

# Deep Springs College

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## Robert B. Aird Chair of Humanities

Position begins July 2022

*Long-term professors exert a broad influence on the intellectual culture of this very small community. They should be able to teach self-designed courses within their area of expertise as well as more general classes. Professors are ideally more than specialists and consider their discipline in the context of liberal arts education as a whole. Faculty are encouraged to solicit student participation in their work, or to work with them to design projects of mutual interest. The teaching requirement is two courses per semester, and the position is renewable up to six years. The position is open to candidates at both the junior and senior levels in any field across the humanities.*

### About the College and Community

Deep Springs College, founded in 1917, lies isolated in a high desert valley in Eastern California's Inyo-White Range. The school provides its twenty-six students with full scholarships, covering room, board and tuition. Students immerse themselves in a demanding educational project that unites a rigorous, seminar-based liberal arts program with ranch labor and extensive student self-governance.

### Living and Teaching at Deep Springs College

Faculty work closely with students both inside and outside the classroom, and must be committed not only to teaching, but to nurturing and participating in an intimate and vibrant intellectual community. Faculty live on campus in houses next to the dormitory, laboratory, and main building. The student-to-faculty ratio is about four to one; most classes have fewer than ten students. Deep Springs is committed whenever possible to providing institutional support for faculty to continue exploring their own research interests while resident in the valley. Professors are provided room and board, and work closely with students both in and out of the classroom. Long-term professors serve on self-governance committees alongside of students and college staff.

*Deep Springs is the most alive place that I have ever taught. It's a place where you'll meet questing, adventurous students, students who have taken the risk of departing from the mainstream... In my twenty years of teaching-- at USC, Harvard, Brown, and many other places-- I have never encountered such a concentration of iconoclastic thinkers.*

Brighde Mullins, Playwright, recipient of the Guggenheim Fellowship in Playwriting, former Writer in Residence & Visiting Professor, Deep Springs College

*What sets Deep Springs students apart from students... is their unwavering dedication to the intellectual enterprise. Unconcerned with grades, students here are eager to explore ideas for their own sake, and discussion rarely ends when the group adjourns. Classes are very small and quickly take on the depth and intensity of graduate seminars, which makes teaching at Deep Springs not only a deeply rewarding experience, but a genuine pleasure.*

Stefan Sperling, PhD Princeton University, JD Stanford University, Former Visiting Professor, Deep Springs College

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Submit your application at [www.deepsprings.edu/employment](http://www.deepsprings.edu/employment) by November 5, 2021

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