

Full Time Imam Position JAMAAT IBAD AR-RAHMAN, Inc., Durham, NC

Alhamdulillah, Jamaat Ibad Ar-Rahman (JIAR) is actively seeking an *Imam* in a leadership role to fulfill the spiritual and social needs of our diverse community, who is deeply rooted in a strong foundation of Islamic knowledge according to the Holy Quran and Sunnah of Prophet Mohammed (Peace and blessings be upon him) in order to intelligently lead and navigate through the issues we face today and provide Islamic teaching and leadership.

JIAR has been serving the Muslim community of Durham and neighboring areas in North Carolina for over 35 years, by providing places of worship and other services including Islamic schools, outreach (Dawah), funeral home, cemetery and food pantry. Currently, c. Our mission is to establish and facilitate the practice of Islam in the area based on the Qur'an and the Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) by educating, empowering, and uniting our dynamic and diverse community through religious practices and beliefs of the Islamic faith.

Date of posting: Friday, May 3rd, 2019

Position type: Imam will be a full-time employee of JIAR reporting to the JIAR Board through the Chairman. Imam responsibilities stretch over both Masjids of JIAR with assistance from junior Imam(s).

Education: A minimum of a Bachelor's degree in Islamic Studies or similar fields from a recognized university.

Salary: commensurate with experience and qualifications

Duties: Imam provides visionary leadership with ability to unify and strengthen our community through Islamic education and inspirational guidance to all members including youths and children in the community to help navigate through Islamic and other obligations in life. Imam provides a vision on how to strengthen and expand our current institutions and programs (schools, dawah, youth, etc.). The other duties of the Imam include but are not limited to:

- Leading daily prayers, and Jummah, Eid and Taraweeh prayers.
- Conducting halaqas and other activities on Tafsirul Quran, Hadith, Seerah, and Fiqh for adults and children.
- Organizing youth activities, and overseeing programs in schools and the outreach efforts to the non-Muslim community.
- Leading Janazah prayers and conducting marriages.
- Supervising and mentoring junior Imam(s).
- Communicating with local Imams, faith leaders, and media on JIAR positions to relevant events and affairs.
- Consultations to the board on religious matters and community issues.
- Counselling and guidance to family and youth of the Jamaat.

Requirements:

- A person of high moral standards able to lead by example.
- Authorized to work in the United States with at least 5 years of experience as an Imam or Assistant Imam.
- Comprehensive knowledge on all aspects of Islam (Qur'an, Sunnah, Fiqh, Aqeedah).
- Must have high proficiency in both English and Arabic essential for skillful communication with Muslim and non-Muslim leaders.
- Recitation of the Qur'an with proper Tajweed and memorization of at least 10 Juzz of the Qur'an.
- Ability to teach the Qur'an and religion, and conduct outreach programs with knowledge and wisdom
- A dynamic personality and the ability to engage with young adults and senior brothers and sisters, with a keen focus on youth programs as they relate to daily life.
- An inspirational speaker with ability to engage with people of different cultures and backgrounds.
- Ability of conflict mitigation and consensus building.

How to apply: Send your application in confidence with a cover letter, resume, and names and contact of three references to the **JIAR Administrator** by email (admin@ibadarrahman.org) by **August 31, 2019.**

A detailed version of job responsibilities can be obtained upon request. A copy of this advertisement can also be downloaded from the JIAR web site (http://www.ibadarrahman.org/).