

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For inquiries, please contact Dr. Thomas L. Rowell, Chair, Choral Music Education Search Committee at trowell@southalabama.edu.

Deadline: Review of applications will begin January 26, 2026, and continue until the position is filled.

The USA Department of Music, fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music, offers Bachelor of Music degrees in Performance, Music Education, and Elective Studies in Business and Outside Fields. Graduate degrees offered include Master of Music degrees in Music Education (Instrumental or Vocal), Collaborative Piano, and Performance. The Laidlaw Performing Arts Center features impressive studios and classrooms, a superb recital hall, and state-of-the-art music technology labs.

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